

TOPIC : Daily Shelter Meeting
DATE : 4th May 2009
LOCATION : UNHCR Conference Room

ATTENDEES :

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Following are the significant points discussed during the meeting :

1. Forecast and future calculations will be revised as per 5 persons in a shelter.
2. There are approximately a total of 120,000 IDPs in Manic Farm Zone 1,2 & 3. Due to the sudden influx of IDPs these camps in Manic Farm and the schools in Vavuniya are overcrowded. Excess IDPs would have to be resettled in other suitable sites.
3. Discussion on the agencies being involved in Manic Farm Zone 4 is on going at the Colombo Level. The agencies prefer to have an alternative site as Manic Farm camp will be too large to manage and will experience the same problems that are presently being experienced at the other zones.

Manic Farm – Zone 4 -

- Large extent of land – more than 1000 acres – will be a very large camp
 - Land site and geography is similar to that of Zone 1,2,&3. As in the other zones, there will be difficulty in providing water, sanitation and drainage facilities
 - GoSL has started the preliminary work – clearing of 200 -300 acres of land
 - There is a distance of 2 ½ KM from Zone 2 to Zone 4
4. IDPs expected in the districts and Shelter stocks available with the agencies were shared. OXFAM informed that they will be receiving 800 tents in the country. UNHCR offered to issue a supporting letter for custom clearance.
 5. It was mentioned that the first priority of the GoSL and agencies would be deal with the new influx of IDPs. Second priority would to shift the excess IDPs from the schools & the camps and the third priority would be provide shelter to the IDPs waiting in the pipeline in Kilinochchi and Omanthai.

Later on relocating and resettlement of IDPs would have to be looked into.

The agencies would have to concentrate on planning and fund raising issues as well.

6. It was requested from the agencies – UNOPS and IOM – to increase the production of Shelter kits.

7. The UNHCR Liaison Officer was on mission to Jaffna last week. The following information on the situation in Jaffna was shared

- Approximately 5000 IDPs have been settled in 2 schools. 5000 IDPs are yet to be accommodated.
- 20,000 new IDPs are expected.
- As stage 1 a part of an Army abandoned site has been cleared and a new camp has been set up. JSAC and SLF will be constructing 574 shelters within 2 weeks at this site and this will accommodate 2300 IDPs.
- JSAC and SLF are the agencies that are presently active in the vicinity. For stage 2 the balance land will be cleared within 7 days and IOM will join in constructing shelters
- Cadjan is used for the roof and the sides of these shelters. If a scarcity of cadjan is experienced they will be using plastic sheet which will subsequently be replaced with cadjan