

National Shelter / NFI / CCCM Cluster Meeting Notes

Venue: UNHCR Office in Sana'a

Date/Time: 5 April 2017 at 10:00 AM

Issues discussed

Review of actions points from last meeting

- SAG to present cluster strategy for review by the larger group – future meetings.
- Sana'a sub-national coordination meeting to take place – still pending.

1. Cluster Strategy

Cluster presented main points of cluster strategy, as drafted through SAG. At this stage, draft is final and it just needs cluster review – will share after meeting so that if there are any comments, will have a week to provide specific inputs.

- Reflects YHRP cluster objectives
- Decided by SAG to enunciate strategy for next two years (2017-2018).
- Implementation focus on three main categories of displacement, adapted to needs; so have a response that is well defined in terms of activities for newly displaced, protracted displacement, and returnees.
- Overall, main strategic elements are:
 - o Transition from in-kind to vouchers and cash
 - o Diversification of emergency shelter response
 - o Enhancement of CCCM; response to collective centres and spontaneous settlements – which includes what we do with people who are occupying public buildings.
 - o Response to returnees.
- Given funding, able to respond to most vulnerable + some members of host community.
- Activities are enunciated per objective, activity, and who will be served. So for instance, if looking at emergency response for shelter-NFI for newly displaced IDPs, will see mention of shelter kit diversification. Purpose to be able to respond to types of populations with different interventions, e.g. different shelter kits depending on the needs of that type. Because observed that our response limited to NFI distributions (one standard kit + one emergency shelter kit + some cash) – want to adapt response to what the needs are now.
- Another element is integrated response through CCCM. Two clusters in one, and each have own activities. CCCM deals primarily with CCs and SSs and providing people with assurance of minimal basic services. There is a no camp policy in Yemen, however, which has prevented assistance going to most vulnerable in CCs and SSs. So cluster has taken on the responsibility to map out needs in CCs and SSs. And as a result, the no camp policy will be revised by UNHCR with the HCT. Want to recognize that we have camp-like settings in Yemen that need assistance (intention not to establish camps). Next step is to work with other clusters to mobilize partners to go to the CCs and SSs and respond; where absolutely necessary, find alternative shelter solutions.

Questions?

- Best Future: 2015 discussed intention to provide more response to IDPs living with host communities – is this in the strategy?
 - o Cluster response: Yes, this is addressed. Recognize that IDPs are over-stretching resources of communities.
 - o To be able to make this plan operational, once agreed upon it will be sent to all interested donors and along with TFPM 13. And a paper describing the funding status of the cluster. Invite cluster members to use this document whenever discussing bilaterally with donors. For technical input and guidance, there are initiatives by the TWiG of areas that need further guidance; so components that are unfamiliar will be further explained in upcoming documents, if they don't already exist.
- Best Future: Collective Center guidelines – is it included in the strategy?
 - o Strategy will touch on CC guidelines. The Guidelines expand on the details.
- RASD: Idea to establish network on a district level where they collect information on IDPs.
 - o Cluster: more discussion on this suggested idea after the meeting.
- Yemen Red Crescent: Encourage that strategy includes more sustainable solutions for returnees and providing coordinated/comprehensive assistance to people in CCs and SSs.
 - o Cluster: Yes, returnees included. Working with early recovery cluster to have more sustainable response. On CC approach, it's exactly what YRC is describing because CCCM is inherently inter-cluster/sectorial. Cluster approach to AlHudaydah response plan exemplifies this.

2. Contingency Plan

Cluster presented CP for AlHudaydah. Cluster coordination team went last week to AlHudaydah to talk to people in the field about this plan and validated the response and estimations/projections of potential movement. Also, OCHA asked clusters to provide information on potential response overall (not agency based) and how much it would cost. Because mandated to respond from CCCM perspective, spoke to TWiG and SAG and identified response. Will look at responding in integrated fashion, taking CCCM approach and establishing service points.

- Looking at scenario in which if people are displaced from south to north, would have minimum response in itself, but then according to routes people are likely to take and accessibility of roads, will place 4 or 5 service points along main areas that will be receiving displacement, e.g. Dhamar, Hajjah, etc.
- Service points would be Rub halls that are able to provide most basic services to people on the move (without shelter component, so not able to sleep there, but can get basic assistance, like health, food, WASH).
- Meetings today and tomorrow with government and ICCM to discuss exactly the details of this, then will start mobilizing partners. So roles and responsibilities still to be discussed. UNHCR said it can do set up of locations and management; IOM expressed interest to provide minimal NFI kit in two governorates; ExU working on land allocation. So response matrix will be filled over time, and

partners will be able to fill in where they would like to contribute.

