

## Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting Minutes

**Venue:** UNHCR Field Office, Sittwe  
**Date:** Friday, 28 June 2013  
**Time:** 10:15 AM to 12:30 PM  
**Participants:** UNHCR, CARE, Solidarites, DRC, Malteser International  
**Minutes:** Zaw Min Htet, UNHCR

### *Pauktaw Update*

- Shelter construction progress has been slow as a result of disputes between IDPs, contractors and skilled workforces brought in to construct the shelter as the IDP in the camps in question do not wish to participate in the construction.
- On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, the Rakhine State Government Ministers together with UNHCR made a field visit to Kyein Ni Pyin IDP Camp, Pauktaw to quash the rumours that have led to the disputes around shelter.

### *Sittwe Update*

- CARE Myanmar has made an agreement with the Rakhine State Government to replace (50) 10-unit temporary shelters with (63) 8-unit temporary shelters in Thet Kae Pyin IDP Camp, to construct (50) 8-unit temporary shelters at Baw Du Ba IDP Camp, and (86) 8-unit temporary shelters at Ohn Taw Gyi IDP Camp. Another site at Hmanzi is also being considered but no formal agreement has yet been reached.
- The Shelter Cluster members asked CARE for details of the precise locations for their construction. However, CARE were unable to provide this information and said they would provide it at a later date.
- CARE Myanmar said they are planning to make some modifications to the shelter design. However, at these are ideas in the pipeline and once developed, CARE plan to share with the Cluster.
- Cluster member pointed out that as a standard design had been implemented in all the other IDP camps, that such modifications could create tensions amongst the IDPs who did not receive the same shelters.
- UNHCR explained how they are working together with the Protection Working Group (PWG) to develop ideas for retro-fitting shelters to improve standards and respond to IDP complaints of limited privacy in the temporary shelters.
- CARE Myanmar said they have already received IDPs lists for the relocation of IDPs into their proposed shelters.
- CARE Myanmar requested cluster members to share their list of preferred construction companies.
- CARE Myanmar stated that they are recruiting for site supervisors/engineers for 2-3 months. They mentioned that they preferred women engineers and if members knew of suitable candidates requested them to contact CARE.
- UNHCR as Shelter Cluster Lead were requested to assist with site planning. UNHCR stated that they could provide a surveyor to CARE as required.

- UNHCR raised concerns of potential over-crowding in the Ohn Taw Gyi area and WASH actors also raised concerns as to whether there is enough space for WASH facilities in this area.
- Solidarites pointed out that the Govt have not been following the site plans developed by UNHCR in Da Paing. The distance between shelters has been reduced from 15 feet to 11 feet. However, the Government have left spaces for kitchens and bathing facilities in all the sites where they are currently constructing their 624 shelters.
- IDPs are continuing to cook inside their shelters. **UNHCR have been conducting** focus group discussions with women in Baw du Par to investigate what can be done to improve the communal kitchen areas. Women expressed their views to convert kitchen to recreation centres or even an area for drying clothes. However, they unanimously stated that they did not want to use these communal areas for cooking.
- Malteser shared that there were some threats to local staff during monitoring field visits in the camps.
- Malteser expressed that the roof of the clinic constructed by UNHCR at Ohn Taw Gyi-1 requires repair and it is damaging the furniture provided by Malteser.

### *Discussions about Rakhine State Response Plan*

- Setting out overall objective, key indicators, and activities for Rakhine State Response Plans were discussed.
- A draft activity plan prepared by UNHCR was circulated as a basis to develop the revision of the Rakhine Response Plan. All agencies stated that the ideas presented in this draft were in line with their own ideas. The draft will be used at the first inter-agency meeting for the revision of plan on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### *Meeting Participants*

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