

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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Note: **SC** = Shelter Cluster, **SCCT** = Shelter Cluster Coordination Team

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 and activities of the Shelter Cluster
- To identify current needs and issues, responses and gaps
- To record the activities of the Shelter Cluster

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
- Guidelines on how to meet the govt POKMAS requirements
- Guidelines on incremental building
- Alternate house designs (masonry/timber/combination etc)

Areas requiring further clarity:

- Unidentified shelter needs in the City of Padang (*assessment underway*)
- Host family support
- Diminishing need for temporary shelters as households prefer support for permanent housing
- Why were unsafe houses built in the first place?
- What are the information and training needs of (HH and tradesmen) to address the issue of earthquake resistant housing?
- What actions can SC take to address these needs?

3 Summary of current shelter response, as perceived by the SCCT

3.1 Shelter Cluster Members

There appear to be four groups of agencies activities responding to the shelter needs. Many agencies are working in several activity areas.

1. 'T-shelter' programs that are either small programs or are nearly complete and so may not be in a position to easily make significant programmatic changes.
2. Large, or ongoing, 'T-shelter' projects that may need to adapt to changing needs, or may have capacity to respond to emerging needs (such as IDP).
3. Permanent Housing Support programs (for example, 'Core-housing support'). This group is endeavouring to coordinate, and to complement, Government plans to maximise coverage and appropriateness
 - *Note: a Permanent Housing Support group (PHS) has been formed, and a draft strategy is underway. To be included on mailing list contact SCCT*
4. Those interested in outreach and training.
 - *Note: This group is the same membership as the PHS and it may be sensible to amalgamate these activities*

3.2 United Nations

- *To be updated with UN focal points.(Not available at time of writing)*

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: The Govt process is evolving and SCCT is working to keep up to date with this process.*
 - *There are some indications that funding for all HH is not as yet secured*
 - *The design and policy is being developed by TPT however implementation will be via other government structures.*
 - *These provincial and district structures are proving challenging to understand*
- The Government, through the TPT¹, is moving to better understand and monitor agency activity in the recovery period. Agency response to the govt request to register activities has been fairly slow and so monitoring is some distance away.
- There is steady progress towards 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 has appointed a field officer to enable better engagement at district level*

3.4 Shelter Cluster Coordination Team (SCCT)

The number of staff on the SCCT has expanded to meet the coordination activities and responsibilities.

The SCCT is working to adapt to the changing needs as households increasingly focus on restoring permanent housing and as agency activities evolve.

Current SCCT activities include:

3.4.1 Supporting agencies to set strategies

- Permanent Housing Support Group established
 - The membership of this group has a variety of program plans ranging core housing to masonry training.

¹ The TPT is the Government Agency responsible for coordinating the recovery period.

The group is considering ways to have these various programmatic approaches fit a coherent strategy. There is a lot of quality information available regarding earthquake resistant design and construction and training.

The group is considering how best to package and promote ('market') this information.

3.4.2 Coordination of Agency activities

- Agency profiling is underway (identifying agency activities, plans, timeframes)
- Information gathering and reporting on agency activities, progress and coverage
 - *Note: attempts to address over- and under-coverage in some areas are having some success*
 - *There have been some tensions and pressures as agencies fit around each others activities*

3.4.3 Assessment of need

- The Kota Padang assessment process managed by the SCCT is well underway, with results due mid-March
- A clearer assessment of the needs of displaced households is under discussion with OCHA and other agencies.
- 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
 - *This is proving to be a difficult area as implementation is spread across many actors. For example a discrete body has been formed for the Kota Padang program and recent messages received appear to be inconsistent with SCCT understanding of the govt cash stimulus plan.*

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 there needs to be a coherent approach to addressing this need.
- The SCCT team is currently developing a proposal to put to the SC that attempts to address this early recovery need and the process under consideration is as follows:
 - Understanding why houses fail
 - From this identifying the information and skills needed
 - Build on socialization already underway by Govt with IDEP (Its not the earthquake but the house that kills)
 - Presume that there are two target groups (householders and builders)
 - Assemble quality information regarding EQR housing(already available from many sources)
 - Devise 'packaging/marketing' of this material that is locally appropriate and powerful
 - Link the material with training and the Govt and PHS group plans
 - Find ways to implement these plans that complements but is not dependent upon the govt recovery plans

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
- There is a strong meeting structure in Padang, however at District level, coordination structures are less clear

- *To improve information gathering and dissemination at district level. The SCCT is has employed an additional team member to support the IM manager and gather information at field level*

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 in March
- 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