

Rakhine Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting

Minutes

Venue: Office of the State Minister of Transport and Communication

Date: Friday 25th October 2013

Time: 9:45 am to 11:15 am

Minutes: Zaw Min Htet, UNHCR

Participants: DRD, UNHCR, DRC, SI, OCHA, MRCS & UNICEF

Updates:

Agency	Update
Rakhine State Government	<p>a) State Minister of Transport and Communication was away from Sittwe for two weeks due to his mission to Thandwe. The mission was intended for the rehabilitation works and stability there. After the recent conflict, about (70) people, Rakhines' and Kamans' were detained. Level of trust is decreasing between two communities and rule of law was weak, so additional security forces were deployed to maintain peace and order. The efforts from local authorities, township elders, religious leaders, were needed to discuss thoroughly what they wanted to do in the future. The minister explained that 112 houses (11 from Rakhine and 101 from Kaman) were burnt during the Thandwe violence. The breakdown of Kaman burnt houses is: 44 in Shwe Hlay Village, 41 in Tha Byu Chaing Village, 10 in Mae Kyun Village, 1 in Kyauk Seik Village, 1 in Mya Kyun Village, 1 in An Taung Village, 1 in ward (3), 1 in ward (5), 1 in ward (6). The Rakhine State Government (RSG) had already delivered tents to the affected locations. The RSG and humanitarian organizations also donated rice (costing 1 million kyats) to the affected population for two-weeks. It was noted that Kamans are different from the other Muslim IDPs in that they have access to livelihoods and therefore needs are less.</p> <p>b) The RSG said that they will be allowed to reconstruct their houses at their original points of origin. Kamans are staying at their relatives' houses and Rakhines in one monastery at Tha Byu Chaing village. RSG and Union Government provided 1.5 million kyats to each affected family to reconstruct their houses. The size of the individual house is 15'x16' with iron sheet roofing, bamboo mat wall and timber plank floors. The affected family are allowed to extend or have a bigger house if they can afford it. For the 11 houses in Shwe Hlay village, roof frames works were under construction. For the affected families who cannot reconstruct their houses, construction companies had been assigned to construct these houses. Erection of column posts had started. The companies were given a month to finish the works. For the families, they were given a target to finish within three weeks. Although there is time limit for the works, there will be no consequences for the families. Government's purpose of time limit is to reduce the IDP like situation. The reasoning is, if the families occupy their own individual houses, they will not be considered as IDPs. There are about 15 to 20 hotels near the beach and it was expected that there will be decrease on the arrival of guests/tourists and business will slow down due to the recent conflict.</p> <p>c) RSG implementing the construction of (9) temporary shelters in Kyein Ni Pyin IDP Camp, Pauktaw Township. This was nearing completion.</p> <p>d) Malaysian Relief Agency came to the State Minister and discussed about shelter and WaSH activities. The agency also met separately with UNICEF.</p> <p>e) For MRCS's (50) temporary shelters in Kyauktaw, Minbya and Mrauk U Townships, RSG coordinated with MRCS and supported them in finding the contractors. RSG urged MRCS to start the project as soon as possible. The RSG will be available for any support.</p> <p>f) RSG informed that they have created management committees for (11) IDP camps in rural Sittwe: The committees are for food and NFI distribution, education and health, security and fire fighting, all with designated office staff. Each committee has five IDP members. They can be contacted as/if needed.</p>

