



SNFI CLUSTER SFP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 03, 2024

Time: 2:00 – 3:40 PM

Venue: IOM NEW CONFERENCE ROOM

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks and introductions
2. Updates from cluster partners/SFPs
3. Quick updates from the Information Management Unit and Core Pipeline
4. Cluster updates
5. AOB

Physical Participants		
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19	Simon Dhoal	VCD
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Online Participants		
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27	Chuol Hon Stephen Gatphan	IOM Unity
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AGENDA 1: OPENING REMARKS AND SELF INTRODUCTIONS

The cluster meeting chaired by the SNFI cluster co-coordinator welcomed all the participants to the meeting and requested both participants physically in the room and those online to introduce themselves. She then ran through the agenda which was endorsed by the participants.

AGENDA 2: PARTNER UPDATES

1. Upper Nile State:

- HDC is constructing 110 shelters in Malakal town – Hai Matar. IOM is also constructing similar shelters in the same area in partnership with HDC.
- HRSS has completed a response in Tonga targeting returnees affected by the Sudan crisis through RRF. A PDM report has been shared and approved by the cluster.
- ADA has completed an IRNA in Nasir with plans to respond through RRF, although funding has not been confirmed.
- NRC, through the ERM, participated in a joint response to assess the flood situation in Mayom, Leer, Nasir, and Mayendit with ongoing response plans.
- PAH also took part in a joint assessment and is waiting for SSHF to sign an agreement to address the SNFI gaps in Nasir. An in-depth assessment has been planned and reached out to NRC and IOM to have a joint assessment or response to mitigate any duplication possibility. PAH will keep the cluster and partners on the ground informed of their response plans.
- In Baliet, HDC supported 870 households (3,480 individuals) of returnees with NFIs (blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, buckets, kitchen set, Jerrycan, and washing soap) to replenish the damaged ones and for those who don't have the items. The distribution took place from 16th to 20th September 2024.

2. Jonglei State:

- IOM is currently planning to provide cash assistance to people affected by floods in Pochalla. The target has been raised from 1000 to 1200 following a joint meeting with YEDA and Jonglei SFP. YEDA is expected to assist with the remaining caseload through in-kind response from pipeline items. YEDA has deployed a team to conduct a needs analysis in Pochalla, with the report set to be shared with the National Cluster tomorrow. YEDA has reached out to RRF for feedback to confirm the viability of this response.
- ADA is actively involved in building and repairing dikes in Fangak County, 1500 pcs of wooden poles and 1000 bundles of bamboos approved by the Cluster from the core pipeline to be used in Fangak for dyke reinforcement to protect over 14,000 affected population from the ongoing floods. Some of the items will also be sent to Aweil, and ADA has requested to inform the pipeline of this item transfer arrangement. The majority of people in Fangak have been severely affected by floods, and the cluster is working to expedite efforts to address the SNFI
- NRC's ERRM team conducted rapid assessment to the flood affected in old fangak for 2000 H/Hs and Cluster already approved the PLR. Consignments have been air lift partly and the balance transported through LC boats Ex – Bor.
- TERM – NRC's implementing partner in consortium will cover New Fangak targeting 1500 H/Hs. The PLR have been approved by the Cluster and SRF raised to LC by lead partner (NRC) for cargo delivery to Fangak by LC boat/barge,
- In Ayod, over 90% of the population is dealing with the effects of floods, with people residing on both sides of the canal. There is an urgent need for emergency response. ADA has conducted a needs analysis, which has been shared with the national cluster. However, the cluster advises all



partners to always seek approval from the SFP and national cluster for any SNFI specific needs analysis, in line with the cluster guideline.

- RAO following Twic East IRNA expressed interest to responding requesting Cluster's approval for lobbying. Cluster also directed the partner to conduct comprehensive needs analysis into the 5 Payams of Twic East and submit the report for further consideration. The RAO team redeployed for the assessment and will share the report once completed.
- On September 24th-26th, 2024, the HDC team (Implementing partner for UNHCR) distributed protection – assorted NFIs to returnees in New Fangak County in Jonglei State. The items included blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, jerrycans, and washing soap. A total of 334 hhs (1,444 individuals) benefited from this distribution.
- Please note that Beneth is on emergency leave, but ADA is the Co-SFP and is available for any SFP-related support.

