

Shelter Cluster FIJI – Meeting Minutes			
Meeting:	Shelter Cluster		
Date:	10 March 2016	Time:	1000
Meeting Facilitator:	Shelter Cluster Leads	Location:	Min of Environment
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Agenda			
Introduction			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • IM • Tech update • Shelter & Evacuation Centers • Settlements • AOB 			
Notes, Decisions, Issues			
Topic			
Information Management			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Shelter Cluster caseload (18k-24k HH) and priority actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immediate life saving emergency shelter item distribution 2. Provide IEC material and BBS training and messaging 3. Shelter interventions that support owner-driven recovery • Preliminary damage assessments showing 18k+ houses affected (7k damaged, 11k destroyed). These figures expected to rise closer to initial estimation of 24k HH affected. • Western & Northern Divisions make up almost 90% of shelter caseload • Provinces of Ra, Cakaudrove, Bua and Lomaiviti most affected • Lack of 3W reporting, initial lack of visibility on initial shelter interventions and lack of more comprehensive assessment data challenge for gap & needs analysis • Shelter Cluster will look to engage more with government and local groups to bring more visibility to activities and shelter plans • Strategy will continue push for more and better 3Ws, gap analysis and assessment gathering to provide more relevant info back to partners • Questions on 3w, noting space to write in villages, communities. Issues on changing forms and confusion – revised & clean form to be circulated this weekend 			
Technical Update			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanations for emergency shelter to recovery options – developing strategy • To share draft build back safer key messages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ simplifying to four key messages with revisions of image and descriptions • Sharing draft of technical standards & guidelines • Proposal of shelter recovery options survey to understand self recovery happening and how needs should be met • Looking for partner input and participation to carry out survey • Exploring feasibility of cash/voucher options, need to understand HH/community preference, markets, etc. 			

- April – We are seeing protection issues for those leaving evacuation centers but not yet able to shelter. What is strategy?
 - Look at what shelter interventions would be, possibility of tents, flexibility of cash & vouchers
- HLP issues are there and will have to be addressed. The support will be there for the process of sheltering, its just a matter of how far it will be appropriate by humanitarian actors to assist
- Question of where humanitarian actors role is in response, that its been suggested from government to focus on informal settlements.
- Vula – Government is focusing on emergency shelter needs of people during this emergency phase, especially those leaving evacuation centers. The focus is on tents amongst other emergency shelter and NFI, onto the red zones. This will remain in effect during the emergency phase and whats been done will be reviewed afterwards, to see how to move forward.
- George – Can we know what is happening to address other sectoral needs such as health and food?
 - OCHA – yes thru 3ws and reporting

Shelter and Evacuation Centers

- Need to have EC working group housed under gov ministry, and needs to be both inter-governmental and inter-agency to avoid double displacement, creating more ad hoc evac centers. Need to especially collaborate shelter to ensure we can address sheltering needs
- Assessment is needed to understand needs, barriers to returning – DTM this week
- Need for IM and IM focal points to manage this
- Displacement Tracking Matrix or Evacuation Tracking and Monitoring. Looks at needs and vulnerabilities of those in EC, and how to address them so people can return to their place of origin
- ETM ongoing now and information, once validated and approved, to be shared with partners.
- What might be obstacles to returning?
 - Usually here, in Pacific context, its shelter kits
- How are people leaving?
 - Some leave on their own, sometimes with help
 - Through key informants we can identify many displaced people
- In natural disasters some people have moved to Suva, we want to know what happened on islands that are effectively catastrophically damaged
- What is happening with teachers quarters
- April – Look to coordinate assessments more and add in gender & protection aspects
- Assessments can continue to come in, can be discussed at ICCG.
- Unsure where ECWG will sit, who will lead. Have to raise up through shelter cluster
- Logistics update – there shelter stock in pipeline, some left through IOM, Shelterbox, Red Cross, Caritas but not sigificant stock really coming in through humanitarian actors. Chinese government will be donating 6k tents.
- Log Cluster tracks hum actors not gov, that's ndmo

Informal settlements

- pcn has been mapping out informal settlements, 240 settlements, 150k-250k people
- ¼ to 1/6 population of fiji in settlements
- investigating why people are in informal settlements
- what is an informal settlement?
 - don't have title or lease
 - includes native, state and private land
- hfh – sometimes donors ask on security of investment for interventions in settlements?

- depends on type of intervention
- might be fear of insecurity, but maybe mostly doesn't match reality
- there is some security on community-leased state land
- hfh – Our process includes agreement to build in these areas, agreement that owner owned the land, agreement with owner and partner, family, etc for a bit of security
- Opinion is that its different working in settlements, need different approach
- There are estimates of potentially 3k hh affected in settlements by cyclone winston, PCN available to consult
- gov requests these mapping to be verified by NDMO, and encouragement that everyone welcome to work here in support of the relief
- 2013 code rights to housing and sanitation offers some protection to people and their housing, only court can decide to expel people from their homes.
- Some settlements are in disaster prone areas
- Gov – there has been effort to resettle those squatting, over 10yr process, without procedure in place. advise partners to approach carefully and with close government coordination.

AOB

Brief informal discussion around shelter programming intentions

- rotary - locally sourced shelter kits – bundles cgi, lumber, etc.
- shelterbox – family tents, shelter box. 1000 hh targeted
- hfh – with wv have 500 kits through, dfat 2000 shelter kits, iom stock 2500 tarpaulin kit and partial tool kit. 500 solar lamps. 4 classroom size tents. mfat funding for 15 repairs
- care – 2 different kits 4000hh northern and western. tools nails and lamp
- comm based and drr. looking to partner with agencies for more long term natural resources managment 2000 households
- eu – rough assessment carried out by Bernard. 1m euros. work with local partners. 10m Fijian dollars to support recovering, primarily ag, butshelter and other sectors. with spc. falls in under echo framework. adra
- caritas – 1000 shelter kit 2 tarps per family plus tool kit. plus wash components

Action Items

Action	Owner	Due Date
Circulate consolidated 3Ws, stock takes, new 3W form	IM	
Revisions to BBS messaging, technical guidelines, emergency shelter -> recovery guidelines	Tech	

Next Meeting

Date:	15 March 2016	Time:	1000	Location:	Min of Housing
Objective:					