

SITUATION REPORT

SHELTER CLUSTER | WEST SUMATRA EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

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

1 Introduction

1.1 Handover of shelter cluster coordination to working group

As the shelter cluster coordination team is moving towards conclusion this will be the final Situation Report.

The final Shelter Cluster meeting will be held on Wednesday April 14th in Padang.

The SCCT will be replaced by a shelter working group with UN-HABITAT fulfilling the role of focal point.

The first shelter Working Group meeting is planned for Wednesday April 28th at 3pm in the TPT office.

1.2 Purpose of this report

- To brief stakeholders on the status and activities of the Shelter Cluster at the point of handover
- To identify current needs and issues, responses and gaps
- To record the activities of the Shelter Cluster and SCCT

2 Summary of current needs, as perceived by the SCCT

2.1 T-Shelter Programs

Agencies continue to report finding households living in unsafe damaged houses. These groups are widespread and particularly include areas identified within Kota Padang.

There are some households affected by landslides and/or in camps that may need T-shelter support.

There appear to be large numbers of households who have established temporary shelter through their own efforts i.e. without government or agency support. There is however significant concern that low quality repairs have left many of these households in a position of ongoing risk.

Anecdotal reports continue to suggest that households are moving consistently towards permanent housing solutions. This supports the preference for agencies with T-shelter programs having a flexible approach.

2.2 Permanent housing support

2.2.1 Interaction with Government plans

The SCCT has had some feedback on community reaction and concerns to the gradually unfolding Government cash stimulus project; however it is too early to form a view. Also, the Shelter Cluster is not generally engaging in assessment of the Government plans.

Within some agencies, and the SCCT team, concerns remain that there will be a limited range of easily accessible options for households rebuilding with the cash stimulus.

It appears that there is a strong government trend towards a confined masonry plan and there is evidence to suggest that these buildings can be dangerous if not built to the highest standards.

Ongoing needs are identified as:

- Guidelines and support for households repairing their houses
- Guidelines on incremental building
- Alternate house designs (masonry/timber/combination etc)

It is hoped that ongoing activities of remaining agencies will address these issues.

3 Summary of current T-shelter response, (as perceived by the SCCT)

3.1 Shelter Cluster Members

	TEMPORARY SHELTER SUPPORT	PERMANENT HOUSING SUPPORT		TRAINING	OUTREACH
		Agencies	Government Pilot Project		
Number of active agencies	25	6	1	10	2
Planned beneficiaries	52,537	2,902	7,634	22,627	52,000
% of affected population	29%	2%	4%	12%	29%
Number complete	31,720	455		1,421	26,000
Number underway	20,917	645	7,634	?	26,000
Planned end-date	31 July 2010	December, 2011	?	31 July 2010	30 April 2010

3.2 Government

Update on Government progress (for detail of Government plan see previous Sit-Rep)

- The Government Pilot Project has started. At this stage funds have been transferred to 52 POKMAS bank accounts in three districts; Kota Padang, Kabupaten Pariaman and Kabupaten Solok.
- Mr Harmensyah has just been inaugurated as the Head of West Sumatra BPBD (Provincial Disaster Prevention Agency).

- Currently at district/municipality level, only 1 district i.e. Padang Pariaman District and 1 municipality i.e. Kota Padang that have BPBD in district/municipality level (District Disaster Prevention Agency).
- Kota Padang Municipality has issued guidance to process IMB (building permit). The book consists of forms and information on how to complete those forms. The cost of processing the IMB are as follows:
 - Free for affected households who already have IMB for their houses.
 - Maximum 70% discount to the affected households whose houses have not IMB yet.
 - Those privileges above only applied to applicants who submit their IMB process by **May 30, 2010**.

4 Future coordination of shelter agency activities

Future shelter agencies coordination will be as a function of the Early Recovery Network (ERN) under the direction of the ERN Coordinator. A shelter working group will meet regularly and report to the ERN.

UN Habitat has agreed to be the focal point for this group and will:

- organize and chair regular meetings;
- provide meeting notes;
- be available for mediation as required;
- be a contact point for shelter;
- report working group outputs to the ERN; and
- maintain a working group contact list

The focal point will not fulfil the Information Management role of gathering and reporting on agency activities. If Information Management functions are to continue, it will happen via TPT and the ERN and this will be considered in due course.

5 Shelter Cluster Coordination Team (SCCT) activities

All the SCCT activities are now framed by the imminent departure of the team and so activity areas are designed around a comprehensive exit/handover strategy.

5.1 Supporting agencies to set strategies

5.1.1 Guidance from Government on shelter agency activities

At the end of March, as a result of advocacy on behalf of cluster members by the SCCT 2010, the Head of West Sumatra Technical Supporting Team for Rehabilitation and Reconstruction issued a letter clarifying issues amongst T-shelter cluster members.