3. Warrap State:

- The SNFI Cluster partners took part in the IRNA two weeks ago. The discussion through ICCG was carried out to verify the reports and talk about the intervention priorities to be suggested. NCA will use its own stocks to address the caseload in Aweil West,
- There is also a need for analysis in Gogrial West and East counties. Red Cross South Sudan is ready to intervene in Greater Gogrial Town, Tonj South and Gogrial East while IOM and Trust Guarantee propose to intervene in Twic. However, this intervention will depend on the need analysis planned for next week, especially for Twic, and NCA will make interventions in Gogrial East Count by using own stock
- There is an ongoing communal conflict in Tonj North and Tonj East with some Payam inaccessible. Any plans for a needs analysis can only take place once the area is stable and peaceful.

4. Unity State:

- CIDO has completed a distribution in Nyar and Ganyel Payams, reaching a total of 2350 hhs, with 1250 in Gangel and 1250 in Nyar. Currently, there is ongoing training on DRR and durable solutions, as well as mobilization and procurement of shelter materials, all led by CIDO. In addition, CIDO plans to conduct a demonstration of emergency shelter construction and upgrade, and intends to construct shelters for vulnerable communities, targeting 150 households, mainly PwDs and elderly FHHs. Note: Partners involved in shelter construction are requested to share the shelter designs with the cluster Shelter TWIG for technical review and support if needed.
- NRC is planning to respond to 2000 hhs ESNFIs in Mayendit.
- Coalition for Humanity is planning to respond in Rubkona through CERF, and communication has been received that funds are in the stage of disbursement.
- IOM also plans to address the SNFI gaps in Mayendit, with intentions to deploy the team to the field next week, and engagements are ongoing on moving items to the field.
- ADA is also planning to respond through MPC in Mayendit under CERF and has been advised to coordinate with IOM and NRC for complementarity and to avoid duplication.
- For Bentiu, an ongoing IDP count is taking place. Currently, most interventions are related to emergency shelter, primarily shelter construction and reinforcement. IOM has received several complaints through the CCM Compliance feedback mechanism and has approved a request for items for shelter repairs for 15 households, with ongoing shelter damage assessment.



- RDCI, a national NGO implementing protection activities under UNHCR, has conducted a distribution supporting 1439 returnees with blankets, plastic sheets, buckets, and soaps, with plans to respond to another batch of 377 households of new arrivals.

5. Lakes State:

- At the moment, there are no current activities, but two assessments have been carried out. One assessment took place last month, and a more recent one was submitted. However, the first assessment contained exaggerated figures and lacked specific details about the SNFI. Nevertheless, another assessment was conducted this Tuesday, and although the report is not yet available, it is currently being compiled to be shared with the National Cluster.

6. Western Bahr Ghazel State:

- IOM is currently implementing a durable solutions project due to the relative peace in the state, aiming to integrate IDPs from the Masna and Naivasa sites. The process of acquiring land from the government took much longer than expected, but after working with partners and the government for the past year, the activities are now on track. IOM and its partners are demarcating the land, which will be followed by the allotment of plots to the IDPs and the construction of shelters.
- IOM has been supporting the two IDP sites by monitoring and rehabilitating communal settlements. However, these activities have been put on hold in the past month due to a shortage of construction materials. There is a need to discuss with the cluster core pipeline on how to support this initiative.
- Shelter NFI partners are already working on a phase-out plan that will conclude activities in the two IDP sites around March or April of next year, coinciding with the probable completion of durable solutions. The flood situation is not too severe, with only one out of the three counties reporting raised water levels. We are closely monitoring the situation.
- The Cash Working Group is planning a training on Cash and Voucher Assistance for static partners in Western and Northern Bahr Ghazel State, scheduled for the 22nd to 23rd of this month in Wau. The engagement with partners is ongoing, and IOM has requested partners to send a list of participants early. IOM also advised to resend or circulate the invitation to more partners.
- NRC is planning to support at least 670 hhs with MPC.

