

## DRAFT Minutes

### Shelter Technical Working Group Meeting, Katmandu

**10 May 2015**

**Attendance:** shelter cluster; ARUP, World Bank, IFRC, UNHCR, UN-habitat, IOM, Save the children, IFRC, CARE, Habitat for Humanity, DFID, Medair, Swiss Red Cross, NSET, Build change

**Note: given size of attendance and need for productive discussion, structure and attendance of TWIGs will be reviewed**

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#### 1. IEC materials (Information, Education, Communication)

It was noted that printed materials only do not constitute a safer building programme, providing models, and demonstrations, along with interaction with field teams, helps with sharing of messages. It was also highlighted that there is a common service approach in place, and that the 'Communicating with Communities' working group can convert messages agreed by the TWIG into communication materials which can be used by all.

Materials	Audience	Purpose	Status
Fixing plastic sheeting.	Humanitarian staff working in distributions	To inform staff working at distribution sites.	Shared
Making tarpaulins last and preparing for monsoon	Affected populations	Purpose to inform affected populations on safe siting, increasing lifetime of tarpaulins and preparing for the rains	With graphic designers, revised version shared with minutes. <b>ACTION feedback required</b>
Safety around damaged buildings	Affected populations	Simple messages on safety around damaged buildings.	First version with CARE / DWR to be distributed. Messages agreed so convert into common design format <b>ACTION final feedback required</b>
Safety in demolition	Those demolishing buildings	Safety messages for training those demolishing damaged structures.	<b>ACTION final feedback required</b> Share with comms cluster
Safer shelter construction	Different audiences, including homeowners and	To promote safer housing recovery	<b>ACTION: 5 simple messages for rural construction to be</b>



	masons. Different issues for rural and urban contexts		<b>sent to coordination team: "questions to ask your mason"</b>
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## Emergency shelter package

**Unresolved issue: value of basic household assistance package (including T-shelter designs that may be developed).**

Suggestions that it should be equivalent to 1-3 bundles of CGI per HH plus support with labour and other resources– with some convergence around the number of bundles, and with cash to be considered as well as in kind.

## Technical documents:

**ACTION: Comments required on the following that will be circulated:**

- 1) Template design brief
- 2) IEC materials
- 3) Bibliography

## Presentation from NSET:

Issues arising:

- Shelter designs may be applicable in some cases but the price is critical. It should not surpass the cost of the agreed shelter support package.
- Need to agree performance criteria for designed shelters, including cost and size. Template circulated.
- Some compromise may be required on covered living area to ensure that the needs of the maximum number of affected households are met
- CGI market in Nepal is limited (112,000 x 6' sheets produced per day) and may not be able to meet the entire supply needs for the response
- Different challenges in rural and urban areas
- Prioritisation: furthest flung areas
- Plan for community reconstruction centres.

## AOB :

**ACTIONS: cluster team need to bring government into technical discussions**