

SHELTER/ NFI SECTOR MEETING
Thursday, 21 April 2011 at 15.00 hrs, UNHCR Conference Room

ATTENDEES:

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Laurent Raguin	UNHCR	Sarath Wasala	UNICEF
Amelie Yan	ECHO	Faslan	Muslim Aid
Nilusha Dissanayake	UNOPS	A C M Razik	Ministry of Resettlement
David Evans	UNHABITAT	Sarah Wimaladharma	UNHCR
Michelle Berman	UNHCR		

1. NFI & Shelter Grant Update

A total of 114,505 NFI kits have been distributed among the returnees from 2009 to the 31 March 2011, out of which 71,783 NFI Kits were distributed in 2010 and 5,163 NFI Kits were distributed in 2011. It was agreed to organise a review of the NFI gaps within the coming weeks and take stock of who has received additional funds and who has the capacity to cover how many families.

As of end of March 2011, 80,210 return forms have been distributed in Vavuniya, Kilinochchi, Mullaithivu, Mannar & Jaffna. Although the distribution of shelter grant continues it is indicated as a slow process as the return are continuing slow. It was stated that UNHCR is been audited externally and internally on the distribution of shelter grant.

2. Update on Menik Farm, Vavuniya

As of 18 April, 2011 a total of Persons in Menik Farm which is 16,606 individuals (5,069 families) are divided as follows among both zones (0/ 1);

- Zone 0 – 7,188 Individuals (2,177 families)
- Zone 1 – 9,418 Individuals (2,892 families)

Out of 9,760 shelters in Menik farm zones 0 & 1, 5,143 shelters are occupied by these remaining IDPs. UNHCR continues to maintain drainage with the assistance of UNDP, where 1000 Meters of road drain were cleaned in Zone 1 in the month of April.

During the period of 01 April to 11 April 2011, a total of 1,012 individuals (300 families) have returned to their places of origin from Menik Farm.

3. 3W/ PTF Report

It was stated that PTF/OCHA had circulated an e-mail with agency inputs for the 3W early this week, and shared also by the Sector lead, Mr. Laurent Raguin for checking of correction and changes. If any agencies have any corrections/ changes to this database or any other queries, it was suggested that they were to send a mail directly to the team handling on e-mail address ptfimu@gmail.com . It was advised that all agencies look in the database carefully and report back. It was also emphasised as vital to provide agency inputs as this 3W document will be used as the base document at the proposed first

quarterly JPA Review meeting to be organized by the PTF. This is planned tentatively on 12 May and informed that the relevant GA's will be presenting the findings of the progress. Donors will also be invited for this discussion.

It is said that each sector will also have to contribute to this meeting; therefore it was decided to organize a pre-meeting in preparation to this review meeting early week of May. Further information on the preparation for this purpose will be informed via mail. It was reiterated that all agencies should provide inputs accordingly.

4. Update on the Permanent Housing Sector

Mr. David Evans on behalf of the Permanent Housing Sector extended his sincere apologies for not been able to attend the meetings as he was out of the country.

A table of a gap analysis was shared among the participants highlighting the following important points; (the table is attached as annex 1)

- *Total Requirements for Housing – 148,431*

(This includes a Need of 42,655 families in Jaffna who have either returned (27,160) or are expected to return from 'host families' (15,495). However, the Jaffna GA and planning officer have noted a requirement of 60,842 houses in need of replacement or repair.. This higher figure will require more analysis and may include damaged properties, but where the location and 'return intentions' of the families are unknown. Therefore, in the short term, the lower figure of 42,655 is perhaps a more realistic planning figure for Jaffna.

- *Total Commitment for 2011 – 2012 is 32,553*

The types of commitment are new houses, core houses and repairs to partly damaged houses.

This Indian Government's housing contribution will be added as soon as we have confirmed, reliable details.. Note this overall contribution is not only for 2011 as some of these projects will take 2 – 3 years to complete

Of the 148,431 total Need it must also be considered what the rate of self-recovery will be. That is families who will reconstruct their houses before projects or programmes reach them over then next few years. Based on previous experience both in Sri Lanka and in other countries, a 25% rate of 'self recovery' is possible. This would mean that the actual likely Need of vulnerable families is in the range of 110,000.

See the Gap Analyses spreadsheet attached.-

Note the PTF target for phase 1 was to reach 70,000 families mainly focussing on Killinochchi and Mullaitivu.

