

Rakhine Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting

Minutes

- Venue:** Office of the State Minister of Transport and Communication
- Date:** Friday 16th August 2013
- Time:** 09:30 am to 10.45 am
- Minutes:** Zaw Min Htet, UNHCR
- Participants:** Relocation and Rehabilitation Sub Committee (RRSC), UNHCR, UNICEF, Danish Refugee Committee (DRC), Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS), Relief International (RI), Malteser International, CARE Myanmar, Solidarites International (SI), Myanmar Resource Foundation (MRF)

General Updates

- UNHCR reported that they are in the process of finalizing handover documents for the infrastructure constructed by UNHCR to date. UNHCR will make the templates (both English and Myanmar versions) available for all cluster partners.
- As the temporary shelter phase is nearing completion, the Shelter Cluster Coordinator for Rakhine State proposed that cluster implementing partners conduct an independent review of Cluster activities implemented to date. The review will provide an opportunity for all cluster partners to provide recommendations to improve coordination in future emergency responses.
- The sub-committee for Rehabilitation had no plans to construct health centres. However as part of the emergency response, RSG constructed some temporary health centres in IDPs camps where the Ministry of Health was unable to implement them.

RSG shared the need for temporary primary schools (TPS) and temporary clinic (TC):

Area	IDP Camp	Temporary Primary Schools	Temporary Clinics
Rural Sittwe (Muslim)	Ohn Taw Gyi	4	-
	Baw Du Ba	1	1
	Kon Doke Gar	-	1
	Dar Paing	1	-
	Thet Kael Pyin	2	2
Urban Sittwe (Rakhine)	Set Yoe Kya	1	1
		9	5

- The scarcity of firewood in IDPs is having a strong impact on shelter and other infrastructure with IDPs destroying the infrastructure. UNHCR again raised the issue and insisted that the Minister relay the concerns of agencies to the relative committee. It is imperative that this issue is resolved as soon as possible.

Sittwe Update

- The majority of the 224 temporary shelters implemented by CARE and 200 by Rakhine State Government (RSG) should be completed next week. However, it will take CARE two weeks to finish in Thet Kael Pyin Camp.
- Delays in construction and relocation have occurred as a result of the recent security incidents in rural IDPs camps in Sittwe. Construction is now back on track.
- The Minister and DRD stressed the importance of planning for shelter and WASH simultaneously. He pointed out that the WASH Cluster has a lot of work ahead of them before IDPs can be relocated into new temporary shelter.
- MRF reported that 65 shelters in OTG-3 are complete and that another 10 shelters are on-going.
- MRF agreed to halt their plans to construct another 33 temporary 8-unit shelters in Rural Sittwe and transfer funds to support short term gaps in food aid i.e. for the group referred to as 'economic IDPs' by the Govt who currently are unrecognised as IDPs.
- The Shelter Cluster Coordinator shared concerns from the donor community about non-recognized IDPs moving into shelters constructed using donor funds. This is particularly relevant to agencies constructing during the final temporary shelter phase in Rural Sittwe.

The Minister expressed understanding of the concern and explained that in the case of the 224 shelters constructed by CARE only recognised IDPs would be relocated in these shelters. IDPs currently unrecognized i.e. 'economic IDPs', but being provided with temporary shelter, will be relocated into shelters constructed by the Govt.

- UNOPS have completed an assessment for emergency road repairs in Sittwe. The budget is expected to be approximately \$500,000. UNOPS has requested plans from the DRD for emergency road repairs in the other affected 8 townships. UNOPS will draft a proposal and look for donors.
- The Chief Engineer of DRD announced that the RSG plan to re-name the IDP camps in Sittwe to simply administrative processes. UNHCR are currently providing technical support to DRD for developing the finalized site plans for each location which will be used for billboards at the entrances to each camp. The new names will be effective from 1st September 2013.
- CCCM Cluster visited Ohn Taw Gyi 2 and some other camps in Rural Sittwe and found that some structures such as multi-purpose building (large) are vacant. The RSG requested to use some of these buildings for temporary schools.

It was agreed that the CCCM Cluster will discuss the issue with members and propose ideas for how the management committees will use these structures.

- Concern was raised that the police forces have occupied some buildings in the IDP camps of Rural Sittwe. The RSG explained that these Govt constructed buildings are being used temporarily by the police force but that the RSG will construct dedicated structure for the security forces.

Pauktaw Update

- UNHCR and DRC reported that shelter construction in Pauktaw is back on track and will be completed in all locations by the end of August. However, neither Solidarites nor SAVE have begun the construction of WASH facilities. The table below illustrates the shelter and WASH agencies active in each camp.

