

## Pre-Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting Minutes

**Venue:** Meeting Hall, Rakhine State Government Office

**Date:** Friday 21 June 2013

**Time:** 8:45 AM to 9:30 AM

### Meeting Participants:

- State Minister of Border Affairs and Security
- State Minister of Development Affairs
- Secretary of Rakhine State Government
- Chief Engineer, Department of Rural Development
- Richard Tracey, Shelter Coordinator, UNHCR Field Office, Sittwe
- Zaw Min Htet, Shelter Associate, UNHCR Field Office, Sittwe
- Dancho Arizankoski, Emergency Response Coordinator, DRC, Sittwe
- Representative from Gisapa Myint Mahar Construction Company Limited
- Representative from Services City Construction Company Limited
- Representative from ZWE Construction Company Limited

**Minutes:** Zaw Min Htet, UNHCR

### *Discussions to Speed Up Shelter Construction in Pauktaw and Myebon*

- Rakhine State Government pushed the construction companies to complete shelters before the end of June 2013.
- Yesterday, Union Minister of Border Affairs reported to the President about shelters construction progress in Rakhine State and Pauktaw has the least progress.
- Most of shelters by State Government are almost complete. However UNHCR and DRC shelter progress in Pauktaw and Myebon is progressing very slowly. The Govt wished to question the contractors as to the problems and to support where required.
- Since Chief Minister was in the field, the meeting was organized together with other ministers. The purpose of the meeting was to investigate ways to speed up the works in Pauktaw and Myebon.
- UNHCR shared (4) issues for the delays:
  - (1) Preparation for the Mahasen Cyclone and the lack of security on site (materials had to be removed from the site)
  - (2) Compensation arrangement by State Government (communities want to see cash in their hands before shelter construction)
  - (3) Size of labour force – great difficulties in getting labour from amongst IDPs
  - (4) Misinformation campaign claiming that the Govt are constructing camps which will be fenced off and movements further restricted
- Respective Township Administrators were working hard to solve the problems.
- Shortage of labour is occurring in all Pauktaw IDP camps.

### ***Zwe Construction Company Update***

- There are insufficient numbers of skilled workers in the Nget Chaung area. The IDPs are not familiar with construction work because most of them are fishermen.
- About (30) labourers were brought from Minbya Township.
- There were about (350) labourers at Nget Chaung and the company would like to bring additional (350) labourers from Sittwe.
- Construction materials are already on site.

### ***Gissapa Myint Mahar Construction Company Update***

- In Kyein Ni Pyin Camp, some people wanted to work for shelter construction. However others have been aggressively obstructing the work.
- Due to labour shortage at the camp, the company had to bring some other people for shelters construction works and IDPs agreed on this arrangement.
- Delivery of construction materials was being obstructed.

### ***Services City's Update***

- In A Nauk Ywe Camp, delivery of construction materials was underway.
  - Minister of Security mentioned that some points reported by construction companies were not reasonable. The companies must take responsibility for the work as outlined in their contracts with UNHCR & DRC. They should have contingency plans for resolving these types of problems.
  - With regards to land compensation arrangement, the Government had already given money to land owners in Pauktaw.
  - Due to language barriers, IDPs may not fully understand the Government position. UNHCR requested the Government to disseminate information in Bengali language to ensure the masses are receiving the correct information.
  - Government stated it trusts UNHCR, DRC and the local construction companies. It said that if we work together, we may be able to complete construction of the shelters in early July. The kitchens and elevated walkways are second priority.
  - If the construction companies have further difficulties, they can report to the State Govt for support.
  - UNHCR requested the Government to handle issues diplomatically.
  - It is necessary to correct the misinformation received by IDPs at some camps. The Government, respective townships authorities and UNCHR should work collaboratively to provide clear explanations to IDP concerns and to dispel rumours.
  - If it is not possible to mobilize IDPs from the camps for shelter construction works by the companies, the Government will support the companies to bring people from other townships such as Sittwe.
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## Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting Minutes

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

**Date:** Friday 21 June 2013

**Time:** 10:20 AM to 11:30 AM

### Meeting Participants:

- State Minister of Development Affairs
- Relocation and Rehabilitation Sub Committee (RRSC) members
- UN, INGO & LNGO Agencies:
 

UNHCR	Danish Refugee Council (DRC)	Dutch Consortium of NGOs (CDN)
UNICEF	Save the Children (SC)	Medicine Sans Frontier (MSF)
OCHA	Solidarites International (SI)	Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS)
CARE	Malteser International	International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (ICRC)
ACF	CDN	

### Sittwe Update

- Save requested the Govt to provide clarity as to the agreement reached with CARE Myanmar. This is particularly important for WASH actors working in the same camps where CARE will construct 224 shelters..
- RRSC found some potential sites for (250) shelters.  
Tentative plan was as follows:
  - 15 shelters at the back of the new 25 shelters at Hmanzi
  - 10 shelters at the back of the new 12 shelters constructed by MAUK at Baw Du Ba
  - 100 shelters between Ohn Taw Gyi-1 and Ohn Taw Gyi-3
  - 50 shelters next to MRF's shelters at Ohn Taw Gyi-3
  - some shelters at Say Tha Mar Gyi-2
- It was pointed out that if CARE construct in the areas suggested, that there will no longer be any breathing space. It was stressed by the Cluster Lead that the Govt must consider the infrastructure needs to ensure effective camp management and not to solely focus on the provision of shelter.
- As a new road is being constructed between Ohn Taw Gyi 2 (OTG 2) and Say Tha Mar Gyi (STMG), one of the best sites still available is STMG 2 where UNHCR have already completed a site plan for 95 shelters. RRSC said they would consider this site and report back to the cluster at a later date.
- The Govt said that CARE are keen to begin construction as soon as possible
- The Cluster questioned as to whom is most likely to live inside the new shelters conducted by CARE. The Govt explained that a decision had still not yet been taken regarding whether economic IDPs would be entitled to receive temporary shelter. However, the Govt pointed out that the shelter constructed by CARE would be used to fill any gaps that might appear after IDPs have been relocated into newly constructed Govt shelters as well as to ensure that larger IDP households are provided more than one shelter unit.
- IDPs from Pauktaw and Kyauk Phyu will be prioritized to receive shelters. Many have moved into OTG 2



- If additional shelters remain unused, RRSC will consider allowing 'economic IDPs' to occupy them.
- Save pointed out that it is imperative that site planning provide an adequate space for the construction of WASH facilities.
- It was suggested that a shelter priority is to reconstruct the 50 temporary 10-unit shelters in Thet Kae Pyin Camp with 63 temporary 8-unit shelters. The Govt agreed and said it would ask CARE Myanmar to replace these shelters.
- ICRC stated that it will provide tarpaulins for the roofs of the 50 shelters in Thet Kae Pyin Camp.
- MSF shared progress of clinic construction at Kyein Ni Pyin Camp, A Nauk Ywe Camp, and Sin Tet Maw Camp. For Nget Chaung Camp, they have no plans to construct a clinic yet.
- Ms. Jolanda van Dijk, new CCCM Cluster Coordinator UNHCR was introduced.

### *Next Meeting*

Venue: The office of Development Affairs Minister, Rakhine State Government Office  
Date: Friday 28 June 2013  
Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

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