Current understanding of the the Indian Housing -

- Pilot project of 1,000 houses – A contractor/'agency' driven approach most probably by an Indian Construction Company. This pilot project is basically for

landless families. The Balance 49,000 out of the 50,000 houses would be distributed among the North and some in the East. Majority of these houses will be constructed under an owner driven approach, therefore these houses would be for returnees who own land.

Ministry of Resettlement informed that they have started implementation of 1,000 houses (200 per each district). The houses would be as per the NEHRP standard. The Government Agents will be given the authority to construct them.

The main challenges highlighted for the permanent Housing sector, current and future were;

- The variations in the standards relating to grant levels
- Shortages of Sand (Due to the permits and its restrictions resulting in the increase of the cost of sand) – UNHCR requested the Ministry of Resettlement officials to look into this matter
- Shortages of Water – this shortage affects cement mixture/ blocks. These are probably temporary shortages

Coordination forums were also reminded to the group-

1. The bi-weekly Shelter Meeting
2. The Early Recovery Group Meeting by UNDP/UNHABITAT, once in two months
3. Housing Technical working Groups in Vavuniya Jaffna, Mannar, Kilinochchi and Mullaithivu
4. Government Agent facilitated Housing Group Meeting in Vavuniya (participation by Jaffna, Mannar, Kilinochchi and Mullaithivu)

As stated in prior meetings, the UN Resident Coordinator had taken initiatives to discuss issues pertaining to Beneficiary selection with PTF officials. But up to now no interference from parties in beneficiary selection has been reported. It was reminded that if any issues persist to inform OCHA, UNHABITAT or UNHCR. . At this point Muslim Aid informed that they are planning on another 30 houses in Manthai West and had requested approval for the beneficiary list which was provided by the DS. It is said that the approval will be received from a board of committee consisting of civil authority officials and Military Officials. The approval has not yet been received and muslim aid will inform UN-HABITAT if there are any major issues.

The meeting was reminded of the ECHO HIP published on their website for necessary actions.

5. AOB

Independent Evaluation on drainage in Menik Farm

UNHCR in collaboration with UNDP published the final report of the Evaluation on the venture on Drainage and Environmental Service Delivery improvement in the Menik Farm welfare sites. The report could be shared upon request.

Training on Accessibility

A letter was sent around on a training programme to be organized on the issues with assistance rendered to disable personnel. The sector group in Kilinochchi are coordinating with the Ministry of Social Services on further information on this. An email will be sent out with further information. Following after the gazette regulation published after the tsunami in 2006, the training may focus on the regulations set to assist the handicap.

Refugee Returns

Refugee returns continue, but still in small numbers. Two movements are scheduled this week and two more the next week. All returns were facilitated via Air plane and now UNHCR has initiated informal contact with the Ports Authority to begin a Ferry service from Thuththukudy to Colombo. But concerning to all activities Ministry of External Affairs is the line Ministry. It is said that the ferry could accommodate 100 Kg per person as only 30 Kg per person is available to a passenger of a commercial air plane.

UNHCR met some refugee returnees in their villages in Jaffna and Vavuniya where majority agreed that they have taken the right decision in returning back. But the major challenges highlighted were, Shelter and Livelihood.

Conflict Damaged Housing Information - Northern Province
Achievement and Gap Analysis
As at 31st of March, 2011

S.No	Name of the	Total Requirement	Total Committed	Total	Achieved %	Gap %	Forecast 2011 & 2012 - Tentative Numbers ***
------	-------------	-------------------	-----------------	-------	------------	-------	--

	District		New	Core	Partly				New	Core	Partly	Total	Cumulative Total	To be achieved %	Gap %
1	Vavuniya	15,200	3,804	89	326	4,219	28%	72%	975		850	1,825	6,044	40%	60%
2	Killinochchi	41,990	7,077	375	3,404	10,856	26%	74%	3,750	125	1,700	5,575	16,431	39%	61%
3	Mullaithivu	27,835	4,307	275	2,749	7,331	26%	74%	3,150	125	1,550	4,825	12,156	44%	56%
4	Mannar	20,751	3,635	0	142	3,777	18%	82%	750		650	1,400	5,177	25%	75%
5	Jaffna *	42,655	6,201	149	20	6,370	15%	85%	1,625		1,250	2,875	9,245	22%	78%
	Total	148,431	25,024	888	6,641	32,553	22%	78%	10,250	250	6,000	16,500	49,053	33%	67%

DRAFT