

## Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting Minutes

**Venue:** Office of the State Minister for Development Affairs

**Date:** Friday 18th July 2013

**Time:** 10:15 am to 11:30 pm

**Minutes:** Zaw Min Htet, UNHCR

**Participants:** UNHCR, UNICEF, CARE, ICRC, SI

### Sittwe Update

- The Rehabilitation Sub-Committee reported that there are no longer any IDPs living in makeshift shelter or tents in the Thet Kae Pyin area. The last IDPs to receive temporary shelter are now located in Thae Chaung and Dar Paing camps.
- Over the next 2 weeks, the Rakhine State Government (RSG) will construct an additional 200 temporary 8-unit shelters in Rural Sittwe:
  - 39 shelters in **Maw Thi Nyar** (West of Thet Kae Pyin),
  - 60 shelters near to **Thet Kae Pyin** camp (to be called Thet Kae Pyin 2),
  - 41 near the roadside in **Dar Paing** sector 3
  - 60 shelters in **Baw Du Ba** between the host community and the new market in OTG 1
- To reduce over-crowding, the Govt explained they had considered sites near to Say Thar Mar Gyi. However, IDPs in Thae Chaung and Da Paing refused to relocate. Consequently, the Govt have selected the sites listed above.
- The rehabilitation sub-committee has requested WASH facilities for the new 200 Govt shelters to the WASH Cluster.
- UNHCR highlighted that including the new construction by the Govt, that a total of 453 new shelters are currently under construction (CARE 120, MRF 83, MRCS 50, Govt. 200). These shelters should serve approximately 22,000 people. Following the recent relocation, UNHCR questioned whether this many IDPs remaining without shelter in Rural Sittwe.

The Sub-Committee explained that during the last relocation, a large number of the 'economic IDPs' were allocated shelter. As a consequence more shelters are now required in Rural Sittwe. The Govt stated that on 11<sup>th</sup> July, the Sub-Committee identified 4,085 HH in need of shelter in Thae Chaung and Da Paing; either in host families or in makeshift shelters and tents.

- In the past 6 weeks, since the CCCM Camp List was updated, 5,360 new IDPs have arrived in the camps, migrating from nearby villages such as Than Taw Ly village. UNHCR questioned whether this indicates a change in the position of the Govt to recognise this group, previously known as the 'economic IDPs'.

The Sub-Committee stated that a large number of 'economic IDPs' are already living in temporary shelter in **Ohn Taw Gyi 4 & 5**. The sub-committee stated that all IDPs would be provided with temporary shelter but did not clearly state whether this included shelter for IDPs in surrounding villages.

- CARE Myanmar will construct 183 shelters in the following locations:
  - 63 shelters in **Thet Kae Pyin** (replacing 50 dilapidated 10-unit shelters)
  - 45 shelters in **Ohn Taw Gyi 6** (between OTG 1 & OTG 3)
  - 50 shelters in **Baw Du Par**
  - 25 shelters in **Hmanzi**
- CARE Myanmar explained that they have not been able to reach an agreement concerning the location of 41 shelters in **Da Paing camp**. Consequently, CARE has taken a decision to reduce their commitment from 224 shelters to 183 unless shelter needs can be identified.
- The completion of 60 shelters out of 120 shelters in **Ohn Taw Gyi 3** was reported by MRF.
- MRF plan to construct an additional 33 shelters in Rural Sittwe. The location of these shelters will be determined at a later date.
- Malteser International explained that MRF have not been following the site plan in **Ohn Taw Gyi 3** and that shelters are encroaching into areas reserved for WASH facilities. Malteser offered to take the lead to coordinate shelter and WASH activities on this site. UNHCR will provide support by updating the site plans accordingly.
- ICRC will replace the final 15 temporary 10-unit shelters (thatch roof and tarpaulin walls) in **Baw Du Par** with 19 temporary 8-unit shelters.
- Rehabilitation sub-committee reported that a site visit was made to **Ba Sa Ra** with UNHCR, DRD and the land record department (LRD) to look for alternative land for shelters and WASH facilities. Although one area was identified, agreement was not reached with the land owner and instead the shelters will be constructed on lower land. The rehabilitation sub-committee requested Shelter Cluster members to construct raised walkways, as UNHCR and DRC are doing in Pauktaw and Myebon.
- The Land Records Department reported that construction has been delayed in Rural Sittwe as it is often very difficult to track down land owners. Much of the land proposed for shelter construction has changed hands without recording these changes with the Land Records Department.
- Solidarites International raised concerns that the Govt shelter being constructed in **Da Paing** are not following the site plans agreed on by the Govt, UNHCR, CARE and Solidarites. The sub-committee reported that due to the urgent nature of construction, contractors had not followed the site plans. The Sub-Committee requested UNHCR to update the plans based on what has been constructed.

### **Update from areas outside Sittwe**

- UNHCR reported that construction has resumed in all IDPs camps in Myebon and Pauktaw. Construction is expected to be completed in Nget Chaung by 1<sup>st</sup> August and in other camps by 17<sup>th</sup> August.
- DRC pointed out that the contractor in Kyein Ni Pyin has not been following the site plan and has encroached into areas previously allocated for WASH facilities. UNHCR offered to make a site visit to Kyein Ni Pyin with DRC on Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July to resolve this issue.