This document is encouraging to shelter agencies and can be found in the Google Group.

5.1.2 Permanent housing support

The Permanent Housing Support Group has met again and will continue to meet as a working group. A handover will be made to a new focal point to be decided at the next PHS meeting at 3pm Wed April 28th at UN house.

The membership of this group has a variety of program plans ranging from core housing to masonry training.

The group has adopted a cooperative and unified approach that harmonizes with Govt plans and endeavours to address the above identified needs of recovering households.

Discussions regarding flexibility continue with Agencies who are engaged in T-Shelter programs that will take some time to complete. The cluster coordination team is encouraging this flexibility to respond to the changing needs of the affected households and the developing govt response.

The SCCT is completing a cluster strategy document that will hopefully articulate the current and future membership approach.

5.2 Coordination of Agency activities

Agency profiling has been completed and current reports more clearly show current activities.

A final map and set of summary tables on agency activities and coverage will be presented at the final shelter cluster meeting.

All data and map files etc will be included in the handover package to ERN and of course will remain on the Google group.

The Coordination team continues to match agency capacity to households groups with specific needs and will handover information on outstanding issues.

5.3 Assessment of need

The Kota Padang assessment process managed by the SCCT has been completed and the final report has been posted to the Google group. The team has had positive feedback to the report from an agency developing programs on the basis of the report.

Investigating the needs of displaced households has continued with field visits to all camps identified by OCHA, IOM and Oxfam. A report on findings and recommendations will be passed to the ERN and will be available on request. Several agencies are following up on requests from the SCCT.

There has also been interest from local government officials who are being encouraged to advocate on behalf of their constituents at forums such as district coordination meetings.

5.4 Engagement with the Government shelter/housing activities

The activity of study and translation of key Government documents will cease with the disbanding of the SCCT and future enquires should be directed to ERN/TPT and by attendance at general coordination meetings.

All documents held will be included in handover package.

5.5 Coordination with other stakeholders

Coordination with UN remains a key activity as the ERN gets underway.

Most other interagency inter cluster meetings are briefly on hold as the move from the IASC cluster system to the ERN/TPT coordination system is established.

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

To support the promotion of minimum Humanitarian Standards Sphere manuals in Bahasa have been obtained and distributed and are available to cluster members.

The SCCT strongly recommends the delivery of Sphere training in Padang open to government agencies and local NGO.

The Environmental Impact advisor has arrived in Padang and is working in the following activities:

- assess existing agency programs and plans for potential environmental impact;
- raise awareness about available training tools;
- final report and recommendations; and
- environmental section in Cluster Strategy document;

The UN Gender Advisor will continue as an adviser to the ERN and be available to cluster members.

Anecdotal information suggests there may be a rise in the price of shelter materials and the SCCT also strongly recommends a methodology such as EMMA be applied by a suitable agency to understand the impact of the response on markets.

5.7 Longer-term planning (Disaster Risk Reduction, etc.)

SCCT is providing input to the update on UN Indonesia Contingency Plan.

SCCT is finalizing a plan for handover of outreach materials including DVD and posters.

The shelter cluster coordinator will present West Sumatra findings at the next regional shelter cluster meeting.

5.8 Lessons learnt

The SCCT will issue a simple lessons learnt format to members and invites Agencies to respond.

The SCCT also invites agencies to forward any evaluations or lessons learnt documents to the team for uploading to the Google group.

The IFRC is developing a shelter cluster web page and the Sumatra Data will ultimately be included.

The SCCT is also documenting its own activity to inform future clusters especially in early recovery.

5.9 Exit strategy

The SCCT is finalizing handover arrangements and packages with both the Early Recovery Network Coordinator and UN-HABITAT.

6 Conclusion and Thanks

Coordination of the Shelter cluster in the Early Recovery phase is a new experience for most of the team and various challenges have been faced and addressed.

Predictably there are projects and outcomes that the team hoped for but did not achieve but also much that appears to have been a useful contribution.

Our work has been conducted in an environment of cooperation and support which has been valued by the team and we wish particularly to thank:

- agencies for their reporting, encouragement, and attendance at often lengthy meetings;
- the TPT for engaging with the Shelter Cluster in an open and cooperative manner;
- our colleagues in the UN for their commitment to coordination;
- Mercy Corps and Oxfam for both funding and supporting the Kota Padang shelter assessment;
- CARE for their continued commitment to seconding members into the Cluster Coordination Team;
- UN-HABITAT for seconding the Early Recovery Advisor into the team; and
- IFRC in Jakarta and Padang for their vital mission support.