

Rakhine Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting

Minutes

- Venue:** Office of the State Minister of Transport and Communication
- Date:** Friday 6th June 2014
- Time:** 9:45 am to 11:00 am
- Chair:** U Hla Han, State Minister, Transport and Communication and Chairman Rehabilitation and Relocation Sub Committee (RRSC)
- Co-chair:** Richard Tracey, Shelter Cluster Coordinator
- Minutes:** Zaw Min Htet, Snr. Shelter Assistant, UNHCR
- Participants:** RSG/RRSC, UNHCR & LWF

Updates:

Agency	Update
Cluster Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cluster Lead invited LWF and DRC to share their activities of repairs and maintenance programme of temporary shelters in all IDP camps in Sittwe. Non-government partners will try to cover repair needs in Sittwe so that RSG could look into repair programme in other affected townships. LWF and DRC, UNHCR's partners will implement roofing replacing works in IDP camps in Sittwe. ▪ Cluster Lead had discussed with DRC last week for their repair activities plans and it was learnt that they had contracted one contractor to implement. The works will start this week. It will take about 6 weeks to complete. ▪ When originally constructed, those shelters as the agencies reported donors were "just temporary". If the repairs go beyond temporary stage, agencies will be enormously criticized. Therefore, agencies need to be careful in how they repair the shelters. IDPs will have means to repair their shelters as a form of minor maintenance. "Over repair" of shelters can be pull factor as the agencies were receiving reports that the host communities have sold their houses and occupied the shelters. ▪ The Cluster Lead will share a short summary of the camp lists of camps managed by LWF and DRC. ▪ Regarding distribution of maintenance kits to the camps, Cluster Lead/UNHCR will discuss with LWF and DRC how to transport these kits to their managed camps. However, Cluster Lead would like to request to the Rakhine State Government (RSG) that one DRD staff accompany LWF and DRC during handover in the camps. It should not be LWF and DRC for direct handover to avoid the perception of the Rakhine community that they are providing weapons to IDPs. The Minister will discuss with DRD and send one staff.
UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cluster Lead recently had some field missions and the findings will be shared. They visited Nget Chaung IDP camp 2nd June following an internet story that a child died at one open well, implemented by UNHCR. UNHCR talked with the community and learnt that the area in question was <i>not</i> related to activities implemented by Solidarity International and/or UNHCR. The tragic incident happened at one pond dug by the community when they were building <i>their</i> mosque. The editor website <i>Rohingya Vision</i> was contacted and he changed the story, which did not reflect any activities of WASH and/or Shelter Cluster partners. However, the conditions in Nget Chaung are very bad. There are big holes all over the camp due to various technical reasons. It is a joint responsibility to solve the issues, which requires the buy-in of Solidarities International, UNHCR and the Irrigation Department. Three options were discussed but only one was feasible and it requires the use of machines. In partnership with the RSG, UNHCR has funds and the RSG technical expertise, it can be solved. It was suggested to engage with the Irrigation Department through DRD and have an agreement to do the

	<p>required works. For UNHCR's projects of construction of earthen walkways in Nget Chaung, UNHCR together with DRD Pauktaw Township reminded the labours many times not to dig soil inside the camp but they did not listen to the suggestions. Last year, Nget Chaung IDP camp was the worst place during cyclone Mahasen preparations and the camp remains one of the worst/most challenging.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Second mission was the visit to Myebon with Security Minister and members of State ECC last Wednesday. Women's Network demanded 50 per cent of the materials delivered by the contractor. UNHCR cannot because the materials do not belong to UNHCR and UNHCR is accountable to donors and the contractor. The matter could not be resolved as had been referred to Nay Pyi Taw. In real terms (and at one level) the issue comes down to the Women's Network demanding 7,000 hessian bags but at another it concerns principles and precedent setting. On the issue of equity UNHCR offered Myebon Development Committee a new 1.5 mile road. ▪ UNHCR would like to know the progress of approval for the proposals of pilot project shelter solutions submitted to RSG. According to the Minister, the Chief Minister said that it needed more thorough discussion. With regards to proposal of construction of individual units in Set Yone Su-1 and Set Yone Su-2 IDP camps, Minister said that it can be approved however all sides need to be considered. UNHCR showed examples of construction of individual units for Rakhine IDPs at Set Yoe Kya IDP camp and in Maungdaw Township. UNHCR noted that there were land issues but stressed that donors were also interested in construction of individual units that offered a solution. The number of individual units for the pilot project was 100. If RSG wanted 11 Maranagyi IDP families back to Mrauk U Town, the number of units could be modified. ▪ Noted that IRC would like to construct one women centre at Set Yoe Kya IDP camp. ▪ On queries from the Minister for the planned repair and maintenance of temporary shelters, Cluster Lead could not find interested agencies to implement. More positively reliable contractors are available although the situation in Pauktaw is the worst/most challenging for the agencies. 								
<p>LWF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LWF had made assessment for replacing of roofing in camps where they are the designated Camp Management Agency. The contractor had started the works and arrangement of payment of labour charges will be managed through the Camp Management Committee. Works should finish around 16 June. ▪ LWF had also checked the conditions of temporary shelters in Set Yone Su-1 and Set Yone Su-3 IDP camps. Roofs were in "good condition" but IDPs requested to replace the flooring and the walling. LWF will coordinate with UNHCR for repairs and maintenance activities there. 								
<p>Rakhine State Government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minister suggested looking into not only roofing but also flooring and walling as part of repairs and maintenance activities. ▪ Minister will discuss with the Chief Minister the aforementioned pilot project proposals. ▪ Minister will check with Mrauk U Township Administrator for the returns of Maramagyi IDPs to Mrauk U Town. Noting the Township General Administration Department on Maramagyi returns, individual units can be constructed. ▪ Minister will give feedback on IRC's proposal to construct women centre. ▪ Minister would like to know the planned repairs and maintenance for Pauktaw and Myebon Townships. If there was no agency the Minister suggested finding reliable contractor. ▪ RSG will cover the needs of repairs of other affected eight townships including Maungdaw. The Minister will look at UNHCR's request, which was to be prioritized in Kyawtaw. <p>The Minister requested MRF to consider construction of temporary shelters in Kyauktaw and Minbya Townships instead of Rathedaung Township due to transport difficulties in the rainy season. The list is as follows:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Kyauktaw Township</u></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Minbya Township</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(1) Gote Pi Htaung – 5</td> <td>(1) Thadar - 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(2) A Pauk Wa – 4</td> <td>(2) Tha Yet Oat - 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(3) Khaung Dokkha – 2</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<u>Kyauktaw Township</u>	<u>Minbya Township</u>	(1) Gote Pi Htaung – 5	(1) Thadar - 6	(2) A Pauk Wa – 4	(2) Tha Yet Oat - 5	(3) Khaung Dokkha – 2	
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