



Technical CWG - Shelter and NFI Cluster

Date: Thursday February 22, 2018, 14:00 Hours

Venue: IOM Office

Minutes

1. Terms of Reference for the Shelter/NFI Cash Working group (TCWG)

- Developed TOR availed and discussed
- Meeting went through the TOR content with suggestion to cover both emergency and early recovery
- All requested to go through it and provide input by COB March 12th for finalization and endorsement in the next TCWG meeting.
- Agreed that the TOR activities should not be a duplicate of those of the Federal CWG but instead coordinate - for example; completion of the 4Ws
- The TCWG document to be reviewed annually

Action: TOR document to be circulated for review by members immediately

Action: In order to ensure coordination of cash response, all agencies to continue providing 4W data to OCHA until such a time when the Cluster is in a position to gather all the information and presents it to OCHA.

2. Review of the Shelter and non-food items basket cash value

- All endorsed that the cash transfer value for shelter and nonfood items should be reviewed and updated quarterly
- There was a consensus that the current value should be reviewed however, devaluation of the Ethiopian Birr and changes in commodity prices in local markets should be considered.
- ERC Consortium - BNA analysis indicates a value of 3600 Birr for shelter and nonfood items basket slightly higher to what is currently being provided.
- Agencies to share market assessments reports for assessments completed in 2018
- Agencies committed to collecting price data in regions where they have presence and share for compilation by COB Friday March 2, 2018.

Action: Lilian to send out a template for Agencies to indicate region/marketplace where they will collect data to avoid duplication and cover more ground.

3. Coordination of Cash transfer for shelter and nonfood response



- The meeting discussed the inconsistencies in the value of cash transfer for nonfood in February 2018 eg. 382, 300, 270 Birr provided in Arsi and Dire Dawa to meet shelter and nonfood needs.
- Additional information was availed from Haraghe – that a religious organisation provided cash based response for IDPs immediately after the joint humanitarian cash response by cluster partners.
- Members expressed concern over the use of resources and requested NDRMC to share information and support coordination of responses to ensure resources are provided to those that have not been targeted and avoid duplication.
- It was agreed that all actors (voluntary, humanitarian and Government) providing cash response for the shelter and nonfood response should use the cluster endorsed standards. In addition, the Government or agencies involved should discuss with the cluster members when they do not have adequate resources to cover the assessed needs.

3. Review of previous response lessons

- Cash transfers to be implemented as a response for S/NFI needs only where the beneficiaries are willing and the market has the capacity to respond.
- Market assessments or verification remains vital prior to cash response
- Security issues impacted on the timeliness of cash response and monitoring activities
- Information to be shared to ensure cash transfer is implemented in only those locations where it is appropriate – “do no harm”.

4. ERC Consortium - BNA findings based on Qoloji 1 and Qoloji II

- ES/NFI not found to be a high priority
- Host community needs are high in some locations compared to those of IDPs
- Slide 5 - There is currently no agreed-upon methodology that allows humanitarian actors from different sectors to jointly assess humanitarian needs and underlying causes during an emergency response.
- Slide 5 - Responses do not allow affected populations to express their perspectives around priorities and assistance modalities.
- Members encouraged to participate in the Response Analysis Training organized on February 27th to March 1st to represent the interest of the cluster. IRC and IOM confirm participation.

Action: BNA presentation to be circulated to members to go through prior to Response Analysis Training on February 27th.