

## SHELTER/ NFI SECTOR MEETING

Thursday, 18 November 2010 at 15.00 hrs, UNHCR Conference Room

### ATTENDEES:

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Laurent Raguin	UNHCR	Donald Sinclair	UNOPS
Chamila Pirere	ZOA	Derndre Kiernan	UNICEF
Jackson Selliah	UNHCR	Petr Drbolilan	People in Need
Lorena Lando	IOM	M.R Chamba	Malteser International
Meryse Deibla	ASB	Aldous Silas	ADRA
Ralf N Thill	ASB	Malary David	UMCOR
Nishanie Jayamaha	OCHA	Klause Palkovits	IFRC
Thuvi Wijenanthan	Care International	Segoline De Fesco	ECHO
David Evan	UNHABITAT	Amenthi Jasinghe	World Vision
Michelle Berman	UNHCR		

### 1. NFI & Shelter Grant Update

Following the contribution of World Vision and DRC the gaps for NFI kits have reduced the further below to 5,200 NFI Kits. Further, it was urged from all agencies to advocate within their organizations and its donors in fulfilling this gap in the coming weeks.

As of end of October 61,700 return forms have been distributed in Vavuniya, Kilinochchi, Mullaithivu, Mannar & Jaffna. It was also shared that UNHCR has received an additional contribution from ECHO to provide shelter grants for 8,700 families. Therefore, UNHCR with the assistance from its partners will speed the shelter grant distribution before the end of this year.

### 2. Update on Menik Farm in Vavuniya

Presentations on a case study conducted by the UNHCR colleagues in Vavuniya on the conditions of tents were shared among the group. This study indicated the modifications made to the Emergency shelters by IDPs to maintain its duration by utilizing several materials such as left over tents, tarpaulins and weaved coconut leaves. Photographs were presented on these modified shelters.

Decommissioning is ongoing in Zone 4 after the official announcement made by the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Resettlement announcing the closure of this zone. The Military assisted in the movements of IDPs from zone 4 to zones 0 & 1. It was also notified that there is possibilities of closing zone 2 in the coming days and zone 3 would be closed before the end of this month.

Currently a total of 21,091 individuals (6,189 families) are occupying Menik farm zones 0,1,2,3 & 4. Out of a total of 10,792 shelters in Menik farm, currently a total of 5,607 shelters are occupied by IDPS in Menik Farm. A total of 906 families have moved from zones 2 & 4 to zones 0 & 1. ASB and UNOPS continue the shelter maintenance activities in zone 0 and ASB & DRC maintenance activities in zone 1.

Continuous drainage maintenance activities take place on daily basis in Menik Farm zones 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and some blocks of other zones. As of end of October 48,762 m of drainage has been maintained by DMC/UNDP/UNHCR. The minimum drainage

maintenance will ensure and acts as a back up plan if an emergency arises with the monsoons. With the closure of zones 2 and 4, the drainage maintenance has been discontinued.

### **3. New Shelter Design (Monsoon Response Kit)**

Following the requests to increase the numbers of the contribution of tin sheets and transitional shelters for the IDPs as well as the returnees, it was informed that ECHO and ASUSAID will contribute an additional of 7,000 shelters as a monsoon response. It is estimated that an estimate of 8,000 families will be vulnerable to the upcoming monsoon period. The information of this contribution is as follows;

5,000 Monsoon response kits by UNOPS (funded by ECHO)

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The materials used for this kit would be tin sheets and GI poles or wooden frames. The design will not include any flooring base and will not include a latrine. This design is less expensive and very durable for the monsoon period. This mechanism would assist in intervening and reacting accordingly to the monsoons.

ZOA informed since labour assistance will not be provided, they would utilize military labour to proceed. Therefore, ZOA will be able to complete a couple of more hundred shelters than their expected target.

ICRC informed that they would provide GI frames for 350 emergency shelter kits.

UNOPS is currently in the process of finalizing roofing sheets before the compilation of shelter frames. They informed that they will proceed with the distribution of monsoon response kits with the present materials available. UNOPS will use a beneficiary driven approach in constructing these shelters and provide technical support if needed. But, UNOPS indicated that 500 vulnerable groups will be assisted in the construction of these shelters out of the proposed 5,000 Shelters.

UNHCR informed that they will incorporate the Monsoon response kit in a separate column in the shelter Matrix. Also if any agency faces any issues pertaining to the implementation of these monsoons response kits, UNHCR agreed to intervene and request approval from the PTF as the cluster lead.

### **4. Collaboration between UNICEF & UNHCR on WASH issues**

It was agreed at the field level to collaborate efforts in updating the current implementation of the WASH sector to the activities of the Shelter sector, as the WASH sector does not get adequate amount of information from WASH actors. Therefore, UNHCR Vavuniya will include a column on WASH to the Shelter Matrix and circulate among the actors for their inputs. It will be good if both sectors could work together in combining efforts in planning and implementing shelter/ WASH activities and better provide assistance in an effective manner to the beneficiaries.

### **5. Sand Issues**

Several agencies in the Vavuniya Shelter Sector had informed that there are currently facing difficulties in constructing of shelter due to different restrictions on the availability

of sand. This is mainly because the government has requested stake holder to follow the rules in obtaining sand from these locations and requesting contractors to obtain proper permits for acquiring sand and transporting it.

## **6. AOB**

### ***Repairs on Permanent Housing***

UNHABITAT and the Early Recovery working Group is closely working with the PTF in deciding a new ceiling price for repairs on permanent housing. The current limit to the repairs rendered to a permanent housing is LKR 150,000.00. David informed that more information will be shared at the next Early Recovery Group meeting.

### ***Joint Action Plan (JAP)***

UNOCHA informed that there are delays in the JAP meetings schedule with the government. Plans for a meeting with the representatives of the GoSL, Cluster leads, I/NGOs, and the UN is to be held on guidelines on the JAP, and the collation of information and technicalities on behalf of the GoSL.

The latest version of the JAP guidelines will be shared by UNOCHA with the sector leads in the coming days. It is advised that the sector leads get ready with the proposals and the concept notes for this purpose. It is still undecided whether these proposals should be a global document or should be by agencies. These proposals & information could be collated by a matrix if it would be a global document.

Also it is proposed to conduct separate technical meetings in related to finalizing the priorities/ frame works & principles as a sector.

### ***Shelter Matrix***

While thanking for the contributions of the agencies another reminder was put forward in sending information on all shelter activities to the Shelter cluster in Vavuniya. This matrix will enable all shelter actors to be vigilant in not duplicating assistance concerning to shelter.

### ***Resettlement in Ampara***

A reminder to the partners was given on the last of the old IDPs proposed to be resettled in Thangavelayuthapuramm and kanchikudiyaru in Ampara after the completion of de mining. The cluster lead emphasised further the importance of assisting this group of returnees of 660 families and requested whether if any partner/s could facilitate any kind of assistance possible such as shelter, livelihood, community based projects, emergency supplies etc (not limiting to shelter assistance only) to this group of persons returning.

### ***Northern Joint Shelter & NFI meeting***

An invitation to all partners was presented to attend the Northern Joint Shelter & NFI meeting, proposed to be held on Friday, 10 December 2010 at 3.00 pm in Vavuniya.