7. Northern Bahr Ghazel State:

- Five counties have been affected by floods, but IRNAs have been completed in only four of them. We need to reach out to partners who have the capacity to respond, review the IRNA reports, and communicate with the SFP.
- CCOSS is planning to have discussions with the SFP, especially regarding the Southern part of Aweil, to identify available partners for response.
- NCA is planning to address a caseload of 1000 in Aweil East and West using its own resources.

8. Greater Equatoria State

- There are no current SNFI responses, but the partners are keeping an eye on the situation

AGENDA 3: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND PIPELINE UPDATE

A. Information Management



- IM has shared a presentation on the current performance of the cluster. They mentioned that the funding request for this year was 46 million to help 1.4 million people, but only 30% of the HRP requests were secured. This accounts for 26% of the cluster's achievement, assisting 386,000 people. More detailed information can be found on the cluster [South Sudan - Factsheets | Shelter Cluster](#).
- Note: The data provided is derived from distribution reports received by the cluster, specifically from items distributed through the core pipeline. IM urges partners with their own supplies to ensure reporting, as underreporting affects overall achievements and advocacy efforts for fundraising. IM also highlighted the lack of intervention reports for Renk, despite being aware of significant SNFI-related investments in the area.
- For those without access to the portal, the IM will share the information with everyone.
- Additionally, OCHA has the Activity Info platform tracking information for all clusters, which is worth exploring to understand the work of different clusters and their partners.
- Partners with pending distribution reports are reminded to share them at their earliest convenience.
- Furthermore, partners have requested refresher training on Activity Info due to high staff turnover.

B. Pipeline

- In September, the pipeline unit received 8 requests from 5 partners, including ADA, CIDO, NRC, HDC, and IOM. 3 of these requests were for conflict response and 5 were for flood response. The distributed items mainly included plastic sheets, blankets, Kanga mosquito nets, NFI bags, sleeping mats, and solar lamps. If you have any questions about the core pipeline or encounter any challenges, please direct them to the pipeline team.

AGENDA 4: CLUSTER UPDATES

- *Funding Update: CERF/SSHF release:* We hope that most of the endorsed partners have received funding to kickstart the activities. Please keep the cluster and SFPs updated so that we can offer support if needed.
- Regarding the flood and Sudan crisis reserve allocation, out of the \$15m, HC was able to secure \$12M, with \$5M to top up on the \$10M for floods and \$7M for the Sudan crisis.
- For the Sudan crisis response, a contingency plan has been finalized to support at least 358,800 people likely to enter South Sudan through 6 main border points. SNFI cluster will focus its intervention in 3 main crossing points (Abyei, Panakuach, and WBeG) and activities will include repositioning of supplies, distributing ESNFI, supporting construction, and providing sectoral cash where markets are functioning. Static partners will be crucial in the locations of settlements, and there is also a likelihood of deploying Rapid Response Team to support a rapid response in locations without static partners. Eligible SSHF partners will be mapped by OCHA, vetted, and asked to submit a proposal. Once the crisis is triggered, they can use the money to respond.
- In Renk, the number of people accommodated in the Transitional Center is less than 15% compared to the past 3 months, which is a positive development for the shelter cluster. Additionally, there is ongoing integration with the host community. If this progress continues, we will develop a transitional strategy to be included in the upcoming Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) 2025.



