

Rakhine NFI Cluster Coordination Meeting

Minutes

Date: 17 December 2013

Time: 14.30 hrs

Venue: UNHCR Office, Sittwe, Rakhine State

Participants: LWF, MRCS-IFRC, UNHCR & Red Crescent Qatar

Agenda

- 1) Minutes and Action points from NFI meeting on 24 October
- 2) Update on winterisation issues
- 3) Cluster way forward
 - * Distribution plans
 - * Post-distribution monitoring tool
 - * NFI core kit 2014
 - * Contingency stocks
- 4) AOB

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Actor	Due Date
Minutes and action points from previous meeting	Minutes from previous meeting approved.	NSTR	NSTR
Update on winterization	<p>a. <u>Sittwe</u></p> <p>Distribution is foreseen in Muslim Planned Camps (14,623 HHs, roughly 78.000 individuals), as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDN (3,181 HHs, STMG + OTG 2) - LWF (3,480 HHs, OTG South + KDK+ Basara) - Solidarites (2,757 HHs, Dar Paing + Thae Chaung) <p>Given uncertain timely contribution from MRF, at the moment coverage stands at 9,418 HHs, leaving a gap of 5,205 families, and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1,500, OTG-North - 913, Thet Kael Pyin - 700, Maw Thi Nyar - 2,135, Baw Du Pha 1 & 2 	NFI Cluster to keep on following up with MRF and other partners to ensure timely distribution in as many locations as possible.	Next Cluster Meeting

	<p>Given that UNHCR should cover OTG-North with distribution of NFI core kits before the end of the year, priority locations are Thet Kael Pyin, Maw Thi Nyar and Baw Du Pha 1 & 2, which won't be covered with the regular second round distribution before late January.</p> <p>Given an estimated cost of 7 USD per blanket, investment to cover the gap in Sittwe is calculated at US\$40,000.</p> <p>The Cluster will continue follow up with MRF and pushing for the agency to comply with the commitment taken for serving up to 10,000 families with winterized blankets before the end of 2013.</p> <p>In the meanwhile, other partners will search internally for spare budget to be re-allocated for this specific activity.</p> <p>Timeframe is also critical as winter has already started and distributions make sense only if carried out mid-January the latest.</p> <p>b. <u>Pauktaw</u> All camps have been covered by ICRC</p> <p>c. <u>Other Townships</u> Gap is roughly estimated at 5,000 HHs.</p> <p>DRC has 1,000 blankets in stock ready to be distributed; it would eventually avail the items, but requested support to UNHCR for distribution. Minbya might be location of interest for DRC.</p>		
<p>Cluster way forward: * Distribution plans</p>	<p>UNHCR distributed Core NFI items to 261 fire-affected families (incident occurred on 12th of December) in Nget Chaung camp and will distribute the kits to the other IDPs that did not receive it in August (e.g. NC from Sin The Maw, newly arrived groups from ANY, Meybon and Minbya.</p> <p>UNHCR shared the plan for the finalization of the second round distribution of Core NFI Kits in Sittwe rural and camps left behind in Pauktaw e.g. Sin Tet Maw (see Annex 1). According to the plan, all distributions should be finalized by end of February. Distribution in OTG-North is currently ongoing and should be finalized by the end of the year. Taking</p>		

