


Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster Coordination Team (CCT) Report

For the Mission to Amran Gov. (under Sana'a Hub)

MISSION INFORMATION	
Overall Mission Objective	<i>Conduct a field visit to Aljaheen IDP Hosting site and meet the ExU in Amran Governorate</i>
Cluster Partners	<i>Yemen Red Crescent Society (YRCS)</i>
Date of Visit	<i>13th February 2018</i>
Location	<i>Amran Governorate</i>
Visited By	<i>Charles Campbell - Senior National Cluster Coordinator, Monir AISobari- Deputy National Cluster Coordinator, Kassem Gahlan- Supporting the Sub-National Cluster Coordinator in Sana'a Hub</i>
Other participating Partner Staff	<i>YRCS: Abdullah AlAzap (Project Manager of Amran branch) ExU Focal Point: Hemiar AISar (Head of Amran ExU) and his team AbdulRahman Rasam, Mohammed AIDhulai and Khaled Faras</i>
Last Monitoring Report	<i>N/A</i>
1.0 Missions Objectives	
1.1. Conduct a field visit to Aljaheen IDP Hosting site in Raydah district	
1.2. Meet the Head of ExU in Amran Governorate	

2.0 Comments on implementation / progress	
<p>2.1 Visit AlJaheen Spontaneous Settlement in Raydah district:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consists of approximately 80 HHs • Majority of IDPs families displaced in the site for three years • IDPs areas of origin are mainly Sahar and Sa'adah City (Sa'adah Governorate) • Community self-governance structure already exists. The structure consists of the committee leader who is managing the site and five members who are delegated with specific tasks or themes such as for Health, WASH, Food, Child Protection and Women affairs. • The site has one main water tank provided in the site by the German Red Cross through Yemen Red Crescent Society. The tank is being supplied with water on daily basis primarily by Yemen Red Crescent Society (YRCS). There is other water tank 	<p>Photos</p>  <p><i>Discussion with IDPs in the site</i></p>

provided by a businessman but only supplied with water twice a week.

- The water provided in the site is also shared between the IDPs and the host community living around the site.
- The site is located in a water stream and is flooded during the rainy session
- No food provided to the site residents for over a year.
- No latrines in the site
- No garbage trash cans in the site nor waste disposal
- IDPs required to pay to receive health services in the district health centers.
- The landlord is threatening site residents to evict them from his land and requested IDPs either to pay him rent for staying on his land or liaise with Humanitarian organizations in order to provide him with some cash for rental subsidies grants in order to let them stay on his land.
- IDPs reported they do not have work opportunities other than begging to get money to buy food.

Interview 1: (Site Leader)

- 16 family member including 14 children
- Displaced from Sahar district in Sa'adah Governorate on April 2016
- Has one emergency shelter used as a kitchen and the other two are used as an accommodation for his family.
- Non-Food Items were provided twice by UNHCR through YRCS since March 2015
- The emergency shelters were provided by UNHCR and upgraded by NRC at later stage.
- The head of household has constructed his shelters by himself and utilized the installation guide that was provided by YRCS.
- Used to work on farming in his place of origin and currently do not have any work and his children have to beg to get money.
- The head of household is moving between the current site and the place of origin where he has a house that was affected by the airstrikes but which is still livable.

Interview 2: (Elderly woman)

- 6 persons in the family (elderly women and her adult children)
- Displaced from Sahar district in Sa'adah Governorate on April 2015
- Half of her Non-Food Items provided were sold in order to buy some food



Water collection point in the site



Children carrying water



Upgraded shelter in the site



An elderly woman interviewed

- The site leader helped her to construct her shelter
- Received the winter support grant provided by UNHCR
- An airstrike damaged her house in her place of origin and killed her 3 cows which were her livelihood.
- She have used to benefiting from selling the milk of cows in her place of origin as well as farming but currently do not have any work.

Interview 3: (WASH focal point)

- Explained his role of organizing the distribution of water among site residents and host community, liaising with humanitarian organizations on the provision of water trucking to the water tanks, providing hygiene promotion sessions, etc.

