

# Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting Minutes

Venue: The office of Development Affairs Minister, Rakhine State Government Office

Date: Friday 7 June 2013

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Participants:

- (1) State Minister of Development Affairs
- (2) State Minister of Revenue and Finance
- (3) Relocation and Rehabilitation Sub Committee (RRSC) members
- (4) Agencies: UNHCR, UNICEF, SI, DRC, ICRC, MRCS, CARE, SCF, MSF, ECHO

Minutes taken by: Zaw Min Htet, UNHCR

## Introduction

U Htun Wai, Chief Engineer from Department of Rural Development (Rakhine State) introduced U Mg San Shwe, Minister of Finance and Revenue and chairman of Relocation Sub-Committee with all the participants.

## Government's 8-unit Temporary Shelter Construction Update

- RRSC Chairman provided the following update on the construction of 992 temporary 8-unit shelters:

| No | Township   | Temporary 8-unit Shelters |          |                    |                   | Remarks  |
|----|------------|---------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
|    |            | Target                    | Complete | Under Construction | Under Preparation |  |
| 1  | Sittwe     | 627                       | 364      | 363                | -                 |  |
| 2  | Rathedaung | 64                        | 21       | 43                 | -                 |  |
| 3  | Kyauk Taw  | 111                       | 16       | 95                 | -                 |  |
| 4  | Minbya     | 84                        | -        | -                  | 84                | ▪ Coordination is still on going.  |
| 5  | Kyaukphyu  | 22                        | 22       | -                  | -                 | ▪ 19 from Govt and 3 from Services City                                      |
| 6  | Ramree     | 12                        | 6        | -                  | 6                 | ▪ 50% complete   |
| 7  | Mrauk U    | 72                        | -        | -                  | 72                | ▪ In Pa Rein village and Yaing Thay village, coordination is still on-going. |
|    |            | 992                       | 429      | 501                | 162               |  |

- RRSC plan to complete construction of their 992 shelters by the middle of June or last week of June 2013 apart from Mrauk Oo Township which is expected to take longer.
- The State Minister from the DDA reported that the State Govt had been approached by CARE offering to construct 227 temporary 8-unit shelters. The minister reported that the State already had funding for all of its 227 shelters but welcomed the funding offered by CARE. It was suggested that the greatest shelter need in Rural Sittwe is to replace the 50 shelters in Thet Kael Pyin constructed by the Govt during the first response. After a year, these shelters are now seriously dilapidated and require urgent replacement. The Govt requested CARE to consider replacing these shelters instead of constructing new shelters. CARE said they would inform Yangon and provide the minister with a response by Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June.

## UNHCR / DRC update: Temporary 8-unit Shelter in Pauktaw and Myebon

- UNHCR and DRC shared the progress matrix for temporary 8-unit shelter in Pauktaw & Myebon (1<sup>st</sup> June 2013). Progress has been slow to start but is expected to increase pace in order to be completed by the end of June.

## Relocation Update

| IDP Camp                                | Number of New Shelters                                    | Relocation  |
|---|---|---|
| Baw Du Par                              | 100 complete<br>40 on-going                               | 100 shelters are for IDPs in tents in BDP.<br>40 shelters will be allocated to IDPs from Da Paing and Teh Chaung  |
| OTG 2                                   | 80 complete   | 414 HH from Bu May Ohn Taw (from Pauktaw) – some families are willing to move, others are refusing to move<br>226 HH from Da Paing and The Chaung (Pauktaw & Kyaukphyu) |
| OTG 3<br>OTG 4<br>OTG 5                 | 85 complete<br>120 complete<br>0 complete<br>101 on-going | IDPs from Teh Chaung and Dar Paing  |
| Khaung Dok Gar                          | 46 complete<br>4 on-going                                 | IDPs in tents close to KDG site   |
| Dar Paing                               | 40 complete<br>60 on-going                                | IDPs from Dar Paing   |
| Maw Thi Nyar<br>(West of Thet Kae Pyin) | 25 complete<br>14 on-going                                | IDPs in KOICA tents at MTN  |
| Basara                                  | 52 on-going   | IDPs from Basara camp   |

- State Government stated that they will soon complete new road construction from Hmanzi junction to OTG 2.
- A new market area is under construction in OTG 1.
- Following preparedness for the Mahasen cyclone, the Govt reported that IDPs are now moving wherever they like making it very difficult to track their movements.
- Rakhine IDPs will be moved into the newly construct 669 individual houses near Sat Yoe Kya creek in downtown Sittwe. The State Government requested assistance from humanitarian agencies for assistance of water supply and WASH facilities.
- RRSC chairman requested humanitarian agencies to collaborate with Government to support the movement of IDPs to more suitable locations. He expressed that better camp coordination was required and that dialogue was required between the State Govt, the relocation sub-committee, respective village administrators, IDPs and concerned agencies.
- The minister stated that in some cases, it may be necessary to move IDPs for 'security reasons'.

## Than Htaw Li Update

- UNHCR, ACF and ECHO visited IDPs from Than Htaw Li in Dar Paing Camp (sector 3) as well as the point of origin, to discuss whether a return was possible in the near future. The visit was very positive with IDPs and villagers stating their immediate needs. It appears that the majority of farmers remain in the village requiring food assistance and agricultural inputs whilst those in the camps tended to be casual labourers requiring cash for work opportunities in the short term. A second visit will be organized by UNHCR to bring the leaders from the camps back to Than Htaw Li to discuss the options with those remaining at point of origin.
- The State Government stated that they have requested WFP to provide cash for work programmes in villages similar to Than Htaw Li. UNHCR suggested that the Govt needed to look beyond short-term fixes such as cash for work and should immediately be considering longer term livelihood support to the group the govt are terming 'economic IDPs'.

### **Compensation Arrangement by Rakhine State Government**

- Rakhine State Government had begun arranging the payment of compensation to land owners for the areas being and to be occupied by shelters and other basic infrastructure. Next week, the Govt will begin payment. The compensation includes two components: incentives such as labour contracts and land rental calculated from the average annual yield of the land occupied.

### **Reconstruction Update**

- Muslim Aid UK (MAUK) have begun construction in Baw Du Par. The 25 temporary 10-unit shelters will be replaced by 32 temporary 8-unit shelters and 6 kitchens. Completion is expected at the end of June. UNHCR pledged support to MAUK for 130 tents to temporarily move the IDPs during demolition and reconstruction.
- The 50 shelters in Thet Kae Pyin Camp urgently require replacement in the same way MAUK is replacing shelters in Baw Du Ba Camp. As these roofs leak very badly, ICRC offered to provide a temporary fix by covering the thatch roofs with tarpaulin until an agency could be identified to construct the 63 temporary 8-unit shelters required.
- CARE mentioned that it has some stocks of tarpaulins. They will contact Yangon and report back next week about the availability of tarpaulin.