- *Monthly SiTREP (Situational Report) on flood response:* Each cluster is required to share its monthly activities or plans on flood response. We are planning to develop a dashboard to capture all the aggregated information regarding our response and gaps. We will use this dashboard/gaps to inform decisions or recommend further response actions. All partners requested to share their ongoing/planned/completed activities with IM and the cluster so that we can have timely information. The 5Ws cannot be relied on for this update since they are usually a month behind.
- *Country Flood Update:* The population affected by floods in the worst-hit counties is now stabilizing. Our focus is shifting from the worst to moderate cases, which means the pressure on our flood response is decreasing.
- *HPC update:* This is a busy month as we are all going to be engrossed in HPC trainings and analysis. IMs will start the analysis next week to determine cluster PiNs and hope that by the end of this month, the sectoral PiNs will be presented to HC for endorsement alongside priority locations, targets, and funding requirements to inform the HNRP 2025.

HNRP Guidance Key Highlights:

- Emphasis on 4 key shock drivers (floods, conflict, drought, and disease outbreak)
- Response only in priority 1 and 2 locations (priority 3 will only be included in the first 6 months and then transitioned)
- Focus on the centrality of protection
- Response must be backed by qualitative and quantitative analyses (community engagements)
- In non-prioritized locations, robust contingency planning and strengthening Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) to respond to case-based scenarios
- Priority 3: engage with government/local authorities, development actors, and financial institutions (ADB)
- Key accelerators: Utilization of the Area-Based Approach (ABL), strengthening community engagement, and Humanitarian Development Peacebuilding (HDP).
- MPC as a Separate Sector in the HNRP 2025: There are ongoing discussions to establish Multi-Purpose Cash (MPC) as a stand-alone cluster in the HRP 2025. A strategy has been shared with clusters for feedback. This is just to inform the partners that you are aware of both modalities (MPC and sectoral cash) and can choose what is applicable in a particular context.
- *Quality of the IRNA to inform timely SNFI response:* The IRNA report template and guidelines have been updated and will be shared soon once finalized. However, cluster emphasizes that the staff designated to participate in the IRNA on behalf of the cluster are well versed in the cluster methodology. Otherwise, key SNFI information/gaps may not be well identified and published in the report, which could lead to either being deprioritized or wasting resources and time to conduct a shelter specific needs analysis. When drafting the report, the staff and SFPs should ensure that they are part of the team writing the report and ensure the SNFI sector is well analyzed in terms of identifying shelter gaps, urgency of SNFIs needed, and their locations, as well as providing evidence in the form of photos. This will assist the coordination team in making quick response decisions using the available clear information. Moreover, the same document can be used to reach out to donors for possible funding.



AGENDA 5: AOB

- To all who joined Phillip's farewell bash, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude. Your kind words truly meant a lot and showed how much you valued his dedication. We expect to have his replacement in place by the end of this month.
- On a somber note, this month marks the end of the tenure for our Roving Coordinator, Jok Nhial, who has been an integral part of our team for almost a year. We want to extend our thanks to him and his employer, CIDO, for the significant contributions made to the cluster and wish Jok the best of luck in his future pursuits. An announcement seeking his replacement will be circulated to cluster partners by the end of next week. We eagerly anticipate your applications and stress the importance of selecting a candidate well-versed in the SNFI cluster methodology, as this role involves strategic decision-making, and the partner must have funding to support the position for at least one year.
- In connection with this, the cluster has decided to postpone the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) meeting until a later date, which will be confirmed once the new Coordinator is in place.

Key action points

No.	Action	When	Who
01	YEDA to reach out to RRF and confirm if they will respond to the remaining caseload in Pochalla	Friday 04	Driuni-YEDA
02	Share the list of flood prioritized location	Immediately	Cluster
03	Partners to share the pending distribution reports. Follow with SSRC, UNHCR and its partners on pending reports	End of next week	IM
04	Organize a refresher training on activity info/5Ws	TBD	IM
05	Share the reporting template with partners on SiTREP on flood response	Monday 07, 2024	Cluster
06	SFP/IOM to have discussions with cluster on supporting with construction materials in Wau	Immediately	Dada Silvano
07	Share the link for core pipeline with partners	Immediately	Tigere/Pipeline
08	Send out the call for expression for the cluster Roving Coordinator position	Friday 11, 2024	Cluster

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