

SITUATION REPORT

WEST SUMATRA EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

This situation report has been prepared by the Shelter Cluster Coordination Team. Comments are invited and any alterations or additions will be noted in the next report. Please send comments to Steve Barton, Coordinator (sc.wj.coord@gmail.com).

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of report

- To elicit feedback from stakeholders in order to further define the activities of the Shelter Cluster
- To brief stakeholders on the current status of the Shelter Cluster, and its activities
- To identify current needs and issues, responses and gaps
- To record the activities of the Shelter Cluster

1.2 Terminology in West Sumatra

In West Sumatra, there is a need to discuss and agree terminology in order to improve communication between stakeholders, especially with Government agencies. Below is a draft list of terms for review and discussion:

- **T-shelter:** Temporary shelter i.e. a shelter with a short-term life
- **Permanent housing support:** Activity that directly supports the HH steps towards permanent housing, for example, core-housing, core-frame, etc.
- **Transitional shelter support:** All activities taken for shelter in the period between disaster and permanent viable housing
- **SCCT:** Shelter Cluster Coordination Team
- **SC:** Shelter Cluster
- **BBS:** Build Back Safer¹

2 Summary of current needs, as perceived by the SCCT

Current needs of the affected households:

- To understand the Government response, which will begin shortly
- To understand what options are available to households through the Government 'Cash stimulus' project
- Guidelines and support for households repairing their houses

Areas requiring further clarity:

- Unidentified shelter needs in the City of Padang
- Host family support
- Diminishing need for temporary shelters as households prefer support for permanent housing

¹ Discussion point - Should this be considered different to 'Build Back Better' (BBB), as both terms are in use?

3 Summary of current shelter response

This section outlines the current shelter response, as perceived by the Shelter Cluster Coordination Team.

3.1 Shelter Cluster Members

There appear to be four groups of agencies responding to the shelter needs:

1. Those with 'T-shelter' programs that either have small programs or are nearly complete and so may not be in a position to easily make significant programmatic changes.
2. Those with large, or ongoing, 'T-shelter' projects that may need to adapt to changing needs.
3. Those who intend Permanent Housing Support (for example, 'Core-housing support'). This group is endeavouring to coordinate, and to align with, Government plans to maximise coverage and appropriateness
 - *Note: a group has been formed, and a draft strategy is underway*
4. Those interested in outreach and training.
 - *Note: the group's main focus might be to market the outputs of the Permanent Housing Support group*

3.2 United Nations

- *To be updated with UN focal points.*

3.3 Government

This section will outline areas of coordination between Government agencies and the Shelter Cluster.

- The Shelter Cluster continues to support the Government as it refines the design and implementation of its rehabilitation and reconstruction plans.
 - *Note: SCCT is working to better understand this process.*
- The Government, through the Team Pendamping Teknis (TPT)², is moving to better understand and monitor agency activity in the recovery period
- There is increasing need for joint-coordination between the Cluster and TPT, as the Cluster process heads towards handover to the Government
- There are a number of Government bodies involved, both at Provincial and District level.
 - *Note: SCCT needs to find further ways to engage in all levels of Government coordination*

3.4 Shelter Cluster Coordination Team (SCCT)

The number of staff on the SCCT has expanded to meet the coordination activities and responsibilities; however there remain challenges in keeping up with, and adapting to, the rapidly altering situation. Current SCCT activities include:

3.4.1 Supporting agencies to set strategies

- Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) established for support to Permanent Housing
 - *Required: a SAG for agencies in longer term T-shelter programs needs to be established*
 - *Required: a SAG for agencies in training and outreach programs needs to be established*

² The TPT is the Government Agency responsible for coordinating the recovery period.

3.4.2 Coordination of Agency activities

- Agency profiling (identify agencies activities/plans)
- Information gathering and reporting on agency activities, progress and coverage
 - *Note: attempts to address over- and under-coverage in some areas are having limited success*

3.4.3 Assessment of need

- The Kota Padang assessment process managed by the SCCT is underway, with results due mid-March
- A clearer assessment of the needs of displaced households is under discussion with OCHA
- Note: attempts to gather and collate assessments completed are also meeting little response

3.4.4 Government support

- Investigating ways the Shelter Cluster can intersect with Government 'cash stimulus' plans to best support affected households. For example, ensuring households have a range of incremental house plan options.
- Ongoing discussions with TPT (strategy) and Public Works (implementation)
- Study and translation of key documents
- Preparation of briefings on Government activities and plans for Shelter Cluster Members
 - *Required: collating existing agency house and core house designs/plans to offer to households as alternative options needs to be implemented. An outreach program for this material is also needed.*

3.4.5 Build Back Safer (BBS)

- BBS is the underpinning goal of the Shelter Cluster and the Government. Most agencies have commitments in this area, however a strong need for coordination, gathering of knowledge, setting of standards and ongoing plans for dissemination, is required
 - *Required: ways to incorporate this into the Govt cash stimulus plan must be found*

3.4.6 Coordination with other stakeholders

- Regular planning meetings between Shelter Cluster/IASC and TPT
- Planning for a common Information Management platform with UNDP/OCHA/TPT/Clusters
- Participating in regular Heads of Agencies meetings, and Cluster Coordinator meetings
- Engaging with proposed Early Recovery Network development
- There is a strong meeting structure in Padang, however at District level, coordination structures are less clear
 - *Required: there is a need to improve information gathering and dissemination at district level. The SCCT is planning to hire a field coordinator*

3.4.7 Standards and cross-cutting issues (for example, gender, environment, and livelihoods)

- Promoting 'Sphere standards' and meeting with agencies as concerns arise
- An Environmental Impact advisor to start with SCCT late-February
- UN Gender Advisor introduced to, and engaged with, the Shelter Cluster
- Livelihoods discussions underway with Early Recover Cluster Coordinator
- Monitoring Protection issues with respect to shelter
- Anecdotal information suggests there may be a rise in the price of shelter materials
 - *Note: apparently, there are no forward plans by agencies in West Sumatra for analysis of the impact of the response on markets*

3.4.8 Longer term planning (DRR, lessons learnt, etc.)

- SCCT to provide input to the update on UN Indonesia Contingency Plan
- SCCT plans to collect and collate a library of shelter responses and lessons learnt are underway
- Exit strategy planning is underway