

Yaounde 30 October 2020

Shelter Cluster Cameroon – Meeting Minutes			
Meeting:	Shelter Cluster		
Date:	29.10.2020	Time:	15:00
Meeting Facilitator:	Medar Mitima Kajemba	Location:	Yaounde
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Agenda			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and round table • Agreement on frequency of Yaounde shelter cluster meeting. • Shelter-NFI activities-presentation-Who is doing What and Where. • Current Shelter-NFI needs(gaps) in the NW/SW regions. • Recommendation • AOB 			
Introduction and round table			
<p>Everyone introduced themselves by name, organization and position in the organization, which allowed participants to get to know each other</p>			
Agreement on frequency of Yaounde shelter cluster meeting.			
<p>The schedule of meetings will be set after consultation with the field clusters to ensure that inputs from the field will be available before each meeting in Yaounde</p>			
Shelter-NFI activities-presentation-Who is doing What and Where			
<p>Catholic Relief Services (CRS): CRS's shelter and resettlement program is part of its RRF (Rapid Response Fund) program, which has just been launched in 4 African countries including Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Cameroon. The West Africa RRF mechanism is designed to meet unanticipated needs as they emerge, ensuring rapid, short-term, life-saving assistance through Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Multi-Purpose Cash (MPCA), and Shelter and Settlement (S&S) interventions. Through organizational and emergency response capacity building, the project will emphasize the use of local partner networks to deepen the potential for sustainability and transition. In Cameroon, the project will cover Far North, East, North West and South West regions.</p>			
<p>Hope for Vulnerables and Orphans (HOVO): Hope for Vulnerables and Orphans (HOVO) has been providing assistance NFIs and WASH items to IDPs living in the bush along the Kumba/Mamfe road and Muea in the South West region. Items provided to IDPs include buckets, reusable sanitary pads, buckets, soaps, clothes, and Aquatabs.</p>			



In Bonaberi, Littoral region, Mbam and Inoubou, Centre region, HOVO has provided financial assistance to single mothers who have lost everything and also to some sex workers who have been forced to sell themselves for survival. In addition, HOVO has provided skills acquisition in Tiko, South West region and old town, Bamenda, North West region. Hope for Vulnerables and Orphans is now interested in host communities as these are hosting a huge number of IDPs that are in dire need

Croix rouge du Luxembourg:

The Luxembourg Red Cross has been working in Cameroon in partnership with the Cameroonian Red Cross since 2017. Its main response include shelter and NFI sectors with a Wash component generally in parallel.

In the Far North Region between 2017 – 2019 the Luxembourg Red Cross provided housing support including durable shelters for returnees and emergency shelters for internally displaced persons in the departments of Mayo-Sava and Mayo-Tsanaga. In October 2020 the Luxembourg Red Cross conducted a Shelter / NFI / Wash needs assessment in 6 IDP sites in the departments of Mayo-Sava and Mayo-Tsanaga.

In the Western Region, in 2018, the Luxembourg Red Cross did NFI distributions for North West and south West internally displaced persons in the departments of Menoua and Bamoutos. In 2019, the Luxembourg Red Cross provided cash transfer assistance for housing, NFI and livelihoods in the Noun department targeting 700 internally displaced households and vulnerable people from hosts communities. In 2020 the Luxembourg Red Cross has started the construction of a Cameroonian Red Cross multipurpose center with a Wash component in Fouban 2 . The structure will serve as reception and temporary accommodation for internally displaced persons arriving from NOSO with a Wash component

IEDA Relief

IEDA Relief assistance consists of the distribution of shelters / NFIs provided by ShelterBox to IDPs and refugees (those in Minawao camp) in the Far North region and to IDPs outside the camp. At Minawao camp, IEDA relief distributed 743 tents accompanied by NFI kits to 768 households of new arrivals. Outside the camp, the IEDA project assisted a total of 500 households of the most vulnerable internally displaced persons with shelter kits and NFIs. The department reached by the assistance outside the camp include the Department of Mayo-Tsanaga (350 households including 162 households in the Zamalva 88 households in Ouro-Tada 100 households Gourai (100 households) and 150 households in the Gancé department.

INTERSOS

In Cameroon INTERSOS integrates Shelter and NFI interventions into its protection programming. The organization therefore does not have a dedicated shelter / NFI project, even if several interventions of this kind have been carried out in its areas of intervention (in the Far North, the North West and the South West regions). Since 2015 INTERSOS has carried out punctual NFI



interventions in the far North region. Since September 2019, INTERSOS interventions have reached 1,200 households in Logone &Chari, Mayo Sava and Mayo Tsanaga through Kitchen sets, hygiene kits and night kits. The NFI kit includes 5 mattress, 5 blankets and 5 cotton bed sheets. As part of the protection and community service monitoring intervention in Minawao camp and in IDP sites, INTERSOS provides various NFI supports to People with Specific Needs. In June 2020, INTERSOS reached 6,899 people with specific needs through NFI intervention in the Minawao refugee camp.

In the North West and South West regions, INTERSOS interventions are also focused on protection vulnerability, through the distribution of dignity kits and maternity kits, also called "mama kits". In 2020 INTERSOS directly reached 15,952 beneficiaries, with a total of 1,000 dignity kits, 1,000 maternity kits, 2,300 Household kits (reaching 13,800 people) and 152 kits for people with specific needs. 150 more dignity kits were distributed by INTERSOS'local partners.

Dignity kits that were distributed by INTERSOS and its partners include reusable sanitary napkins, laundry soap, 200 g, 4 unit, bath soap, 250g, 2 units, plastic bucket 20 liters with lid, bath towel for adult, underwear/ pants, loincloth wrapper (kamga) 3 yards, plastic whistle.

In 2019, INTERSOS distributed 3,600 shelter kits for a total of 28,378 direct beneficiaries in the North West and South West regions. These Shelter kits were made up of 1 roll of plastic rope, 1 hoe, 1 pickaxe, 1 shovel, 1 kg of nails 100mm, 1 piece of plastic tarpaulin 4X5m.

Current Shelter-NFI needs(gaps) in the NW/SW regions.

- The gaps identified include the lack of actors able to access the most remote sites to conduct needs assessments
- Lack of dignity kits especially for displaced people who are in the bush.

Lack of data related to real needs

Recommendation

- Strengthen the visibility of the sector at the national level to facilitate fundraising (show the needs, gaps and activities carried out in the Shelter / NFI field in Cameroon)
- Better define the criteria in the prioritization of area to be assisted.
- Upload (and regularly update) key sector documents such as annual strategy, standard shelter and NFI kits by area, studies and research, etc.
- Develop guidelines on the use of cash modalities in the Shelter/NFI sector
- Involve more local organizations in needs assessments as these know the environment better and can go even in the most remote areas which are sometimes not accessible by international organizations
- Shelter cluster meetings to resume in the far north region.
- Shelter cluster members to be included on the regional mailing list

AOB

- Cases of pregnant women giving birth in the bush in the NW / SW have been reported with all the negative effects to which the mother and the new-born are exposed including inclement weather, rain, mosquitoes
- Local NGOs capable of conducting needs assessments in environments inaccessible to international NGOs are faced with a lack of logistical and financial means



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