



**Minutes of Meeting:** Gaza Shelter Cluster Meeting at 11am on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

**Location:** NRC office, Dream 2 building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room

**Present:** Shelter Cluster Coordination Team (SCCT) [2], MOPWH [1], UNRWA [1], UNOPS [1], NRC [1], SIF [1], ACTED [1], CRS [3], UNDP [1], GVC [1], OCHA [1], Mercy Corps [2], PUI [1], ICRC [1], PCRS [1], Zakher [1]

**Absent:** IR-PAL, PHC, Fares Al-Arab, Maan, Save the Children, Al-Najd Development Forum, UN-WOMEN, PNGO, CCP Japan, Welfare Association, MoSD, Qatar Charity, QRC, HAI

Topic and Notes on Discussion	Action points
<p><b>1- WELCOME AND UPDATES</b></p> <p>a) Partner updates:</p> <p><u>CRS:</u> have a new grant from Caritas Germany for emergency preparedness. The project will explore new designs for emergency shelter, including launching a competition for professionals. They will build 3 prototypes using local materials and prepare SOPs for the previously used design as well as an operational manual to be ready for new interventions. The project will last one year and CRS will be in touch to request inputs to designs. SCC mentioned the need to coordinate closely between the cluster and the MPWH due to the provision in the new policy which do not recommend temporary structures. UDOC/NRC mentioned their work with Municipal Forums in emergency prone areas and suggested to link them directly to communities.</p> <p>CRS are also continuing their project with Canada to support conflict affected households and vulnerable cases in Khanyounis, and are extending this project to support an additional 341 families in 3 governorates (Rafah, Middle and Khanyounis)</p> <p><u>ACTED:</u> Project in partnership with Maan to support refugees from the region is in final stages of beneficiary selection, targeting 211 families with 4 types of intervention (upgrading, rental assistance, winterization and NFIs)</p> <p><u>UDOC/NRC:</u> are developing an Urban Displacement Toolkit in collaboration with PUI under MoSD and OCHA IDP WG. They will require inputs form different clusters in due course.</p> <p><u>Mercy Corps:</u> are targeting 40 HH to upgrade through OCHA HPF.</p> <p><u>Maan:</u> is implementing a psychosocial support project in partnership with Save the Children, including training on child protection/child resilience aimed at addressing the front line personnel in emergency response. Further details will be shared in due course and cluster members are encouraged to send staff to participate.</p> <p><u>Rebuilding Alliance:</u> have imported over 22,000 solar lamps in to Gaza. They are currently distributing through 4 local CBOs focussing on children. However they are looking for ways to expand their scope and target additional vulnerable groups. Agencies interested in potentially distributing these lamps as part of their upgrading projects</p>	<p>Further details shared in due course.</p> <p>Partners to notify cluster if interested or want further information.</p>



<p>or NFI kits should notify the cluster who will put them in contact with RA.</p> <p>b) Coordination update/feedback from SAG        Most of the cluster efforts have been on the Minimum Standards survey in recent weeks, while broader coordination efforts have aimed at highlighting and addressing the needs caused by the ongoing electricity crisis.        The SAG met on 26 July 2017 and endorsed the Minimum Standards produced by the WG, and decided that an HLP WG would be established to complete the guidance started by Carolina. The NFI WG will continue and a small group to review and update the Reconstruction Guidelines will also be formed. The cash strategy will be pushed to next year.        SAG meeting minutes are available on the SC website.</p> <p>c) IM update        Shelter Cluster presented the latest figures as of end July. The IM presentation is attached and shelter partners can contact the cluster if more details are required on figures, interventions, or gaps.        UNDP suggested to divide the minor damage category into those requiring less than \$500 and those above.        UNDP are pursuing a further \$10m for reconstruction from Audi funding which is not yet included in the figures as no agreement has been signed.</p>	
<p><b>2- <u>SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS SURVEY FEEDBACK AND NEXT STEPS</u></b></p> <p>Initial data from the survey is included in the attached presentation. Further analysis is required to identify relationships and cross-reference social and technical data, and to carry out scoring that can provide further applicable information on specific targeted groups.</p> <p>As a representative sample, the data for the general population (2m people) and the hardship case population (73,000 households) can be extrapolated with a confidence interval of 4.5%. Initially the data will be analysed to inform the HNO caseloads, and following this will be summarised in a report. A draft will be shared with the cluster at the end of September/beginning of October. If organisations require specific information, please make a request to the cluster. The soft copy assessment forms are attached.</p>	<p>Social and technical forms to be shared with Cluster members.</p> <p>Cluster members to request additional/specific information as required.</p>
<p><b>3- <u>INPUT TO HNO ANALYSIS AND TARGET GROUPS</u></b></p> <p>The HPC cycle is a bit different this year as the plan is to create a three year strategy. As a result, the HNO should include projected needs for 2019/20 as well as 2018. Projects will still be submitted on a one year basis but with a three year timeframe in mind, which aims to allow better planning, efficiency and links to development. The participants discussed the questions in the attached presentation.</p> <p>Identified humanitarian needs and target groups included:</p>	



- IDPs: need for reconstruction assistance to return home; need for support in displacement to ensure adequate living conditions; need for better community infrastructure/access to services
- People in substandard homes: those suffering from lack of climate protection requiring winterisation support; those with security, protection and health risks as a result of overcrowding, poor sanitation or unhygienic conditions, or unsafe situations; solutions to overcrowding
- People in need of immediate NFIs/shelter assistance as a result of further conflict, natural disasters esp those in high risk areas and preparedness for DES
- Refugees from the region in very poor and vulnerable conditions

Factors that could improve or worsen the current situation:

- Improve:
  - End of blockade – increased access to materials, drop in prices, improved economy, individuals/private sector more able to meet needs; Reconciliation – increased funding to Gaza, improved electricity leading to improved economy, less for INGOs; Open Rafah border – increased movement of people and goods, improved economy; Steady and consistent funding – more predictable way to meet and reduce needs (esp winterization); more engagement of development actors (infrastructure) – improved services, improved economy; better coordination – more efficient allocation of limited resources/less duplication; more assessments/statistics for shelter – improved planning and advocacy
- Worsen: New round of conflict – increase in damaged homes and displacement; increase in internal divide – further drop in economy, increased risk of evictions/squatting, less capacity to respond, higher risk of flooding; natural disaster (winter storms, flooding, earthquake) – increase in shelter needs; further delayed funding – no drop in IDPs, no economic stimulation, increased prices

Other stakeholders involved in potential response:

- Development actors/UNDAF
- Government, esp MPWH Social Housing Committee
- Private Sector
- Local PNGOs/CBOs/Waqf committees
- Non-conventional donors
- Universities
- Community-based projects

HNO draft will be shared and HRP response plan before project upload period to support project proposal development. See timeline in attached presentation. Please coordinate with the cluster to ensure good targeting and lack of duplication.

**4- AOB**

Thank you!