

Shelter Cluster FIJI – Meeting Minutes			
Meeting:	Shelter Cluster		
Date:	12-Mar-2016	Time:	10:00am
Meeting Facilitator:	SC	Location:	Min of Local Gov
Minutes Prepared By:	Ryan Smith	Location:	
Agenda			
<b>Introductions</b>			
1. Review Actions from last meeting			
2. Shelter Coordination update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Government announcement</li> <li>b. Coordination with DO – <i>share contact details</i></li> <li>c. Weather situation / response – <i>to be discussed after meeting</i></li> <li>d. Flash update (OCHA) Inter-Cluster meeting Thursday decided on no revision</li> </ul>			
3. IM Update			
4. Tech Update - Technical Working Group			
6. AOB			
Notes, Decisions, Issues			
Topic			
1. Review Actions from last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beneficiary + Vulnerability workshop – held yesterday. Prioritisation score card has been formulated to determine most vulnerable. Finalize this tool by 19<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• Speaking with Protection Cluster to provide training for field staff on psychological first aid, protection and gender training – agencies to enquire further if interested as an opportunity for field staff.</li> <li>• Circulated updated housing damage figures with updated situation + gap analysis.</li> </ul>			
2. Shelter Coordination update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Government announcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #1 priority is to rebuild Fiji and to “Build Back Better”</li> <li>• <b>Help for Homes:</b> <i>Initiative to provide financial assistance for homeowners to rebuild their homes</i></li> <li>• <b>Adopt a School Initiative:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIE expressed many public buildings, including schools, have failed to meet established building code standards. Any new public building <b>must</b> adhere to required standard.</li> <li>- No longer accepted for anyone to form a building / construction company, without receiving accreditation or licensing. Any construction company must meet high and international benchmark standards.</li> <li>- As much as can be controlled, every new home – certainly any public housing – will be built to these new standards.</li> <li>- <i>Does this mean accredited engineers need to be included in all shelter</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

*agencies planning / construction with agencies programs?*

- Help Fijians repair homes themselves by providing access to building materials.
- \$70 million available for this initiative.
- Target = affected Fijians with a household income lower than \$50,000 per year
- pre-paid electronic card with a set amount on it and a pin number to purchase the building materials from selected hardware outlets (can be purchased at different hardware stores)
- FIE issued building code guidelines will be provided to help BBB
- 3 packages
  - F\$ 1,500 for partial roofing damage
  - F\$ 3,000 for serious roofing damage
  - F\$ 7,000 for almost and completely destroyed
- Electronic cards will be issued from the start of May and the funds are to be redeemed by 30 June
- Further announcements relating to additional assistance for those needing transportation of supplies in maritime areas.
- Multi-lateral orgs + NGOs have already assisted people with rebuilding efforts. Avoiding overlap = coordinating with these orgs.
- People will be reimbursed the value provided under Help for Homes initiative if they took loans / borrowed from employers / communities.
- How will SC partners align their programme to the government
  - **Scenario 1:** Harmonised shelter assistance package in line with government proposal
  - **Scenario 2:** Agreed on a top-up package from the government for those who might receive minimal assistance from SC partners and other CBOs
  - **Scenario 3:** ??

Questions remaining regarding Help for Homes:

- Location: *Maritime areas? Informal Settlements?*
- Selection Process: *Additional criteria to < \$50,000 HH income? How will it work?*
- Damage categories: *How will these be identified?*
- Will **only** benefit those who have **not** received assistance from other agencies / organisations. Need to define what this assistance covers. Should not cover tents and emergencies supplies??? Smaller NGOs providing small packages of repair assistances that would not amount to the government assistance program – must ensure people do not miss out on this initiative. Need to clarify and define what the government sees as previous assistance that would deny eligibility.
- WASH – potential for the Homes initiative to be allocated towards household sanitary items?? Cash grant is larger than estimated need from Shelter Cluster – is this because of WASH elements?
- Will this initiative include informal settlements?
- Encouraging agencies to ensure technical and training assistance in any programs they are implimenting.

b. Coordination with DO

- Importance of coordinating with the Divisonal Commissioners.
- Partners are highly encouraged to directly contact the Divisional Planning Officers

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have more localised information – they can help you!!</li> <li>• Contacts with Divisions can be found on Shelter Cluster website.</li> </ul>
<p>c. Weather Situation / response <i>Any specific response to TC Zena?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional need in Ovalau – according to Shelter Box. Not as large as expected in that area, and therefore seems as though there is no additional need.</li> <li>• Generally, not much has been confirmed about the effects from flooding / Zena</li> </ul>
<p>d. Flash update (OCHA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final decision was there will not be a review of the Flash – <i>Government has not actually given an official response, but all evidence points towards there will not be a revision.</i></li> <li>• Still actively finding funding for the Flash appeal – can still use this as an advocacy tool, even though we are not changing the appeal.</li> </ul>
<p>e. Recovery Intention Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A chance for Shelter Cluster to informally understand where / how and in what capacity agencies are working.</li> <li>• Is this the right time for agencies? Too early? Too Late?</li> </ul>
<p>2. IM update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150,000 people effected. Roughly half women half men.</li> <li>• Still significant gaps – apart from in the Eastern Division</li> <li>• Largest gap = Western Division</li> <li>• Does not report ongoing or planned or unallocated stocks and provisions.</li> <li>• Loss or damage to pre-existing response items from Winston after flooding?</li> <li>• Can we follow up with the divisional commissioners and get a picture of how people have been effected since flooding / Zena?</li> <li>• Chinese government donation – still waiting to hear where these tents will go.</li> <li>• Updates on stock provisions of agencies are not very regular.</li> <li>• ETM – will be targeting evacuees. Additional questions on level of damage to house??</li> </ul>
<p>3. Tech Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 day training program – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>.(tentative dates) Build a H4H core home and toilet. Training program for agencies to send along relevant trainers. Trainers of trainers pilot training program.</li> <li>• Assist in raising funding for the training program.</li> <li>• Manuals and posters will be produced to compliment the trianing program.</li> <li>• Workshop is made for all levels – practical learn as you go. With information to compliment in the form of accompanying manual etc.</li> <li>• Speak with University to include students from Trade programs?</li> <li>• Have not decided on site location – but looking for somewhere as close to Suva as possible.</li> <li>• Churches, and Ministry of Education to be represented?</li> <li>• Pilot program is largely to see the H4H design works.????</li> <li>• Pilot will not be specific for locations / vulnerable people etc. there is still the opportunity to adjust design as and when needed.</li> <li>• Quality of materials is of equal importance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TWIG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Training aspect for pilot program</li> <li>* Also to disucss issues of Homes for Help.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>5. AOB</p>

- Entec - Shortages / issues in Fiji with building:
  - Paperwork *can get lost in the system*
  - Laws are weak with design
  - People lack the knowledge of proper design and paperwork needed to approve housing.
- OCHA - Foreign Military air force is closing down on Friday. Any movement of equipment will be delivered by sea through Fiji Military.

### Action Items

Action	Owner	Due Date
Circulate prioritization card for review		
Follow up on Help for Homes details		
TWiG Thursday and will circulate EOIs		

### Next Meeting

Date:		Time:		Location:	
Objective:					