	<p>g) For the damage of warehouse floors in Ohn Taw Gyi (N) and Ohn Taw Chay, UNHCR was requested by the State Director to look at and if possible to facilitate repair works.</p> <p>h) Four small buildings/camp infrastructures constructed by UNHCR in Ohn Taw Gyi (N) are still vacant. RSG would like to know whether these facilities can be used as camp management offices and/or for other purposes.</p> <p>i) IDPs from Kyein Ni Pyin IDP Camp and Sin Tet Maw IDP Camp in Pauktaw Township reported that they needed small markets at their camps and RSG would like to request the agencies to implement such a project.</p> <p>j) With regards to the maintenance kits, State Director of DRD stated that most of the tools are common items in the community and some are already available.</p>
Myanmar Red Cross Society	<p>a) Due to a change in their Operations Manager and preparation of shelter related document, it was a bit late to start construction of (50) temporary shelters in Kyauktaw, Minbya, Mrauk U and Rathedaung Townships. The project will start 1st of Nov 2013 and may finish by the end of the month. The State Minister was requested to give his comments on selection of contractors.</p>
Danish Refugee Council	<p>a) CCCM Project Coordinator suggested having discussions with the camp committee formed by Government and IDPs for the use of camp management offices, multi-purpose buildings (large).</p> <p>b) There were protection concerns about sharp materials like machetes and chisels from the maintenance kits. Rumours were already spread in town that NGOs were providing 'weapons to Muslim communities'. It can create problems for international humanitarian actors due to misunderstanding/misinterpretation.</p>
Solidarites International	<p>a) SI was wondering who will implement for the gaps for temporary shelters in A Nauk Ywe IDP Camp, Pauktaw Township.</p>
UNHCR	<p>a) With reference to comment g)/above, the State Director's request for the repair of warehouse floors, UNHCR took note and will check with its contractor. In response, the CCCM Cluster Coordinator (CC) said that there is a CCCM meeting once a month together with Sittwe District Administrator. Camp management agencies like DRC were using small buildings constructed by UNHCR for different activities. If RSG would like to use those occasionally, it should be coordinated with camp management agencies. Additionally, the CCCM CC raised concerns about the multi-purpose building (large) constructed by UNHCR in Ohn Taw Gyi (N), that is being occupied by security forces.</p> <p>b) UNHCR has a plan for pilot distribution of maintenance kits in Ohn Taw Chay IDP Camp, rural Sittwe. Types of tools (19 items) in the kits were finalized but the required quantity will base on the results of the piloting. UNHCR had checked with WaSH Cluster member Malteser in terms of the types of tools distributed in the camps to maintain WaSH facilities. There was no overlap except for the hammer. If the piloting was successful, about 600 kits will be distributed to IDP camps in Rakhine State. The project needed to finish before the end of year. State Director of DRD suggested UNHCR submit a letter to RSG for piloting and distribution of maintenance kits.</p> <p>c) UNHCR Maungdaw planned to construct markets and schools in Chein Khar Li Village, Rathedaung Township. A letter-of-request was already submitted to the RSG for approval. Rathedaung Township Administrator has no objection to that project.</p>
Cluster Coordinator	<p>In view of the size of shelter mentioned in comment b)/above by the RSG, the Cluster Coordinator followed-up on the minimum standard design for shelters with DRD. The State Director of DRD said that that design may be 18'x18'. Due to many workloads at DRD they have not developed it yet. However, he said that technical working group led by DRD will design it.</p> <p>With regards to comment i)/above and the RSG's request for markets in KNP and STM Pauktaw Township, there was no confirmation nor objection made from the Shelter and CCCM Cluster members present at the meeting.</p> <p>The Shelter Cluster Coordinator had received an email from MAUK mentioning they were going to construct (22) temporary shelters (9 from Government and 13 from UNHCR) in Kyein Ni Pyin IDP Camp, Pauktaw Township. The Cluster Coordinator had already shared with MAUK about the shelter gaps received from the State Minister in previous meetings for A Nauk Ywe IDP Camp and Sin Tet Maw IDP Camp, Pauktaw Township.</p>

Action Points:

- State Director will lead in developing minimum standard design for shelters together with technical working group (TWiG).
- Cluster partner UNHCR will submit a letter to RSG for piloting and distribution of maintenance kits.
- Cluster partner UNHCR will follow up approval for construction of markets and schools in Chain Khar Li village, Rathedaung Township.

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