

## Rakhine Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting

### Minutes

**Venue:** Office of the State Minister for Development Affairs  
**Date:** Friday 26th July 2013  
**Time:** 10:15 am to 12:15 pm  
**Minutes:** Zaw Min Htet, UNHCR  
**Participants:** Relocation and Rehabilitation Sub Committee (RRSC), UNHCR, UNICEF, CARE, ICRC, SI, DRC, Malteser International, RI, OXFAM

### Sittwe Update

#### Government Update

- Rakhine State Government (R.S.G) finished (627) shelters in Sittwe and relocation was already done.
- Union Government and State Government were trying to place IDPs under the roofs by the end of July 2013.
- It was difficult to find available land in rural areas of Sittwe. Some areas were near Rakhine villages and some were flood prone areas. Some were remote areas having difficult access and IDPs were not willing to go there.
- Say Tha Mar Gyi area had difficult access.
- Ohn Taw Gyi area was already crowded and UNHCR also raised their concern about that.
- Baw Du Ba area was also the same having about (300) temporary shelters.
- In Khaing Doke Khar area, some available lands were found out but flood prone area.
- It needed to understand that the purpose of R.S.G was to finish all shelters in Rakhine State by the end of July 2013 although R.S.G had many difficulties in finding available land and finishing shelters in time.
- HHs in Thae Chaung area: (2363) HHs, (14986) people from Sittwe town and (276) HHs, (1135) people from Kyauk Phyu. There were also economic IDPs (46 HHs, 255 people) from Bu May area and Than Htaw Li area. However, the list might differ.
- HHs in Dar Paing area: (84) from Bu May and (47) from Ma Gyi Myaing were staying in green tents, (81) from Bu May and (258) from Ma Gyi Myaing were staying in makeshift tents, (116) HHs from multiple villages, (254) HHs from Than Htaw Li.
- If R.S.G finishes clearing IDPs from Dar Paing and Thae Chaung, there will be no more construction of shelters.
- R.S.G and CARE had already started construction of shelters in rural areas. The progress for R.S.G was about 30% and 40% for CARE.
- (224) shelters from CARE and (200) from R.S.G will be finished by the end of July 2013.
- In Bar Sa Rar camp, R.S.G finished (52) shelters. Land was available for latrine construction. The area was flood prone and it was requested to agencies to implement walkways around shelters area. Without walkways, it will be difficult to relocate IDPs to that area.
- R.S.G had relocated Rakhine IDPs to new area (Sat Yoe Kya). However, there were still remaining IDPs in some camps. R.S.G stopped construction of individual houses there.

- For empty camps, R.S.G will sell shelters to local contractors and the money will be used for IDPs.

#### MRF Update

- Myanmar Resources Foundation (MRF) was suggested by R.S.G not to focus shelters construction but to consider food distribution. Some economic IDPs had shortage of food and R.S.G and WFP were not able to provide them. MRF agreed to fill the gap. It was reported to R.S.G that about (130) HHs from Dar Paing had shortage of food.

#### MRCS Update

- MRCS had proposed R.S.G before to construct (50) temporary shelters with Qatar Funds in rural areas of Sittwe. Yesterday they came again and Minister of Development Affairs had reported to Chief Minister. Chief Minister had approved MRCS's shelter project and available land was still being looked for together with Land Records Department (LRD), Department of Rural Department (DRD) and UNHCR. The potential area will be around in Thet Kae Pyin and Hmanzi area.

#### CARE Update

- In Dar Paing area, R.S.G had finished (100) shelters. R.S.G had started additional (41) and CARE also (41) so totally there were (182) shelters. Comparing to other camps, it cannot be said that Dar Paing was crowded. And also, it was also high land and the soil type was sand so flood cannot happen in that area.
- Out of (224) temporary shelters from CARE, (63) were to replace shelters from Thet Kae Pyin camp. So, only (161) were for other IDPs. They were 50 in Baw Du Ba, 45 in Ohn Taw Gyi, 25 in Hmanzi and 41 in Dar Paing.
- Development Affairs Minister requested the suggestion from Shelter Cluster for (41) shelters of CARE in Dar Paing. It was advised to stop construction works.
- It will be better to receive suggestion from Shelter Cluster before shelters construction in Dar Paing. If the works were stopped, there will be difficulties for the construction companies as the agreements were already made and works were on going.
- CARE and MRCS fully covered the needs of shelters in Sittwe. To be accountable to donors for CARE and MRCS and to be clear, UNHCR said to take responsibilities by R.S.G for assistances for new arrivals to their (200) shelters. Development Affairs Minister said it cannot be decided now to take responsibilities for those new ones. R.S.G had no accurate figures of IDPs and they mixed. It was reported to R.S.G by Development Affairs Minister to select IDPs from the lists.

#### Pauktaw Update

- According to R.S.G, shelters construction progress of UNHCR in Pauktaw Township was slow so respective construction companies (Gissapa Myint Mahar, ZWE and Services City) were called a meeting on 24 July 2013 to speed up the works.
- The companies agreed to finish shelters by the end of July 2013 and other structures like walkways and kitchens on 7 August 2013.
- After shelter construction, R.S.G will relocate IDPs to completed shelters.
- Before relocation process, UNHCR said final inspection was crucial for shelters construction because it was found that construction companies did not follow the designs and quality was also issues to UNHCR.

### Update from areas outside Sittwe

- R.S.G already reminded other (10) construction companies for other affected townships to finish temporary shelters construction by the end of July 2013.
- Shelter needs in Kyauk Taw, Min Bya and Mrauk Oo Townships shared with Development Affairs Minister by UNHCR was followed up and he also had asked respective Township Administrators. They replied that the list of shelters needs based on the list received from respective Village Administrators (VA). UNHCR team had met with respective Township Administrators and they said they did not receive any instructions from State Government. UNHCR raised there might be miscommunication between State Government and Township General Administration Departments.
- So far, there was no feedback from them yet. If there was a need, R.S.G will inform MRCS to consider those areas rather than Sittwe.

### AOB

- During last shelter cluster coordination meeting, there were discussions with regards to access to Say Tha Mar Gyi camp and Ohn Taw Gyi camp.
- UNHCR tried to get funds from SWISS Government and UNOPS and it did not succeed.
- R.S.G spent about 20 million kyats to build earthen road to Say Tha Mar Gyi and Ohn Taw Gyi. Due to limited budget, R.S.G was not able to construct gravel road.
- DRD will construct asphalt road from Khaung Doke Kha to Say Tha Mar Ngae this year.
- With regards to road construction, UNHCR suggested checking with UNDP. R.S.G had not received any feedback from UNDP.
- R.S.G requested agencies for construction of clinics, schools and livelihoods for IDPs in all camps.

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