

## SHELTER/ NFI SECTOR MEETING

Thursday, 09 September 2010 at 15.00 hrs, UNHCR Conference Room

### ATTENDEES:

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### 1. Introduction to the Meeting

It was informed that UNHCR as the sector lead has taken a formal initiative in inviting the Ministry of Resettlement for the Shelter/NFI sector meeting which is generally convened every fortnight Thursday. This will enable to share information with the sector partners as well as the government counterparts. Therefore, we have taken initiatives to include the Ministry officials on our mailing list.

### 2. Briefing on the Statistics

As at today (09<sup>th</sup> September 2010) approximately 35,000 numbers of IDPs are at IDP camp sites and the breakdown is as follows;

IDPs in Menik Farm – 32,707  
IDPs in Jaffna Camp (Ramavil) – 2,239

As of end August approximately 216,000 persons have returned to their places of origin.

Approximately 3,300 persons are presently in Transit sites located in Kilinochchi, Mullaithivu, Jaffna and Mannar.

### 3. Update on Tin Sheets

According to the latest information received, it was acknowledged that as per the recent shipment arrived to Colombo; all tin sheets received were distributed among families in Kilinochchi and Mullaithivu, by the way which did not cover the full need. It was also informed that a second shipment is to be expected covering around 3,000 families. The ETA is unclear. ECHO requested technical feedback on the expected Tin sheet consignment from the UNHCR Shelter Engineer, Jackson Selliah.

It was also highlighted that UNHCR has roughly calculated a gap of tin sheets for approximately 40,000 families. It was also mentioned that the Representative of UNHCR is advocating with the officials of PTF as far on the NFI gap situation and the additional requirement of Tin sheets. An open invitation was put in forward to the sector partners to

join in hands in purchasing, transporting and distributing the backlog Tin Sheets. But most of the agencies stated the bottleneck is the funding situation.

#### **4. Update on Menik Farm (Preparation for the Monsoons)**

Updates on Cement - The Government Agents have confirmed that they might receive a consignment of Cement, but the date of arrival is not confirmed.

According to the HFSQ it is predicted that zone 4 in Menik farm will close down soon. It was also said that they have taken initiatives to request the Government agents to speak to the families in zone 4 to voluntarily move to other zones. Thus the Kachcheri staff will make efforts to advocate this issue before the monsoon period, as these shelters in several blocks (especially Zone 2 and 4) are not in condition to survive in the monsoon period. Currently, approximately 40 families have voluntarily moved from zone 4 to join other families in zones 0 and 1. It was indicated that zones 0, 1 and 3 may continue till end of December 2010.

According to an assessment conducted by UNHCR, it was stated that there are around 1,023 barracks (semi-permanent structures) which are vacant and could accommodate the families (approx. 3,000 families) from the flood prone areas in zones 2 and 4. It was also shared that ASB, DRC and OHRD will get PTF approval to precede implementation of rehabilitation in the zones 0 and 1.

Currently maintenance of drainage is ongoing in zones 0,1,2,3 and 4. Actions were taken to shift Ume Pipes from zone 2 to zone 0. Also assessments are ongoing on the decommissioning of shelters in Menik farm.

#### **5. Update on the Return areas**

It was shared that the shelter grant had resumed distribution as of 08 September 2010. RDF and Sewa Lanka Foundation also received PTF approval to assist in the NFI distribution.

The Vavuniya shelter engineer requested, support from all partners to fill in the matrix maintained by the Vavuniya shelter sector on all shelter activities implemented in all districts. The aim of this matrix is to avoid potential duplication of information and provide most accurate data to the PTF. This matrix will be shared systematically among all partners monthly to collate information. It was also stated that UNOCHA will share maps and other related data on Mullaitivu with the Shelter sector.

#### **6. NFI Update**

It was informed that there is still a gap of 12,000 numbers of NFI kits remaining. The gap is forecasted to be in effect in October 2010. This gap includes all categories, such as IDPs in camps/ host families, returnees. The importance was stated of replenishing NFI kits in camps. Additionally, World Vision has received funds for 3,000 kits along with

the PTF approval. Thus, World Vision will also assist UNHCR in their NFI distribution. UNHCR has been able to distribute 58,0000 NFI kits to returnees in 2010.

It was informed that the NFI survey has concluded and the UNHCR field offices are currently updating their data bases. The NFI survey was conducted to review the current NFI package and items and how useful it is and if there was any necessity to add or deduct any items from it. But the total cost of the NFI kit will remain within the same budget limits. Therefore, another reminder was made to the sector partners to advocate and appeal to the donors to reconsider in funding for the NFI distribution.

The shelter and the NFI sectors in Vavuniya have merged and joint forces to simplify the process while teaming up as an effective team.

### **7. Reminder on the status of 3W reporting**

The deadline submitted for the updates on 3W was on, Thursday, 9 September 2010. The Who, What, Where / Joint Humanitarian Update (3W/JHU) spreadsheets will be circulated on a monthly basis by OCHA for information collection on behalf of humanitarian partners.

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### **8. Donor meeting – MRDRS & PTF**

The aim of this donor meeting was to advocate to the donors of the requirements (especially the requirements of the Shelter/NFI sector and the early recovery permanent housing group) of funds to enable facilitation for the returnees. The Ministry of Resettlement agreed to get consent on this matter from the PTF and proceed with the way forward in organizing the donor meeting. The sectors would therefore compile simple and informal presentations to the donors at this forum.

Therefore, after the initiatives made by the Ministry of Resettlement, the following information were requested by the Director General of the External Resources Department (ERD) under the Ministry of Finance and Planning to proceed with the donor meeting;

1. Specific resource requirements
2. Funds that have already been committed in cash or in kind as project/program type assistance
3. Information of any donors that have already expressed their willingness to commit funding to enable the ERD to seek the donors support

A table will be shared among the sector agencies to fill in the required information and sent to the Ministry of Resettlement for necessary action.

## **9. Update on the status of Transitional Shelters UNOPS/ Save the Children**

### **UNOPS**

Currently 1,600 transitional shelters were committed in Kilinochchi out of which 1,200 are nearly completed.

Also another 700 transitional shelters were committed in Mullaithivu out of which 400 are completed.

Additionally UNOPS is planning to construct 400 transitional shelters in the future.

### **Save the Children**

They have committed 183 transitional shelters.

It was stated that the PTF has requested agencies involved in construction of transitional shelters to complete implementation within two weeks period. Therefore, it was decided that a matrix which includes a collection of information on the time frame of construction of each agencies will be sent to the PTF.

## **10. Update on the Early recovery Permanent Housing Group**

UNHABITAT summarized the discussion that took place at the previous Early Recovery Permanent Housing sub sector meeting.