

BAMBOO MEETING

Attendants:

- Per Andersson, CONCERN
- Henk Meijerink, CORDAID
- Eddie Argenal, CHF
- Colin Heinz-Loya, CHF
- M. Ishaan, MuslimAid
- Realino Nurza,
- Chanraud Xavier, FRC

The main points emerging from this meeting are:

- Quantities of Bamboo available in Sumatera Barat, mainly in Bukittinggi and Padang Panjang areas, and in the neighboring province of Jambi?
- Available suppliers already existing in this region?
- Data available on supply and non protected resources from the forest ministry?
- Given that bamboo is not commonly used as a construction material in Sumbar, should guidelines be given for any program using bamboo (harvesting, treatment, use...)?
- Bamboo is for the moment twice the price as what can be found in Jawa. At the contrary local wooden materials are affordable. Is bamboo still a good economical choice?
- Bamboo is a sustainable resource as it can grow back in 6 months time. But we have to make sure the bamboo is harvested properly so that the plant can regenerate.
- Local bamboo species have to be identified to make sure they are suitable for construction.
- Bamboo treatment (boric acid) is environmentally safe.

Distributed tasks to answer the questions:

- Realino Nurza will contact the local NGO Qbar involved in natural resources management and protection.
- Per Andersson and Eddie Argenal will collect existing technical guidelines on bamboo (harvesting, resource protection, construction...) and transmit them to Clare Sayce (cluster group information officer).
- Xavier Chanraud will contact the Indonesian ministry of forest.
- Eddie Argenal will evaluate the quantities of bamboo needed for 1 to 100,000 shelters, and look for suppliers in Java island.
- M. Ishaan will make a survey on local bamboo price and existing supplier.
- Henk Meijerink will present the collected results on the shelter cluster meeting on Monday October the 12th 3pm.