

Rakhine Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting

Minutes

- Venue:** Office of the State Minister of Transport and Communication
- Date:** Friday 17th January 2014
- Time:** 9:40 am to 11:00 am
- Chair:** U Hla Han, State Minister, Transport and Communication and Chairman Rehabilitation and Relocation Sub Committee (RRSC)
- Co-chair:** Wilfredo Jr. Tiangco, Associate Site Planner, UNHCR
- Minutes:** Zaw Min Htet, UNHCR
- Participants:** RSG/RRSC/Department of Rural Development (DRD), UNHCR, DRC, UNICEF, ICRC, OCHA, MRCS and MRF

Updates:

Agency	Update
Cluster Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greetings and “happy New Year”. First Shelter Cluster meeting for 2014. Last meeting was held on 6 December 2013. Fire incident in Nget Chaung-1 (NGC1) IDP camp in Rural Pauktaw 12 December 2013 that burned down 34 temporary (8-unit) shelters (TS), walkways, 7 communal kitchens and with 1 casualty, a very unfortunate fire incident happened again in Sin Tet Maw (STM) IDP camp in Rural Pauktaw. Reportedly, cause of the fire was accidental and it started at around 1 AM on Thursday, 16 January 2014 in one HH. No casualties reported among the 112 HHs (556 individuals) residents but 31 temporary (8-unit) shelters (248 rooms), 6 communal kitchens and 2 temporary learning spaces were destroyed by the fire (no walkways involved as these were dismantled already). UNHCR Field and Shelter Team, DRC and other UN/INGOs in coordination with/request of the RSG responded quickly to assist STM fire affected families. UNHCR delivered NFIs (2 blankets, 1 kitchen set, 1 box clothes, 1 jerry can, 1 bucket, 2 plastic mats, 2 mosquito nets) and 20 tents (30 on standby/as needed) to complement RSG’s 100 tents for the 112 affected HHs. In the NGC1 camp fire incident, RSG requested UNHCR to dispatch 400 tents for the affected families. UNHCR responded promptly by sending 400 KOICA tents to the site. Later in the field determined that only 284 tents are needed. 116 tents were taken back to Sittwe, leaning on lessons learnt. Time to highlight the need for CCCM/Camp Managers/Camp Committees/Village Leaders and relevant government departments to integrate/strengthen fire awareness/prevention in the camps. Fire breaks/more space maybe needed in the camps to mitigate the risk of fire from spreading. In most of the camp sites, a minimum distance of 15 feet (4.6 m) between 2 shelters or other structures in 1 cluster and 25 feet (7.6 m) between 2 clusters of 5 shelters are in place. Although these measurements are already more than the minimum standards, reassessment and re-planning of the site may be needed as the local shelter materials (bamboo & timber) are very flammable. Look into the possibility of improving the temporary shelter design and how it can be protected from fire. Current Cluster Lead shelter activities are the following: construction of walkways (earthen embankments/dikes) and camp infrastructures in Sittwe and Pauktaw Townships started following the approval from HQ and signing of the contracts. Contractors have started collecting construction materials and mobilizing workers on site. Camp infrastructure and walkway layouts given to the contractors by Shelter Team together with DRD Engineers,

