

## Rakhine Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting

### Minutes

**Venue:** Office of the State Minister for Development Affairs  
**Date:** Friday 2nd August 2013  
**Time:** 09:25 am to 11:15 pm  
**Minutes:** Zaw Min Htet, UNHCR  
**Participants:** Relocation and Rehabilitation Sub Committee (RRSC), UNHCR, UNICEF, CARE, SI & DRC

### Sittwe Update

- Rakhine State Government (R.S.G) completed 627 temporary 8-unit shelters in rural Sittwe.
- The additional 200 shelters under construction will be completed in the first week of August.
- IDPs have been relocated into all of the 627 Govt constructed shelters. However, arrangements made by the relocation sub-committee were weak which subsequently led to a large number of households, not recognised as IDPs by the Govt, occupying many of the shelters.
- UNHCR raised concerns that the additional 200 shelters under construction by the Govt should not be used to encourage the depopulation of nearby Muslim villages. The Govt responded by requesting both MRF and MRCS/IFRC to stop the construction of 33 and 50 shelters respectively in rural Sittwe
- Care Myanmar reported that 224 temporary 8-unit shelters currently under construction will be completed soon.
- On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August, a team led by the Chief Minister surveyed IDP camps in rural Sittwe to identify suitable plots of land for the construction of camp management offices and fire watch towers.
- R.S.G reported that the Union Government has instructed the R.S.G to construct schools and clinics in the camps.
- R.S.G requested UNHCR to use the multi-purpose buildings constructed in 3 camps of rural Sittwe temporarily for schools and clinics. CCCM Cluster Coordinator requested the Shelter Cluster to provide a list of multi-purpose buildings and their locations to discussion at the next CCCM meeting.
- As no agency responded to the call by the R.S.G to construct elevated walkways in BaSaRa IDP camp where 70 HHs are currently occupying shelters, the R.S.G propose to use sand bags to elevate pathways above flood levels

### Myebon Update

- Shelters construction in Myebon is close to completion. Families have been occupying shelter as each cluster has been completed.

### **Pauktaw Update**

- Progress of shelter construction in Pauktaw has been delayed for a range of environmental and social issues. The R.S.G reported they have met with contractors who have been encouraged to speed up the works.
- The construction of WASH facilities in Nget Chaung, Sin Tet Maw and Ah Nauk Ywe has not yet begun. Without appropriate WASH facilities, it will not be possible to relocate IDPs into shelter in a timely manner.
- UNHCR requested the Department of Rural Development to participate in the final inspection of shelters constructed by UNHCR in Myebon and Pauktaw.
- DRC reported that in Sin Tet Maw, although some shelters are complete, IDPs have not yet been relocated as small technical issues remain unresolved.

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

- UNHCR raised the issue of gaps for temporary shelter in Kyawtaw, Minbya and Mrauk U townships according to the CCCM camp list. UNHCR estimate the need for an additional 67 temporary 8-unit shelters for the 3 townships. The minister said he would confirm the gaps with the relevant township administrator and if required, would request MRCS/IFRC to construct up to 50 shelters

### **AOB**

- UNHCR reported that structures intended as communal kitchen areas are not being used by IDPs. UNHCR explained they have conducted focus group discussions with women in Baw Du Par and as a result will consider retro-fitting all the communal kitchens by removing the internal partitions and constructing a timber floor to make an alternative multi-purpose building. The precise usage of each building will be decided by the IDPs living in the cluster of 5 shelters which each kitchen serves.
- DRC reported that a shelter in Sin Tet Maw was hit by lightning and burnt to the ground. The R.S.G was asked where there are any plans to install lightning conductors in the camps. The R.S.G reported that there are no plans to install lightning conductors at the present time. However, if it is deemed necessary, lightning conductors could be attached to the fire watch towers.
- The CCCM cluster coordinator recommended that the name of the towers proposed by the R.S.G for the security of IDPs should be changed from 'Security Tower' to 'Fire Watch Tower' and staffed by members of Sittwe Fire Brigade Department.
- The Minister of DDA explained that the relocation process will be led by U Thar Lu Chay (Minister of Electricity and Industry) and Dr. Aung Kyaw Min (Minister of Social Affairs).
- UNHCR suggested the R.S.G should invite all humanitarian actors to a presentation of the Govt relocation plan. The minister said he would discuss the issue with the Chief Minister.
- The Shelter Cluster coordinator requested the R.S.G to share their long term plans for Set Yoe Kya, the area in urban Sittwe for new individual shelter for Rakhine IDPs. The R.S.G replied that long term plans have not been made yet.
- The Chief Engineer of DRD presented the design of a new bridge to link Set Yoe Kya with downtown Sittwe.

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