2.2 Visit to IDP rented house in Raydah district:

- 8 family members
- Displaced from Sahar district in Sa'adah Governorate
- Rented the house for about a year; paid the rent for about 3 months and could not afford to pay the rent of the past 9 months to the house owner.
- The monthly rent value is 15,000YR
- One of the family members has a critical health issue
- Received one-time protection grant (50,000YR) from UNHCR through YRCS.
- Suggested establishing cash for work programs that can benefit the community and ensure a source of income for IDPs such as paving the roads or cleaning the streets, etc.

2.2 Meeting with ExU in Amran

Key points discussed:

- Strengthening collaboration between the Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster and ExU in Amran.
- Support of the Government Authorities in Amran (ExU) in finding alternative shelter solutions for IDPs particular in hosting sites and their role in the Site management approach.
- SAMA and YFCA (IOM IP) winter support projects in Amran.

Detailed minutes is provided in Annex 2.



Discussion with IDP renting an apartment next to the site

3.0 Constraints faced and shortcomings identified

- 3.1. Finding alternative shelter solutions for IDPs particularly in IDPs hosting sites.
- 3.2. Capacity building for the site management support teams and IDPs self-management committees

4.0 Recommendations and follow up Action Points

- 4.1. Identifying a Cluster Partners that can act as IDP Hosting Site Coordination Support Teams for the management of the Sites.
- 4.2. Develop plans to build the capacity of IDP Hosting Sites Focal Points (Government Authorities), IDP Hosting Site Coordination Support Teams (Cluster Partners) and IDPs self-management committees.

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Date	25 th February 2018	Date	26 th February 2018

ANNEX 1: MISSION SCHEDULE

Date*	Time of activity	Purpose
13 of Feb	08:00-09:30	Travel Sana'a – Amran
	09:30-11:00	Visit Al-Jaheen IDP hosting site in Raydah district
	12:00-13:00	Meeting with Head of ExU
	13:00:00-15:00	Travel Amran - Sana'a

ANNEX 2: Meeting with ExU

Venue: ExU Office in Amran

Attendees: Charles and Monir (Cluster Coordination Team – CCT), Kassem Gahlan (Sub-National Cluster for Sana'a hub) and Hemiar AISar, AbdulRahman Rasam, Mohammed AIDhulai and Khaled Faras (Amran ExU Team)

Date/Time: 13 February 2018 at 12:00 PM – 01:00 PM

Issues discussed

Discussion with Head of ExU in Amran

Issues raised by ExU:

- a. Amran has witnessed huge displacement since March 2015 mainly from Sa'adah and Hajjah.
- b. Setting up the site management structure and finding alternative shelters solutions for IDPs in hosting sites is the top priority in Amran Governorate.
- c. ExU is willing to facilitate the site management initiative and assign site focal points to work hand in hand with the site support partners (Cluster Partners).
- d. Strain on ExU financial resources as conflict has been ongoing for close to 3 years.
- e. ExU mentioned that they will be able to identify public lands to host IDPs but it needs support for the construction of the camp and site management services will be provided.
- f. Suggested capacity building programs and incentives for ExU sites management focal points.
- g. The issue of the overlap of providing winter support assistance in the IDPs hosting sites of Huth district by SAMA AIYemen foundation and YFCA (IP of IOM) was discussed. Since SAMA will be able to target all IDP hosting sites with assistance in Huth and YFCA will only be able to target small number of beneficiaries, ExU suggested the shift of YFCA project location from Huth district to Khamir district where there are huge needs and it is also a location targeted by YFCA in the same project.

Feedback from the Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster

- h. The CCT explained the reason for their visit, which was to understand first-hand the situation and appreciate the needs and environment.
- i. The Cluster is currently following up with its partners to set-up the site management structure in Amran's IDPs hosting sites. At this stage, DRC has received funding to support the site management in Raydah district and the Cluster is trying to identify other Partners in other priority districts.
- j. CCT confirmed that the suggestion of providing capacity building programs for site management focal points and IDPs self-management committees was already included in the Cluster response plan for this year.
- k. CCT stressed on the point that it's the Government Authorities responsibility to identify public lands to host IDPs especially if IDPs are living in sites under threats of evictions such as in Khamir or Raydah districts. CCT reaffirmed that it does not support establishment of camps in-line with the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) No-camp policy issued in 2015. CCT in fact supports sustainable solutions / interventions that hands over choice and responsibility to the affected population.
- l. The Sub-National Cluster agreed to arrange for a meeting with SAMA and YFCA to discuss the overlap matter and the ExU suggestion.

End of report