	<p>started last Tuesday, 14 January. There were some issues/challenges in Baw Du Ba IDP camp with regards to the agreed site locations/land (currently being followed-up/coordinated with CCCM/Camp Managers). Infrastructure project should be finished by end of March 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Min Chaung Jetty was completed and now in use by UNHCR and the public. The renovation works of Sittwe Jetty is nearing completion with 95% progress. Cluster Lead facilitated the procurement of tools kits in Yangon for the repair and maintenance of shelters and other camp infrastructures. Sittwe office is expecting to receive these tools kits from Yangon, soon. Could provide some of the tools kits needed by RSG for the planned training of artisans in the IDP camps. Enquired with MRF about the status of 19 temporary shelters committed in Kyein Ni Pyin (KNP) IDP camp during the ECHO mission in November 2013. Muslim Aid UK (MAUK) also planned and committed earlier to fill shelter gap in KNP but having problems securing LoU/MoU from the Union Government to implement that project. UNHCR Shelter Team (3 staff) is temporarily understaffed and is waiting for the return of the Cluster Coordinator and new contract for survey technician to address the increasing shelter related needs.
DRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRC finished the construction of camp infrastructures (warehouses, multi-purpose buildings; small and large and camp management offices) in Ah Nauk Ywe (ANY) and Sin Tet Maw (STM) IDP camps in Rural Pauktaw Township. Final inspection was conducted. Minor corrections on-going and will be finished today. Structures in STM will be handed over to Save the Children (SCI) and DRC will hold handover of structures in ANY as there is no current CCCM agency to take care of that. Construction projects (community halls/structures) for (3) Rakhine villages: Sin Aing, Sin Tet Maw and Kyauk Pyin Seik have not started yet although contracts had been signed in 3rd week of December 2013. Although the community in those villages are happy and willing to receive those projects, DRC is receiving unclear messages from Pauktaw Township Administrator, General Administration Department and Village Administrators regarding the project. Maybe due to time constraints/donor requirements, DRC would be forced to cancel these projects.
ICRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After finishing the construction of 19 temporary shelters in Rural Sittwe, ICRC will fill in the gaps according to the shelter needs in consultation with Shelter Cluster members/partners.
MRCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office in Sittwe already reported to MRCS HQ recommendation from the State Minister for the construction of 50 temporary (8-units) shelters in Minbya (22), Mrauk-U (2), Kyauktaw (14) and Rathedaung (12) Townships. Tendering process was facilitated and contractors have been selected. MRCS Operation Manager from Yangon will arrive in Sittwe tomorrow. Drawings and BoQ were prepared for the renovation of rural health centres in (3) locations and invitation to bid started already.
MRF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently has money on hand to construct (6) temporary shelters in the needed areas. MRF met with Malaysia Relief Agency (MRA) in Yangon and it was learnt that MRA was interested to construct some shelters in KNP IDP camp in Rural Pauktaw Township. MRA also discussed with the Minister for the construction of shelters (no response yet). Shared with donors that they will cover the shelter gap. If RSG request MRF to reconstruct the shelters in the burnt area in NGC1 and STM IDP camps as well as the shelter gaps in KNP IDP camp in Pauktaw, an official letter-request from RSG will be needed. RSG State Minister said that they will issue the letter to MRF today. The Minister recommended to the Cluster to prioritize reconstruction of the temporary shelters in NGC1 and STM (figures will be confirmed after reassessment). MRF will plan to construct temporary shelters in the requested areas however MRF can change its plan if there are interested shelter actors in those areas. MRF constructed temporary shelters only in Sittwe areas. Pauktaw is outside Sittwe. So, due to logistics constraints, MRF requested administrative support and logistics support from RSG and UNHCR. MRF concerned about WASH activities in their planned areas and those will be discussed in WASH cluster coordination meeting. MRF noticed the shelter needs of the IDPs in KNP are not as urgent as compared to the shelter needs in the burnt areas of NGC1 and STM IDP camps.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRF will request Cluster Lead for site plans for Nget Chaung-1 IDP camp and Sin Tet Maw IDP camp.
Rakhine State Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Minister requested MRF to construct temporary shelters in fire affected areas (NGC1 and STM IDP camps) and Kyein Ni Pyin IDP camp, Pauktaw Township. Minister said that Rakhine State Government (RSG) will not wait for uncertain projects. So, he will request agencies if they are interested to implement/address these gaps. With regards to shelter needs, RSG will prioritize as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nget Chaung-1 IDP camp, Pauktaw Township Sin Tet Maw IDP camp, Pauktaw Township Kyein Ni Pyin IDP camp, Pauktaw Township. Minister shared with all the participants that RSG is receiving request from the IDPs for the construction of individual houses. RSG has no plans yet and not ready to give answers/comments at this time. Only temporary shelters will be constructed if there is a real need. He reminded that rainy season may start early (around April), so construction planning needs to be started soon. Minister followed up with MRCS commitment to construct (50) temporary shelters in Minbya, Mrauk-U, Kyautaw and Rathedaung. He said that (3) months planning have passed by and so far no implementation yet from MRCS. HHs affected in the recent STM fire is only 112. It means not all the 248 rooms are occupied. District Officer of DRD shared that 112 HHs is composed of 556 individuals which means that the average family size is only 5 per HHs. He said he also noticed some vacant shelter rooms in NGC1 before fire incident. Will be a reassessment of the shelter numbers needed in NGC1 and STM IDP camps. He will instruct the Pauktaw Administrator to lead the reassessment. With regards to update of set up of modular houses donated by China in Myebon Township, the Minister explained that (5) modular houses were still in Minbya Township. Rakhine from Myebon Township were not willing to receive them so the plan was changed. Those will be sent to Minbya and Mrauk-U Townships as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 in Thi Kyar village, Mrauk-U 2 in Sat Yon Maw village, Minbya 1 in Sam Ba Le village, Minbya 1 in Thay Kan village, Minbya Out of 150 modular houses the RSG received from Union Government, the remaining (20) modular houses will be on standby for any needs and kept in Sittwe. The Minister shared a distribution list of the whole Rakhine State. That list will be translated by UNHCR and it will be shared with all Shelter Cluster partners later. No information for the upcoming Japanese Ambassador mission and Deputy Union Minister of Border Affairs to Rakhine State. U Mya Aung, State Development Affairs Minister, Point of Contact (PoC) can be contacted for update information on those visits.

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