

National Shelter Cluster Meeting – Kathmandu

11am May 10, 2015 – DUDBC office

Agenda:

Updates

Coordination

District Shelter Focal Points

Strategy – Technical – Information Management – how it all ties together

Technical Working Group

Information Management

Shelter and Settlements Vulnerability Assessment

Other

Partner Inputs

UPDATES

- Relief flight restrictions – 6am-10am/6pm-12am as a result, Log Cluster estimates a 50% reduction in relief flights landing in country
- Road transportation through India may be the best way to move items into country
- WFP is supporting transportation requests for distribution of goods – www.logcluster.org or to Nepal.cargo@logcluster.org .
- Remote areas are still not being adequately reached. These areas will become inaccessible during monsoons –request for agencies to consider this a priority in their planning.
- Newspaper published that the government of Nepal will provide up to Rs200,000 per destroyed home. Shelter Cluster coordinator will follow up with government partners to seek clearer understanding. Especially to understand if there are any ramifications on those that will self-recover and those who receive assistance from the humanitarian community.

COORDINATION

- Area humanitarian coordinators (RC/HC) – Gorkha and Chautara
- Shelter cluster Focal Points at the humanitarian hubs – Save the Children (Gorkha) and IOM (Chautara)
- IOM Takuya Ono coordinator for Shelter/CCCCM in Sindhupalchok.
 - Coordination started last week with each cluster and the government recommended to combine.
 - Next meeting Tuesday May 12, 9am at Survey office in Chautara
 - Still collecting information on which agencies are working where
 - Victoria will send out an email outlining both the registration and reporting process at the district level.
- Cluster meeting held in Gorkha on May 10, 9 am.
 - It was noted that likely a second distribution of tarps based on need rather than full blanket coverage/distribution is required.
 - Conversation also held about need to stockpile tarps pre-monsoon

DISTRICT FOCAL POINTS

- Shelter Cluster is seeking district focal points to support shelter coordination in the priority 14 districts.
- A Terms of Reference for the District Focal Points was circulated and can be found here: http://www.sheltercluster.org/sites/default/files/docs/tor_district_focal_points.pdf
 - Act as a recognised shelter focal point for the Nepal Shelter Cluster (led by DUDBC and co-led by IFRC/NRCS) and the relevant CDO.
 - Organise coordination meetings at the district level, including taking minutes.
 - Manage a contact list of shelter actors working in the district.
 - Work with shelter partners to identify areas which are not being adequately covered.
 - Represent the cluster at humanitarian coordination forums in the district.
 - Representation of shelter progress, issues and concerns at DDRC meetings.
 - Share relevant policies, standards, approaches with shelter agencies at district level and/or referring them to the National Shelter Cluster Coordinator.
 - Communicate district level shelter progress, issues, concerns to the National Shelter Cluster Coordinator, highlighting emergency gaps and priority needs.
 - Ensure that shelter partners in the district are reporting their activities into the national reporting '3Ws'.
 - Identify new partners and share information with them.
- **REQUEST – top three districts where each agency may be willing to be focal point**
 - SAG will review and finalise mapping and we will try and get this confirmed by Tuesday May 12

STRATEGY – TECHNICAL – INFORMATION MANAGEMENT – HOW IT ALL TIES TOGETHER

- IM reporting reflects what is decided at the technical level which reflects what is in the strategy.
- Given the current 10% funding status of the Flash Appeal, the Shelter Cluster is placed under significant pressure to report so as to better inform what the shortfall is and consequently hopefully attract more financial support.
- Reminder to all agencies to submit reports twice weekly (Monday and Thursday end of day)
- The Reporting template can be found here: [http://www.sheltercluster.org/library/information-management-6?f\[0\]=field_information_management%3A143](http://www.sheltercluster.org/library/information-management-6?f[0]=field_information_management%3A143)
- The information compiled and analysed from the data submitted contributed to reinforce UN FLASH appeal

TECHNICAL COORDINATOR UPDATE

Overall approach:

- Ensuring emergency needs are met (monsoons and winter)
 - Support safer self-recovery and self-built temporary solutions.
- Emergency response is not over at district and local levels
- We need to ensure emergency needs are met at the same time as we move forward in supporting recovery
- In the field, people are building temporary structures, goal for the cluster is to enhance and increase capacity to self-recover
- Emergency support – shelter kits guidance document can be found here: http://www.sheltercluster.org/sites/default/files/docs/shleter_kit_contents.pdf

- Tarpaulins
- Blankets
- Household items
- (Tents)
- Temporary / Transitional support strategy under development by the TWIG
 - Support package total XXX USD
 - This may be a combination of CGI + cash/voucher +tool +bamboo/timber +Tools + Fixings +Labour = cost
 - Cash/ Markets
 - are reopening and recovering but prices may not be remaining as standard
 - Plastic sheeting for example has significantly gone up in price since the earthquake
 - Host family support?
 - Technical assistance – we want to support building back safer and get messaging out as quickly as possible.
 - Repair / retrofit
- Planning for Technical guidance to support recovery
 - Cash for transitional support
 - Cash for Construction and retrofit
 - Cash for rent
 - Technical assistance
 - Community reconstruction centres
 - ToT and mobile teams
 - On site demonstration walls / structures / model houses
 - IEC materials
 - Training kits
 - Repair or retrofit of houses
- It is recommended that training kits offered by partner agencies include not only posters, but also hands on training strategies to support increasing capacity in communities
 - Panda-ji – the voice of DRR in Nepal. The cluster is strongly encouraging everyone to use previously existing materials/tools/ and products to support build back safer messaging.
- Key agreed messages completed and/or under development by TWIG
 - fixing tarpaulin, guidance document in Nepali can be found here: http://www.sheltercluster.org/sites/default/files/docs/fixing_plastic_sheeting_english_to_nepali_translation.pdf
 - maintenance of tarps and preparing for monsoon – under development
 - living around damaged building – under development
 - demolishing building (health and safety) - under development
 - safer construction using NSET messaging to enhance this. NSET documents distributed in meeting can also be found here: https://www.sheltercluster.org/sites/default/files/docs/nsetconstruction_guidance_and_retrofit_posters.pdf
- Cash working group has been established by OCHA. It is looking at how cash can be woven throughout the response and the modalities of how it will be used.

- Shelter Cluster will convene shelter cash working group session with OCHA advisor to look at specific components related to shelter

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT – REPORTING

- Thanks to all agencies who are reporting data
- A chart showing the gap between distributions and households totally damaged was distributed and can be found here. <http://www.sheltercluster.org/sites/default/files/docs/gapcompilation.pdf>
 - Of note: Sindu, Kavre and Nuwokot have the largest gaps
 - This is using the Government's number which is still in the process of being updated.
- Currently – there are approximately 470,000 tarps in the pipeline.
- All other items tracking are much lower.
 - We are assuming this is not being tracked rather than not being distributed
 - We expect perhaps these item are not being reported because only portions of the kits are being distributed
 - As a result, we will be adding blankets as a standalone column to track as this is a priority moving towards winter
- According to the data, 4 districts are highlighted as not yet being effectively covered. Sindhupalchok – Rasuwa, Karve, and Nuwakot
- Information Management is also starting to plan and design reporting tools and products for the recovery phase.
- Over the coming weeks we will likely begin to track CGI, Cash, training
- Data reporting at the district level has been good however we need to start collecting disaggregated data to the VDC
- Of note – we will likely see a resurgence of emergency item distribution at points during recovery due to monsoons season and winter

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT - MAPPING:

- Using the data reported by agencies we have been able to produce several maps – but we are limited to produce more detailed maps until the information is more disaggregated.
- Maps on tarp distribution provided in the meeting can be located here: https://www.sheltercluster.org/sites/default/files/docs/tarps_by_district150509.pdf
- Coming maps – VDC level mapping representing level of household damage analysis
- Main findings highlight that Rasuwa has a high vulnerability. Although the total number of houses is low – the percentage of housing stock damaged/destroyed is very high and distribution is under covered therefore vulnerability is higher.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT – ASSESSMENT:

- The assessment led by REACH has 16 enumerator teams currently collecting data.
- It is a sampled assessment – it is not an needs assessment – the purpose of the assessment is not beneficiary selection
- A total of 120 household samples per district will be collected = 1680 households.
- Information will be collected by ODK to reduce human error
- A minimum of 10 households will be conducted per VDC allowing for 12 VDCs to be assessed per district

