

TOPIC : Shelter and NFI Meeting
DATE : 13th August 2009
LOCATION : UNHCR Conference Room

ATTENDEES :

Laurent Raguin	UNHCR	Snr. Programme Officer (Chair)
Gareth Price Jones	UMCOR	Share Program Manager
Christopher Randeniya	SCiSL	Logistics Assistant
Malcom Rodgers	Oxfam GB	Protection Advisor
Ramila Senanayake	Oxfam GB	Media & Communication Officer
Edgar Castillo	ADRA	Country Director
Sanja Saputantri	CARE	Head of RSS
P.Rubenthiran	FORUT	National Coordinator for HA
Tamara Nanayakkara	UNOCHA	Field Coordinate Associate
Nicola Perera	UNOCHA	Reports Associate
Ingrid Quinn	UNOCHA	ISAC Gender Advisor
Edouard Jay	UNICEF	Field Coordinator
Tahirih Qurratulayn	SCiSL	Strategic Program Advisor
Charmain Mohamed	NRC	Protection & Advocacy Advisor
Giovanni Cassani	IOM	Emergency Project Manager
Amenthi Jasinghe	WVL	Programme Officer
Suranga Mallawa	UNOPS	Humanitarian Focal Point
Annelise De Bruin	ZOA	M & E Coordinator
Kaushalya Abeyasekara	SLF	Director
Ines Pankrath	SAH	Country Representative
Nilkanthi Naranpanawe	UNHCR	Shelter Assistant
Babar Baloch	UNHCR	Public Information Officer

Significant points discussed at the shelter meeting on 13th August 2009

1. Inter Cluster Group Meeting was held at UNOCHA on the morning of 13th Aug 09. Contingency Planning, Balance Sheet, Water and Sanitation were some of the Issues that have discussed at this meeting.
2. GoSL seeking to find new sites in Vavuniya. Schools kept as reserve for mass displacement of IDPs due to the rains.
3. Guidelines for Contingency Planning for the Rainy Seasons was shared and is open for recommendations by the agencies.
4. Progress on the improvement of drainage in Manic Farm :
 - Contour Maps of the relevant zones have been developed
 - SLLRDC has developed engineering designs and cost estimates
 - SLRDC has commenced construction work in Zones 1 & 3. Work has not yet Commenced on Zone 4
 - UNOPS has commenced its implementation in Zone 2 and will support SLLRDC In surveying Zones 6A, 6B, 7 and 8: and would cover drainage of Zones 6A & 6B
 - Discussion with SLLRDC is ongoing to under take work in Zones 5,7 & 8
5. It is important for longer durability that the UNHCR Tarpaulin Sheets that are being

used for shelters are fixed properly. If any technical advice or assistance is needed in this regard the Shelter Coordinator in Vavuniya can be contacted. The participants agreed it is not possible to replace the tarpaulin sheets every 2 months, as requested by some agencies.

6. At the time of return the IDPs will not be permitted to remove the shelters to allow decongestion. They will be provided with NFI Return Kits.
7. Summary Guidelines for Provision of Return Non Food Items in Sri Lanka was shared and discussed.

UNHCR and other agencies are in the process of purchasing items for the return NFI Kits for the rainy season. Containers for storing of food and Umbrellas will be included in these packages.

8. The GoSL request assistance from UNHCR for the return of the IDPs. The assistance requested is for the following :
 - Cash grants for building of shelters
 - Transport of IDPs
 - Livelihood for the IDPs
 - Non Food Items
9. It was decided by the Shelter and NFI colleagues that UNOPS and ASB will be Joint Representatives for the Shelter and NFI Sectors and together with UNHCR who is the Shelter Sector Lead would participate at the Inter Cluster Group Meetings.

It was also decided that in the absence of ASB, UMCOR will represent ASB at the Forum.