



Shelter/NFI Cluster South Sudan  
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Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter

## SNFI Cluster Monthly Meeting

**Date:** November 02, 2023

**Time:** 2:00 – 3:30 PM

**Venue:** IOM New Conference Room

### AGENDA

1. Self-introduction
2. Cluster updates:
  - Cluster updates
  - NEAT+ orientation presentation
  - Q&A following the presentation
  - Partner updates
3. A. o. B and Closure

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### Agenda 1: Introduction

The National Cluster Co-coordinator welcomed all partners to the meeting and requested both meeting attendees (physical and virtual) to introduce themselves.

### Agenda 2: Cluster Progress and Updates

- PIN has been reduced from 1.4M people to 1.39M people with a funding allocation of 46M. There has been significant funding cut because of phase 1 response which is response to the Sudan crisis. It is important to note that \$16 million of this funding will go directly to Renk. Rubkona is another phase 1 location where returnees are settling (Renk, Rubkona, Abyei and Malakal), but the cluster will facilitate this directly.
- The targets that Cluster shared with partners will help in drafting proposals and not final targets. The correct targets will be shared next week. We will consider Priority 1 and 2 locations, based on the intersectoral prioritization map that was shared. This will be a needs-based response, so it will not be sector-specific.



- Cash assistance response has been increased to 40% in this HRP, and the cluster is collaborating with the Cash Working Group (CWG) to map the responses. The costing methodology used is based on cost per beneficiary, which is 18 USD. To upload the proposals, please refer to the HRP training links that were shared by the cluster via email.
- Clusters had meeting with donors and donors have emphasized the importance of resilience in proposals. Partners should therefore focus on resilience and acute needs when developing their proposals.
- Cluster will only approve funded proposals in the HRP, but partners are encouraged to work on and upload draft proposals. The system will remain open longer this round, but the cluster proposes uploading most projects to the system by November 19. The drafts will be reviewed and feedback will be given.
- Flagship initiative, that is, area-based leadership, is a key focus area for the donors, and South Sudan is a priority country for the pilot taking place in Upper Nile, Unity, and Northern Bhar El Ghazal (NBeG). Partners are encouraged to link reporting aspects to the flagship initiative, from needs identification to the response stage.
- The cluster strategy remains focused on supporting local NGOs to access funds, as clearly stated in the cluster strategy document. It is important to note that localization does not necessarily mean funding allocation.
- Cluster will develop messaging to explain why funds have decreased despite increasing needs. To kickstart this process, a workshop has been scheduled for next week to develop responses that will be strictly 6 months in duration and based on partner presence, as well as those with existing activities. To achieve this, the cluster will work closely with state focal points by mapping partner presence in the states. Therefore, partners are encouraged to contact state focal points to update their presence, as this initiative will guide where funding is allocated.
- Cluster priority is to integrate responses. For instance, Cluster work with CCCM on assessment issues until a response is triggered. Partners are encouraged to ensure this type of integrated approach is clear when preparing their own proposals.
- Partners have been calling Cluster about their ended projects, despite their roles in subnational coordination and lack of funding to continue their work. Therefore, the cluster encourages that drafted proposals should strongly emphasize partners' roles and capacity. The cluster will also raise this thorny issue with donors to find solutions in the near future. Cluster members are encouraged to submit any other concerns by Monday for discussion with donors.

#### **b) Pipeline Updates:**

- IOM prepositioning of items in Malakal is ongoing, two badges have docked and the third one will be arriving in the coming weeks. The pipeline has arranged 15 rotations of essential supplies to Bentiu. Seven rotations have already been completed.
- The pipeline did an assessment on the supplies vis-à-vis the stock. The findings indicated that with the current state, the pipeline shall run short of supplies by March 2024 if there will be no additional funding.
- Due to log cluster limited funding, partners are encouraged to plan in advance for the last mile costs of supplies transportation.



- Supplies/stock for solar lamps, mats have been quite low but the pipeline is expecting deliveries in the coming few weeks. Partners can however request what pipeline currently has in the warehouses in Juba. Questions on the quality of materials are best captured in the PDM reports to allow cluster respond to the concerns.
- The stocks are low in Wau but they are available in Juba. Partners are advised to always check in the online pipeline stock list. Those who are unable to do so are advised to contact pipeline team for assistance.
- Partners are also encouraged to request items that correspond to the needs of the beneficiaries e.g., it is not justifiable to distribute kangas to male populations and partners should therefore be realistic with their requests. It also helps reduce the back and forth before approval is granted.
- Host communities are now referred to as residents. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the target population will be residents, 26% will be returnees (returnees from January 2023 to date), and 49% will be internally displaced persons (IDPs). The HRP is now called the HRPN. Responses are needs-based, and people should plan for the priority counties. The Cluster is available for support at any time.
- Cluster reached out to NRC in August 2023 to support with a technical person since environmental issues are a key aspect in our programming. NRC gave Regional Shelter & Settlements Advisor who has expertise in Shelter and a co-chair for the TWiG.

#### **Global Advisor Presentation on NEAT+**

- Confirmed that she will be happy to come in January 2024 for a detailed training on NEAT+.
- South Sudan is one of the countries susceptible to exposure to environmental hazards. Climate and environmental crisis are a humanitarian crisis with irreversible and unprecedented impacts. Intensifying displacement & migration and deepening inequalities and injustices can be seen.
- Environmental Impact and Shelter-Shelter is inappropriately informed, designed or implemented and therefore there is need to integrate environmental impact assessment in all shelter programming as the key action.
- NEAT+ Nexus Environmental Assessment Tool was developed for the humanitarian community. Project-level environmental screening for humanitarian programmes and projects. It captures Environmental data on site specific and activity-based questions to automatically identify environmental risks. It comprises; I) general sensitivity analysis and ii) sector/activity specific Partners should read the cluster strategy on what the cluster is looking at regarding the environment.

#### **Updates from partners**

- Partners can reach out to IOM for population figures in Renk that can help during HRP project development.
- Unity state: Routine assessment is ongoing in Bentiu IDP camp in Unity State. Partners can access Rotriak by road at the moment and most of them are responding to various needs of returnees.



- Registration of returnees is ongoing in Guit by Concern worldwide and distribution will start immediately
- HDC, IOM and UNHCR 266 shelters construction ongoing while IOM completed 90
- There's a planned PDM by pipeline team in Pibor. Partners are encouraged to embrace independent external assessors.
- CH, NRC and other partners are planning multisectoral assessment to the returnees' conditions in Leer County next week

**Agenda 4: A. o. B and Closure.**

**Partner Mapping:**

- State focal points and partners to work together and update partners presence across the states.
- Online reporting of 5Ws is key and partners with challenges should reach out to IMO team to assist with entry of data into the system.

**Summary of the action points**

	<b>Action point</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>When?</b>
01	Pipeline to publish a list of partners with pending distribution reports.	Cluster/Pipeline team	Immediately
02	Cluster will share an environmental tip sheet with activities and indicators that can be included in the proposal. for instance, an environmental impact assessment (EIA), which has a cost, and site preparation monitoring (greening shelters) from packaging to disposal.	Cluster	Immediately

Next Cluster meeting Date will be held on 07/12/2023, at OCHA from 2:00 – 3:30 pm

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