

MEETING NOTES

SHELTER & NFI CLUSTER MEETING (FEDERAL)

Thursday 29 September 2016, 14:00, IOM Office, Addis Ababa

Present: IRC, ICRC, IOM, DFID, UNOCHA, UNICEF, ERCS

Action points
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cluster to send out breakdown of 4W for ERCS and ICRC for verification 2. Assessments from Bale Zone and Humera (Tigray) from ERCS to be shared to cluster partners 3. Further discussions required on supporting 'separate' IDPs in Tigray. 4. Next 4W reporting date is Monday 10th October.

Attachments:

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1. **Welcome & Introduction:** Introduction of all present.

2. **Review of action points from previous meetings**

Action points (29 August 2016)	
1. New 4W reporting template to be sent out with the minutes of the meeting	Done
2. The cluster to provide updates following coordination meeting in Shire, Tigray on 19 th September	In Agenda
3. The cluster to raise security and staff safety concerns following clashes during distribution in Meno town and the need for police report with OCHA.	Done, no feedback yet.
Next 4W reporting date is Monday 26 th September	

3. **Information Management:**

The distribution and pipeline summary is shared in the meeting. In the last reporting period, only NRC had shared distribution activities.

- ICRC mentioned that mosquito nets are not included in their standard kits for distribution. The cluster to share detailed breakdown of distribution reports for ERCS.
- It was also noted that the number used in the distribution summary refers to households being provided with the assistance rather than number of items. Unless we are to count item-by-item, this would remain the simpler way of tracking distribution.
- The next deadline for submission of 4W is Monday 10th October – before the next cluster meeting.

4. **Regional Updates:**

Dawe Sarar, Bale Zone, Oromia

- ERCS shared its assessment of the displacement in Dawe Sarar, Bale Zone, which started up in April this year from Aferder Zone in Somali region. The cluster will share the assessment report with cluster members.

- 1,563 households (862 of which are female-headed) are currently living with host communities in Buta Kabele of Bale Zone. No assistance has been reported. Food, NFIs and WASH were listed as priority need by the community assessed.
- The up-coming rain is a major concern for the displaced population.

Annod Site, Babile

- The cluster was informed of Somali DPPB's plan to move more IDPs from other parts of the region (Jarar and Korahe zones) to Annod Site in Babile. Requests have gone out to shelter & NFI partners in Jijiga for support of around 3,000 households and DPPB had been doing some ground clearance work on site – reportedly for 6,000 households.
- Most of the IDPs are from West Hararge and the cause of displacement remains unclear.
- There is concern that the location of Annod is right on the border between Oromia and Somali regions and the reason for displacement from various woredas in West Hararge remain unclear.
- OCHA had received a call from Oromia DPPB with concerns regarding assistance that are going towards Annod, and are now planning to meet with regional authorities from both regions in the coming days. It would be prudent for agencies involved in the field to remain sensitive to political implications.

Konso, SNNPR

- Currently around 10,500 people have been reportedly displaced from Konso Woreda in SNNPR into Oromia region, mostly in Teltele Woreda, Somali region. This is due to long seated discontent between regional administration and Konso Community since 2011 when its special woreda status was removed following establishment of Segen zone.
- The present conflict and resulting movement started up in April of this year, PSNP and other assistance were stopped and no Beld assessment was carried out in the region in June.
- OCHA sent a team to do assessment in Teltele Woreda but did not really full access to IDPs. It is planning to meet with regional DPPB in Awassa again in a few weeks, and may approach NDRMC for guidance. No further information on humanitarian need is available at present.
- UNICEF also has presence in Awassa and had previously suggested joint assessments with the regional authority, but this has not been realized.
- ERCS has presence in Arba Minch where there has been 411 IDPs, though 260 of these have already returned back to Konso. The cluster will likely need more information before acting on this, so far no official request has been made to the humanitarian community.

Kumbi, East Hararge

- As previously discussed, the cluster has informed OCHA of the possible looting of relief items left in Meno town. IOM, with the support of ERCS, has carried out inventory of the looted storage and determined that around 1,000 dignity kits have been taken and 3,060 kits remain in storage. ICRC had report that their kits stored in the same school remain safe and only the 200 kits set out for distribution during the incident were lost.
- ICRC has handed the kits over to ERCS to plan for further distribution. IOM has not planned on what to do with remaining kits.

- ICRC has also informed the cluster, prior to this meeting, regarding measures being put into place as the result. Some of the lessons learned from this incident include better engagement with partners on the ground to reinforce standards for distribution planning and to remain vigilance around local sensitivities involved.

Amhara-Tigray

- At present, 11,251 IDPs from Amhara have been registered by Tigray Zonal and Regional authorities.

Zone	Family	Single*
Eastern	889	365
North Western	1,545	1,870
South Eastern	64	31
Southern	136	143
Central	1,421	1,223
Humera	762	2,006
Mekele	796	

*Adults arriving alone

- DPPB focal point in Shire had also noted that some double counting is to be expected. And that only those from North Gonder are being registered as IDPs. Movement is on going towards Tigray, as more Tigrinians remain in Amhara region.
- Regional authorities have provided cash assistance to those arriving at the Zonal office to register – the assumption is that the money is being used for onward journey as well as for food.
- ICRC/ERCS has carried out a small focus group discussion in Humera and will share the report.
- IOM Shire had been in coordination with DPPB focal point in the North Western Zone to carry out joint assessment with other partners. However, following discussion with regional DPPB, this has now been put on hold. No other assessment has been reported. This issue has been raised in various forums in the past weeks. And OCHA is planning to approach DPPB in Mekele again to jointly find the way forward.
- There has also been no official request from the region except to ERCS. Without joint assessment or a verification exercise, this could mean a challenge for many agencies to respond to the need present on the ground. Most agencies cannot carry out assessment and/or distribution unless endorsed by the regional authorities.
- There is concern on how to respond to people who have arrived individually and not as part of the family, for most agencies design their kits based on providing assistance to family units. While cash would be an ideal modality for assistance here, with most IDPs staying in the Woreda capitals, most agencies cannot change to cash within the short notice. This will require a more strategic look and discussion from the cluster.
- ERCS has dispatched 666 emergency shelter & NFI kits to Shire, but this would be inadequate to provide assistance to all those currently displaced in Shire, and would like to approach other partner to compliment its distribution.
- As the displaced population remain mobile with new arrivals as well as movement within the region, the number of registered IDPs in a given location is likely to remain dynamic for a time to come.

DfID Kits Update

- WFP has recently completed the transport of kits to 5 locations within Oromia region at the request of NDRMC. Some of the delay had been caused by security situation on the roads.
- A request for transport support has recently been sent from Afar DPFSA to NDRMC.
- So far there has been no report of distribution of these kits.

5. Beneficiary verification/ Sector Checklist

- With the planning for Meher assessment about to start, the cluster is looking to revise the sector checklist to reflect lessons learned from the Belg assessment earlier this year. The finding of this assessment will go towards HRD 2017 that will be launched at the start of December.
- It was mentioned that the assessment checklist need to be much lighter, and focusing on only key information needed.
- The checklist was previously shared for comment with only feedback from DRC. It will be shared again following the meeting with a deadline for feedback and comment by COB Friday. OCHA is planning a meeting with NDRMC on Monday to start this discussion and look at key lessons learned.

6. A.O.B.

There has been no further report on impact of the security situation on cluster partners' activities.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 13th October, 14.00, IOM Office (TBC)