



Minutes – SHELTER INTERVENTION

Shelter Technical Working Group Meeting, Kathmandu

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Attendance: IFRC, Shelter Box, Christian Aid, RedR – India, Institute of Engineering, Islamic Relief Worldwide, German Red Cross, IOM, Handicap International, CARE, Miyamoto International

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1. Agency updates:

- IFRC/NRCS – Emergency Response distribution goal of 100,000 tarps to 100,000 families. To date – 65,000 have been completed. For Temporary support to Self-Recovery – the goal is to reach 40,000HH, and support 9,000HH long term
- ShelterBox – had 3,500HH – with 1,500 Shelter Boxes all of this is being re-evaluated as a result of the changes to customs clearance that the Government of Nepal that have stopped their importing process. Action: confirm with Logistics Cluster key Shelter Cluster Items to be included on the Government List
- Christian Aid – they are transitioning from emergency Shelter to CGI and Cash in the next 6 weeks. They are targeting 1,000HH for each of the following Districts: Gorkha, Dhading, Sindhupalchowk, Rasuwa, and Nuwakot through local partner organisations. Also starting to deliver trainings in Kathmandu with partners, to support them to provide training for carpenters on shelter construction.
- Institute of Engineering has been supporting the REACH assessments by providing engineering students as enumerators. Signed an MOU with UNDP to provide 350 volunteers to deploy into districts to support people in learning skills for debris removal, proper demolition etc. They are also hosting an exhibit that includes shelter models. The Exhibit will run until Thursday 28th May.
- Islamic Relief – 461 tents distributed to Sindhupalchowk. They are now moving to procuring comprehensive Shelter Kits and providing guidance on the use of salvaged materials. Have designed a model shelter
- German RC – developing long term recovery plans likely focusing on Gorkha and Dhading with a focus on training + materials/cash
- IOM – 30 partners have completed the distribution of relief items procured by IOM with financial support from USAID and DFID. IOM now move to procurement of Shelter Kits again with financial support from DFID – currently 10,000 are in the pipeline
- Handicap International – 200HH in Kathmandu have received tarps and 500 tents have been distributed in Nuwakot. Focus now is distribution of Shelter kits in Rasuwa and Nuwakot before Monsoons and then they will return to provide technical assistance, cash and materials for reconstruction.
- CARE – Reached 20,000HH in Dhading, Sindhupalchowk, Melamchi and Lamjung with relief items. The goal is to reach 6,000HH pre-monsoons with CGI, fixings, and tool kits (Gorkha, Sindhupalchowk, Dhading) with the deadline of June 15 for completion. 50% of the stock has been ordered. Working with suppliers in India to procure the remainder.
- Miyamoto – Earthquake engineers, have been conducting some damage assessments.



- LWF – Working with Christian Aid in 3 districts, providing 150 USD in kind donation of materials including CGI, nails and hooks. On top of this 100 USD conditional cash to be provided based on menu (labour, latrine, tarp, etc.). Will adapt based on local context.

ACTION: Siobhan will follow up with government to understand the criteria that government is using to determine total damage vs. partial damage and also confirm if VDCs have access to those assessments.

3. Feedback on Technical Guidance documents:

- Could be helpful to include specs on nuts and bolts in the next version
- Carpentry tools to be added into the document as well add CGI sheet punch
- Joints – add link to the IEC materials as they are development
- Prioritisation of reference documents – key reads
- Urgently need to have recovery and reconstruction sections of document filled out

4. Challenges / issues to be followed up:

- Clarity on customs process and on tax exemption items list
- Important to get UN Habitat on board asap to lead the discussion for long term shelter planning
- Christian Aid raised concerns around coordination in Gorkha and Dhading, DDRC are coordinating, Christian Aid's partner organisations have selected VDCs to work in but are waiting for approval from DDRC but slow process. Partners are now approaching VDCs directly to have bottom up approach.
- Targeting, needs to be transparent, need to have
- Geographical vulnerability, need for mapping and zoning, cluster were requested to advocate for this

5. AOB

- Mapping of what stood up assessment reported to have started, German Red Cross to follow up and find out further details. Suggested as good idea generally, good to request partners to share photos from affected areas
- EEFIT research team arriving on June 12th to do a ten day study – will link with cluster to discuss study