

Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting 18/12/2013

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Shelter Coordination Team presenting

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Introduction to James Shepherd-Barron – incoming national coordinator

1. Strategy

SRP Update – funding

- Shelter activities 19% funded at present
- A suggestion was made at the HCT meeting today to merge the Bohol EQ appeal and Yolanda appeal considering they are both underfunded at present. More information will be provided as we are informed.

Government plan

- Government response plan - previously the YRRP now the RAY – Reconstruction Assistance for Yolanda.
- Top funding figure announced for shelter and reconstruction - 180 billion PHP
- Clarification is needed as to what this will translate to in terms of shelter packages/compensation.
- The previous figures (10,000PHP for partially damaged, 30,000PHP for fully damaged, 120-150K PHP for resettlement) may increase with the new government plan. This has not been confirmed yet.
- DPWH has been the driver behind reconstruction processes, not DSWD
- During the earlier HCT meeting, IFRC HoD asked Senator Lacson about the involvement of DSWD going forward. Lacson said that the involvement of DSWD is going to be phased out because their focus is ordinarily on relief and DPWH should be the government partner to align with for recovery. This discussion needs to be had with government in terms of continued support to DSWD.
- The RAY has not been referred to the SRP, even though all clusters advocated for recognition of the humanitarian assistance that has been provided to date and will be provided going forward.

SAG Update

- Last SAG meeting was on Monday. The RAY had not yet been released but discussions were had around equitability among the shelter packages provided for different categories of affected households.
- Remains to be seen how the government plan will play out and how the funding figures are going to be achieved.
- Now that the government plan and headlines figures are available, it will be possible to obtain more clarity and identify how best to move forward and work together with DPWH and DSWD.
- Discussions were also had around bunkhouses and the need to ensure minimum standards – it was recognised by all and confirmed by DSWD that they had in previous disasters worked with IOM and HforH to design plans that adhered to Sphere Standards but now the bunkhouses were being built by DPWH and it was agreed that we would work with DSWD to advocated for better standards of DPWH.
- Discussion was had around assessments with DSWD announcing that initial surveys had only been carried out by welfare staff and had only been ocular. Therefore it was necessary to have structural assessments done – questions over who funds this and when this will be carried out.
- Also questions were raised by DSWD as to the capacity and certainty of when programmes would be delivered by partners. Reported to DSWD that it was dependant on funding coming through and difficult to say at this point given funding is only at 20%.
- Discussion at the SAG as to whether agencies can provide comprehensively in one area as opposed to sporadically in many. The coordinator said that this may be possible for the larger agencies but to bear in mind that programmes already underway and also difficult to be so prescriptive given the humanitarian imperative.

Indicators

- The Humanitarian Response Monitoring Framework is under development with an increasing move towards having outcome indicators Draft strategy containing these indicators is on the website and also in the SRP
- Outcomes can be achieved through a separate monitoring process (e.g. using REACH capacity at regular intervals Feb, May, August rather than just the 4Ws). Sticking to these intervals may however have an impact of regular flow of information.
- Qualitative indicators could also be developed to monitor the extent to which the capacity of affected persons to rebuild their homes is being enhanced – this could be incorporated into the 4W reporting mechanism, and would provide a more regular updates in terms of progress on outcomes.
- CASH working group has been talking about having a particular monitoring approach. Important shelter aspects could then be included in this.
- **Revised indicators need to be submitted by Friday so feedback is welcome ASAP**

2. IM Update

Progress update

- Up to 207,000 households reached in terms of emergency shelter (tarps, tents, emergency shelter kit).
- There are plans to provide another 469,000 households with emergency shelter assistance, though a large part of this is subject to funding.
- 41,000 houses have been supplied with 'support to self-recovery' (shelter repair kit, construction materials, transitional or core shelters, cash programming etc.).
- These numbers need to be continually updated as agencies progress, so that these developments can be reflected in cluster information products. Please send updates to reporting.phil using the standard reporting template.

Baseline Data

- New 3W mapping product – available on website. Feedback welcome as products are continuing to be refined
- Shifts in municipal level DROMIC data coming from DSWD have been observed, related to the verification exercise underway at the Barangay level. The overall change over the last two weeks has been about 37,000 HH – 3.1.%, has varied across the regions, with some area increasing and others decreasing

Assessments (MIRA, Reach, ACAPS)

- MIRA II assessment results will soon be released. One of the first statements made in MIRA II is that housing remains a key priority for affected population.
- REACH shelter and WASH assessments due soon. Initial findings released by 20th December and final assessment by 31st December.
- ACAPS have arrived in country to do a secondary review of data and identify information gaps. This outcome is dedicated to assisting rapid economy recovery in disaster affected areas.

3. Technical Update

Shelter Technical Guidelines

- Shelter Cluster is continuing to update the guidelines and they are always available on the website.
- IEC materials regarding the use and handling of CGI are being developed. A meeting will be taking place with the private sector tomorrow (19th December) to discuss materials and costs.
- A number of agencies have been trying to do their own assessments for markets for CGI – it might be helpful to do a full market analysis.

HLP – Bunkhouses, common humanitarian position

- HLP technical working group preparing two key briefing/issues papers 1) on bunkhouses 2) a common humanitarian position on HLP concerns (no build zones, relocation, resettlements, community consultation).
- Both papers will be advocating for minimum standards in shelter, protection etc and need to be **finalized this week** given the urgency of HLP issues (especially for bunkhouses).
- Bunkhouses need to be looked at in the context of durable solutions.
- Community consultation on implementation of no build zones, relocations, bunkhouses etc must be had – this is a key advocacy point.
- People in bunkhouses must be connected to their livelihoods and education.
- There is a need to identify how best we can support LGUs in the relocation process
- NBZs still under discussion in many areas with question around the application of the water code – this law is intended for the whole country so implementing it only in Yolanda-affected areas could be difficult politically.
- In Tacloban, the Mayor is advocating for a ‘no dwelling zone’ i.e. infrastructure can be built in NBZ but no residential buildings. Apparently he also acknowledges the importance of community consultation.
- Asst. Sec Gudmalin announced at the SAG meeting last Monday that the MGB is undertaking an assessment to identify the impact of the implementation of NBZs.
- Some Barangay captains are concerned that if the NBZ is implemented then they will have little land for residential use left in their Barangays. This has **huge political implications**.
- Regarding bunkhouses, a three stage approach could be taken:
 - Advocate to authorities regarding planning needs and standards
 - Identify where support can be provided from the humanitarian community to improve conditions in the bunkhouse areas e.g. protection, WASH etc.
 - Advocate for retrofitting of bunkhouses which have been already been built.

Coco Lumber

- Shelter cluster is considering a number of things in relation to the use of coco lumber for shelter:
 - Supply chain mechanisms
 - Customs clearances
 - time frame on the use of lumber
 - Use of bamboo instead (reports of this being a preferred option on Panay island). Agencies must be flexible to adapt response to the context.

4. AOB – new arrivals and Christmas considerations

- James Shepherd- Barron will be taking over from Victoria Stodart as Shelter Cluster Coordinator as of Saturday 21st December for 3 – 6 months.
- Victoria Stodart will be taking over from Lucia Cipullo as HLP Advisor on a rotation basis, commencing 6th January 2014.
- New advisors will be commencing in 2014 for:
 - Environment (coco lumber)
 - Gender
 - Debris clearance
- A new coordinator will also be coming to Roxas in early January 2014.
- **The Shelter Cluster will still meet next week, Monday 23rd January at 5pm**, unless otherwise advised.