



Shelter Meeting with Minister of Transport (MoT) Sittwe, Rakhine State

Location: MoT Office, RSG Compound
Date: Friday, 4th March 2016
Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Chair: U Hla Han, Minister of Transport and Communication/RRSC Chairman
Minutes: Wilfredo Jr. Tiangco, UNHCR Site Engineer/Shelter Cluster Coordinator
Participants: Marco Roggia, UNHCR Senior Field Coordinator and Aung Ze Ya, UNHCR Shelter Associate

Meeting Minutes:

Agency	Shelter concerns
UNHCR	The condition of temporary shelters in the IDP camps has reached a critical stage and requires immediate response. With increasing international attention as a result of press briefing on by a Senior UN Official who recently visited two camps in Rakhine State, RSG and concerned aid agencies <i>need</i> to address longhouse (LH) repair/maintenance needs before the rainy season. While IH assistance for the return and local integration of IDPs is on-going, there is still a large number of IDPs who will remain in the LHs so repairs should not be forgotten. The UNHCR-led Shelter Cluster is <i>fully</i> committed to help RSG with mobilising more partners/shelter actors and funds to respond to these pressing needs.
Agency	Exchanges between UNHCR and MoT/RRSC
RRSC/MoT – UNHCR	MoT acknowledged UNHCR-led Shelter Cluster and other aid agencies' good faith and support of RSG to achieve the necessary shelter intervention. MoT expressed interest in having a holistic shelter approach for RSG, international community and donors to support and follow. MoT stated that IH assistance may yet not be possible in Sittwe (STW) camps and IDPs may continue to stay in LHs for longer. Even in some areas where IH assistance is offered such as Pauk Taw (PT) and Myebon (MB), IDPs are concerned that they will lose food rations and other humanitarian support if they accept the IH package. There is also a challenge posed by other communities in some locations and that is why RSG only gives permission to areas that are feasible. Due to the shortage of time and funds of the part of RSG, MoT suggested to just cover repairs in preparation for the rainy season and to plan and implement larger-scale repairs only after the rainy season. UNHCR requested to proceed with the implementation of urgent repairs or reconstruction as well as to assess the other LH needs.
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UNHCR – RRSC/MoT	Regarding the holistic shelter approach, the detailed table previously shared with RCO/ERN about the requested needs in IDP camps was shown to MoT. It was explained that the green and blue shaded areas are of no concern, and only the pink shaded areas (six camps in STW, TP Camp in MB and KNP Camp in PT) are key issues that need to be addressed. This table will be updated again soon, integrating all reliable technical assessments made by concerned agencies, and submitted to MoT. MoT stated that the first priority is shelter, followed by WaSH then food, and urged continuation of IH



	assistance where possible. MoT open to meet again next week for discussion and update regarding UNHCR-DRC meeting on shelter repaid modality and arrangement in six camps.
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