3. Taizz Update

Cluster updated that people still moving out of Taizz, primarily to AlHudaydah, but also to Dhamar, Ibb, etc. Main challenge has been responding in Taizz itself, but every day there are more and more concrete plans to access people who are stuck. On specifics and figures, cluster can recirculate last matrix if that would be helpful. Good to see that within first weeks, the cluster been extremely active and provided very good information/specific figures and cluster wants to extend thanks to all.

- Wethaq Foundation: Update. There is still a displacement in Taizz and its sub-districts, main needs: shelter, food, NFIs, protection.
- Al Bena: Conducted needs assessment that covered majority of districts that witnessed displacement. Used own assessment tool. Sent report today.
- ECHO: Any reports of return to AlMokha?
 - o Cluster: Not at all. Displacement continuing and expanding so no returns.
- Wethaq: We are talking about coordination/response, but what about assessments and how can we avoid overlap on assessments?
 - o Cluster: Tell the cluster before you go! Look at matrix and see if there are ongoing activities. BUT if cluster members don't say, then the national cluster can't know. So encourage partners to look at matrix and note where there is anything missing, and notify for the cluster as you plan your activities.
- ECHO: Standardized tool for data collection?
 - o Cluster: yes, there is tool that is technical and applied when we already know that people are in a location and in need, and need to know the exact response. Before that, have TFPM which gives numbers of people of displaced. OCHA also has the IST, which is rapid data collection system that OCHA encourages people to use.
- Best Future: A lot of layers of assessment and as a cluster, need to discuss with OCHA that this is too many assessments.
- CSSW: Initial rapid assessment tool covers all sectors; shelter sector is very small. Shelter assessment tool is more elaborate. Wondering if can make a better multi-sectorial tool. Another problem: tool is four pages and it's hard to ask a lot of IDPs in a district. Can we sample?

4. New displacement

Cluster reported the displacement in Utmah district in Dhamar; new information saying that there are returns. ACTED went to Dhamar last week and did assessment.

- ACTED: Some areas that couldn't access for security, but relied a bit on local authorities. But where able to go, NFI and ES very needed, but so is food and WASH. ACTED looking at what can respond to. Numbers are similar to what the cluster has.
- Cluster: Displacement started first week of February, intensified a bit later. Number has dropped

because there have been returns as some areas stabilized. Expecting report today or tomorrow.

- NFDHR: Notice that HH is x6.
 - Cluster: TFPM collecting data and did previous study on IDP families and found out that 6 is the average size for IDPs particularly. But cluster using 7 based on the previous consensus of the country's population.
- CSSW: Asking about TFPM.
 - Cluster: TFPM activates emergency tracking on weekly basis when hear about an emergency situation/movement (so more often than the bimonthly).

5. Cluster reporting for 2017

The Cluster announced that it is reviewing the reporting forms and system/schedule for 2017; going to do minor updates. Won't affect reporting that much but hopefully will reduce time required for partners to report.

- Cluster will inform about expected frequency and what the information is contributing to. Example, if talking 5W, will tell how collecting, where it will go, who it will be shared with, etc. Will share this in the next month.
- Alwujdan: Do we have a means to report on most vulnerable host community members?
 - Cluster: Talking about reporting on cluster activities. Other forms, like assessment forms, that capture this information. But if ever have information about people in need, welcome to share with cluster.
- Yemen Red Cross: Proposing to have a one-day workshop for how to use the reporting forms and how to conduct the assessments.
 - Cluster: would like to do one hour of traditional meeting, one hour of technical guidance. So want to imbed trainings and mini-workshops into cluster meetings moving forward.
- Best Future: International organization have own donors, national NGOs have ad hoc donations, and have to figure out quickly how to report. Suggest incorporating this.
- Wethaq: Wants cluster to share all assessment tools.

6. AOB

- Cluster: New government system in Al Jawf for reporting on activities/ seeking permissions – will send the letter.
- Cluster: CCCM CC Guidelines update. Guidelines produced by cluster members that expressed interest to contribute, reviewed by field colleagues, now second draft that will be discussed with ExU. Then reviewed by inter-cluster which will make document final.
 - BF: Shared with members?
 - Cluster: Already shared once. Will re-share once reviewed by ExU, in tandem with the ICCM. Because at this stage, if not reviewed by the authorities, it will not be able to be utilized.

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