- By the 25th of May, the Shelter Cluster supported by the REACH Initiative country shall provide deliverables for 14 districts across the affected areas included in the initial assessment.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Website uploading has been a bit slow but we are now getting on top of it.
- Shelter Cluster is being hosted on a new platform and is still being modified when the earthquake happened.
- We will produce an overview of where to find things and share that asap.
- ASB is hosting Sphere Training – Monday 11th 5pm – 8pm at GIZ, National Trust for Nature Conservation Complex, Khumaltar, Lalitpur
- Next Shelter Cluster Meeting will be held on 11am on Wednesday May 13 at DUDBC.

PARTNER INPUTS

1. Design – technical design of temporary shelters and timeframe to get going

- Focus is on program design to ensure people have the resources needed to facilitate people to build for themselves.
- PRIORITY FOCUS IS ON
 - Provision emergency items,
 - Improving what is already being built back

2. Are we able to provide guidance on how to deal with damaged houses?

- Working with NSET on some guidelines. The big issue of damage assessment of residential buildings challenging with Government as those assessment are tied to compensation packages.

3. Who is clearing landslide on side roads?

- UNDP has a person working in Sindhulpachok, and will have someone located in Gorkha starting tomorrow. Contact details will be circulated once received from UNDP.

4. Coordination at district level – when working in remote VDCs it can be difficult to physically attend meetings of report into to district focal points

- Shelter cluster will try and establish means of reporting for these areas (dependent on analysis of telecommunication capacity)

5. Who is responsible for strategy of reconstruction (permanent?)

- Generally UN-Habitat and Government
- IFRC Emergency Shelter and NFI cluster looks at emergency/temporary

6. Statement of caution provided to communicate with families that repairing houses without assessment information may waste precious resources.

7. Given the experience of many of the partners in the shelter cluster, is there a platform to share simple solutions/training/technical messaging so that we can share as people start to rebuild?

- For agencies use – TWIG is compiling a bibliography of seismic documents – this is to share with all agencies comprehensive info for kinds of construction
- For people affected by the disaster – a simple document has already been produced by NSET that addresses incremental changes
- The question is how to get this knowledge out at the scale of this disaster

Recommendation that agencies combine distribution with demonstration on shelter

8. Highlighted that there are military assets in Kathmandu in and Chautara that can help organizations with need for light engineering in the area.

- Military assets available in country and we looking to use those assets as they are too expensive to sit empty - working hard with logistics cluster to make this happen, the challenge remains getting stock in country.

9. Grass route organization in Kathmandu – questions about benefit of designing cost effective transitional shelters in light of Haiti experience.

- There will be circumstances where this may be necessary but we are promoting that the primary response will not be transitional shelter construction
- Also ensure costs are managed. It will be very important to justify clearly the discrepancy in resource allocation so must be clear about targeting criteria

10. Recommendation to look at training in safe construction by selecting change agents – bringing them to train and then have them do the messaging and support in communities.

- Agreed, Masons are key in this
- Gender dimension also important as a lot of skilled labour are working outside the area

11. Gender - there are reports that assessment/monitoring teams being set up at VDC level have no women on team.

- It is important for agencies to advocate for gender balance in communities and also agencies should review their own teams. Statistically - 20% of households in Nepal are female headed. Please see Care's gender and protection brief:
http://www.sheltercluster.org/sites/default/files/docs/gender_and_protection_gorkha_lamjung_dharding_khatmandu_ds_final.pdf

12. Question regarding household qualification for government assistance – will they no longer qualify if they begin rebuilding prior to assessment? Will they no longer qualify if they receive humanitarian aid? Victoria will follow up on this point.

13. Abandoned villages and issues of resettlement

- Formal camps not currently being planned but rather looking how they can be assisted in other ways. CCCM will discuss in the CCCM meeting.

14. **Swiss employment fund project** – they have access to the pool of trainers in masonry. Perhaps we could augment their training to include earthquake resilience – reconstruction project?

- Small TWIG to review this option – Monday May 11 4pm at the UN Information Centre.