

TOPIC : Shelter Meeting
DATE : 21 May 2009
LOCATION : UNHCR Conference Room

ATTENDEES :

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Sanja Saputantri	CARE	Head of RSS
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Following are the significant points discussed during the meeting:

1. The agencies will now concentrate more on the return of IDPs, upgrading of tents and construction and maintenance of Core Houses. These projects will be incorporated and reflected in the CHAP 2009 MYR. It was agreed that the average cost of Transitional Shelters to be on the level of USD 600 -650 and Core Houses to be USD 1000 – 1500.
2. It was suggested not to budget any projects for Replacement of Tents as it would create problems with the donors. These tents that have been constructed are expected to last at least till end of December 2009. If at a later stage this becomes an issue it could be addressed in CHAP 2010.
3. UNHCR confirmed that all the NFIs that were in stock have been distributed among the IDPs during the past few days and they will be budgeting for purchasing of stocks of NFI Return Kits in the CHAP which has become a challenge.
4. It was indicated that the Emergency Shelters that have been constructed in the North are with structures that can be upgraded with a roof of GI Sheets or Aluminium Sheets. This should be taken into consideration when budgeting is done for maintenance of shelters.
5. It was agreed that for a start 10,000 shelters for Returnees will be highlighted in the CHAP MYR 2009.

6. The Shelter Coordinator, Mr. Chris Nixon is expected in the country next week and will decide with the agencies on the type of shelters that the agencies will construct in the North.

7. In future following terminology will be used :

- Camps would be referred to as Emergency Shelter Sites
- Government Sites will be referred to as Semi Permanent Govt. Sites
- Transitional Shelters
- Persons for individual people

8. The agencies were requested to upload the CHAP MYR 2009 system with their project sheets and also forward the same to UNHCR by COB Monday, 25th May 2009. As the Sectoral lead UNHCR will coordinate with UNOCHA on the final document on Tuesday, 26th May 2009.