

Rakhine Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting

Minutes

Venue: Office of the State Minister of Transport and Communication

Date: Friday, 8th August 2014

Time: 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Chair: Rakhine State Government (RSG) & Shelter Cluster Lead (UNHCR)

Participants: RSG/DRD, UNHCR, Unicef, LWF, DRC, ICRC, MRF and Solidarites International

Updates:

Strategic Objective 1: Provision of temporary Shelter for all eligible IDPs:	
RSG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed by all shelter partners that the lifespan of the temporary shelters is coming to an end. However, Cluster partners must be patient and await the publishing of the Rakhine State Action Plan which will include enactment of the 1982 citizenship law before alternative shelters will be provided. CM will go to Nay Pyi Daw soon to discuss this matter at Union level.
UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue of compensation for land owners (2014-15) was raised and discussed. Previous agreement has expired and it is becoming increasingly more difficult for WaSH actors (in particularly SI) to implement activities because land owners are threatening to destroy WaSH infrastructure unless they receive payment (e.g. Ah Nauk Ywe and Nget Chaung). The Minister took note of the problem and said that he would investigate the position of the sub-committee for land compensation headed by the Minister of Agriculture and report back at the next Cluster meeting.
MRF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported that MRF shelter activities are currently blocked as MRF await approval (CM/ECC) for the construction of an additional 18 temporary 8-unit shelters in Kyawdaw.
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RSG to report back to Shelter Cluster updates on maintenance and repair programs in townships where the RSG is responsible. RSG to report to Shelter Cluster progress with paying compensation to landowners.

Strategic Objective 2: Provision of CCCM infrastructure and the establishment of maintenance and repair programs:	
RSG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RSG will take responsibility for maintenance and repair of temporary shelters in Kyaukphyu, Ramree, Minbya, Mrauk U, Kyawdaw and Rathedaung Townships. RSG have not received any updates from the township level on progress. The minister talked of communication blockages between the township level and the state. RSG will report at next Shelter Cluster meeting. Requested (and received) commitments from the UN and NGOs to establish maintenance and repair programs in all the IDP camps in Sittwe, Pauktaw and Myebon townships. DRD stated that roof repair are of highest priority and should be addressed immediately.
LWF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance completed in both Set Yone Su IDP camps (roof, walls & floors). Reported storm damage to 20 temporary shelters in Baw Du Pa and 5 shelter units in Kaung Doke Gar. As LWF will expand their CCCM coverage to include Ah Nauk Ywe, Nget Chaung, they are interested to

	participate in a joint maintenance needs assessment with Cluster Lead.
<i>DRC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported the repair of 45 temporary shelters in Da Paing with storm damage. In their first round of maintenance and repair, DRC are prioritizing roofing in line with the request from the Shelter Cluster. Considering the conditions of a lot of flooring and walling, DRC will conduct an assessment and attempt to extend their funding agreement with UNHCR.
<i>UNHCR</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed a needs assessment for roofing in Tet Kael Pyin and Maw Ti Nga IDP camps in rural Sittwe. Initiated a tender process for maintenance and repair of shelter s in Ah Nauk Ywe. UNHCR requested an update from the DRD on the distribution of toolkits to all IDP camps and locations.
<i>DRD</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRD stated that they would provide UNHCR with the estimated transportation costs for delivery of the toolkits. However, they stated that the distribution must be discussed at the ECC before implementation. DRD requested UNHCR to submit another request for approval for the distribution as the previous approval was issue by the previous CM.
<i>OCHA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated that the maintenance and repair programs must focus on empowering IDPs to maintain their shelters rather than supporting dependency
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelter Cluster needs to develop a contingency fund to be used by Shelter Cluster partners for season storm damage in order to be more responsive. UNHCR to submit a request for approval to the CM/ECC for the distribution of toolkits UN and NGOs to conduct needs assessments in all IDP camps in Pauktaw and Myebon where maintenance and repair programs have not yet been established. RSG to report back on the progress of establishing maintenance and repair programs in Rathedaung, Kyawtaw, Minbya, Mrauk U, Kyaukphyu and Ramree. All partners to use the new monitoring system for the implementation of shelter maintenance and repairs developed by UNHCR.

Strategic Objective3: The development of an action plan addressing durable shelter solutions for all eligible IDPs:

<i>Cluster Lead</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported that the TAs in Minbya and Mrauk U have identified plots for the prototype models for individual shelter proposed by the Shelter Cluster. Leaflet aimed at disseminating information concerning UNHCR/RSG's pilot project for the construction of 100 individual houses in Mrauk U and Minbya.
<i>DRD</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minster took 10 copies of the leaflet (Myanmar version) and advised Cluster Lead to lobby directly with key ECC members. DRD stated that Cluster Lead should present the project to the ECC.
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cluster Lead to present the pilot project for individual housing to the ECC. Cluster Lead to look into alternative avenues to advocate for individual housing e.g. parliamentarians.

Next Meeting

Location: Office of the Minister of Transportation and Communication
Date: 22nd August 2014
Time: 2.30 – 3.30pm
Chair: (RSG) & Shelter Cluster Lead (UNHCR)