Township	IDP Camp	Implementing Agency	
		Shelter	WASH
Pauktaw	Kyein Ni Pyin	UNHCR	DRC
	Nget Chaung 1	UNHCR	Solidarites
	Nget Chaung 2	UNHCR	Solidarites
	Ah Nauk Ywe	DRC	Solidarites
	Sin Tet Maw	DRC	SAVE

As it is not feasible to relocate IDPs into shelters before WASH facilities are complete, the Minister urged WASH agencies to put pressure on their contractors to complete the work as quickly as possible. UNHCR pointed out that the quickest way to speed up the relocation process would be to construct some emergency latrines while the more permanent flood-proof latrines are being constructed.

Myebon Update

- UNHCR reported on a monitoring visit to the two IDP camps in Myebon. Although construction is almost complete, IDPs have been forced to destroy sections of the raised walkways as there is a chronic lack of firewood for IDPs in Taung Paw camp.

The lack of firewood has been an issue that has been discussed in the coordination meetings of all sectors. However, no agencies have developed strategies/plans for resolving the issue. UNHCR stated that the condition of shelters and supporting infrastructure will deteriorate very quickly unless the firewood issue is resolved immediately.

Kyawtaw, Minbya, Mrauk U and Rathedaung Update

- UNHCR shared with RSG the shelter gap of 63 shelters identified for IDPs in Minbya (47), Kyauktaw (14) and Mrauk Oo (2) townships. The Minister thanked UNHCR and said he would check with the relative Township administrators.
- RSG had coordinated with the respective Township Administrators to check shelter gaps in Minbya, Mrauk U, Kyauktaw and Rathedaung townships. A total of 57 temporary 8-unit shelters are required which is lower than the estimate from the CCCM camp list as many IDP households have already constructed temporary shelter and do not require additional shelters.

Township	IDP Camp	Shelters
Minbya	San Htoo Tan	1
	Thar Dar	13
	Sam Bar Lay	1
	Tha Yet Oat	6
	Paik Thay	1
		22

Township	IDP Camp	Shelters
Kyauktaw	Gote Pi Htaung	5
	A Pauk Wa	4
	Khaung Doek	2
	Let Saung Kauk	1
	Ni Din village	2
		14

Township	IDP Camp	Shelters
Rathedaung	Rathedaung	7
	Koe Tan Kauk	10
	Chein Khar Li	1
	A Nauk Pyin	1
		19

Township	IDP Camp	Shelters
Mrauk Oo	Pa Rein	2
		2

- At last week's coordination meeting, MRCS/IFRC reported that they are considering relocating their commitment to construct an additional 50 temporary 8-unit shelters from Sittwe to address shelter gaps in Kyauktaw, Minbya and Mrauk U. Following coordination meetings between the RSG, UNHCR and MRCS/IFRCs gaps for an additional 38 shelters have been identified in the 3 townships.

MRCS reconfirmed that they are committed to filling this gap on the condition that travel authorization (TA) can be assured for the representative of the donor, the Qatar Red Crescent, to conduct at least 2 site visits; one preliminary visit and a visit for the final inspection of works. The Minister agreed with the condition and stated the RSG would provide its full support to obtain TAs and to support field visits for the ex-patriate.

UNHCR will provide technical support to MRCS/IFRC: site planning, drawings and BoQs

- The need for the construction of health clinics and temporary schools in Rathedaung was reported by the Minister. However, UNHCR explained that as funding for this infrastructure would come through the health and education sectors and not through the Shelter Cluster, that these needs should be shared with agencies working in the relevant sectors.

The needs identified were as follows:

Township	IDP Camp	Temporary Clinic	Temporary School
Rathedaung	A Nauk Pyin	1	-
	Nyaung Bin Gyi	1	-

	Chaing Khar Li	1	1
	Koe Tan Kauk	-	1
		3	2

Any Other Business

- UNHCR requested RSG to share their plans for IDPs staying near to the rubber factory at Hmanzi and whether the Govt now recognise this group as IDPs entitled to a full assistance package. The RSG explained that this area has become a “transit area” and the group mentioned by UNHCR is the 3rd group to stay in this location before being relocated into temporary shelters.
- UNHCR requested the RSG not to take back UNHCR tents issued to IDPs. UNHCR explained that the tents are now the property of IDPs and that after the IDPs move into temporary shelter, they can use them in any way they see fit e.g. to make bags or raincoats etc.

The Minister explained that the tents will not be taken back. However, if IDPs choose to leave them behind, they will be cleared and stored by the Township authorities.

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