	<p>into account the delay in serving the IDPs with the 2nd round distribution, the gap at the moment stands at roughly 10,000 HHs.</p> <p>In general, NFI Core kits have a life span of a minimum 6 months, and the IDPs in the majority of the locations in Pauktaw, Minbya, Mrauk-U, Kyauktaw, Rathedaung received the first round in August-September, a new distribution should be carried out from end of February on.</p> <p>Cluster members raised attention on whether a blanket distribution would be still the right methodology for serving IDP groups that received the Core NFI kit 3 or 4 times since the eruption of the conflict in June 2012.</p> <p>Are all the IDPs still in need of Core NFI kits? And, could a different methodology e.g. through vouchers or tokens responding better to families' specific needs and at the same time contributing to market revitalization in certain areas? These queries should be addressed jointly at Sittwe and Yangon level.</p>	NFI Cluster to address it at National level	First Quarter 2014
* Post-distribution monitoring tool	<p>NFI Cluster, in order to address questions and concerns exposed in the previous point, should willing to develop and roll out in 2014 a standardized post-distribution monitoring tool, capitalizing and harmonizing what agencies already use internally and in order to tailor a better fitting response to up-to-date NFI needs. Inputs could be shared by LWF and others.</p> <p>To be discussed and addressed jointly at Sittwe and National level.</p>	<p>NFI Cluster to address it at National level</p> <p>LWF to share internal post-distribution monitoring tool</p>	<p>First Quarter 2014</p> <p>Next Cluster Meeting</p>
* NFI core kit 2014	<p>In the NFI meeting 24 October 2013, Cluster members discussed about current relevance of items included in the NFI Core Kit and suggested an amended composition, taking into account feedback from IDPs and field evidence. In substance, the differences can be summarized as follow:</p> <p>- To be removed: tarpaulin (IDPs live in improved shelters now) and plastic bucket (already included in the Core Hygiene NFI Kit)</p>	NFI Cluster to address it at National level	First Quarter 2014

	<p>To be included: solar lantern</p> <p>Remarks on the quality of the items:</p> <p>Blankets should be thicker/winterized/better quality</p> <p>Not huge difference between the 2013 package and the kit suggested for 2014; it is recommended a proper post-distribution exercise should be conducted for further information and decision making.</p>		
* Contingency stocks	<p>A contingency stock in Rakhine might be necessary in case of new displacement/emergency, especially before the beginning of the rainy/monsoon season; agencies are starting planning for this circumstance.</p> <p>LWF informed has secured funds for procuring 200 to 500 Core NFI kits; final number of kits depends on type and number of items will be included in the kit in 2014</p> <p>MRCS informed about the pre-positioning of 2,500 Family Kits, including a mix of Core and Hygiene items</p>	<p>NFI Cluster to keep record of overall NFI Core items stockpiled in Rakhine for contingency purposes only</p> <p>MRCS to share list of items included in the Family Kit</p>	<p>First Quarter 2014</p> <p>Next Cluster Meeting</p>
AoB	<p>UNHCR's partner DRC will distribute tarpaulins for shelter coating to 9,600 families (1,200 shelters) living in DRC managed camps in Sittwe rural area; the gap of 600 shelters should be covered by UNHCR directly or other UNHCR partners.</p> <p>CCCM/NFI Cluster coordinator informed this was the last NFI meeting he would conduct in Rakhine State as at the end of his mission. Before the deployment of a new Cluster Coordinator in Sittwe, NFI related issues, and winterization in particular, will be followed up by UNHCR's Field Officer Bola Han who will be the focal point during the gap (hanb@unhcr.org).</p>	<p>UNHCR to update on shelter coating</p>	<p>Next Cluster Meeting</p>
	<p>Next NFI Cluster meeting date and time will be communicated by the new Cluster Coordinator, due to arrive in January.</p>		

Annex 1: UNHCR NFI Distribution Plan: 2nd Round Sittwe Rural and Sin Tet Maw, Pautkaw

Location	[Tentative] Distribution Date***	Items
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Thet Khet Pyin/ 1300 hh	Mid-February 2014	Core NFI KIT 8 (tarpaulin, blanket2, mosquito net2, kitchen sets, mats2, jerry can, bucket, clothing**)
Maw Thi Nyar/400 hh	mid February 2014	Same as above
BDP 1,2/ 2,100 hh	mid February 2014	Same as above
Dar Painga/2,200 hh	end February 2014	Same as above
Khaung Doke Khar/ 800hh	end February 2014	Same as above
OTG Chay/ 630hh	December 2013	Same as above
STMG/ 2,500 hh	end February 2014	Same as above
Sin Tet Maw/Pauktaw 750 hh	December 2013	Standard kit (blanket2, mosquito net2, kitchen sets, mats2, jerry can, bucket, *complementary)

*** Based on the latest procurement and delivery schedule but subject to change with a margin of two weeks.

** Check list from the NFI Cluster for details.