

**Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster Meeting
Republic of South Sudan**

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1. Welcome brief and review of previous minutes

The previous minutes were reviewed and endorsed.

2. Brief Updates

- Next Tuesday- there will be a special cluster meeting with Operational Peer Review team at 2pm at OCHA; this is done in all L3 emergencies; it is trying to understand what blockages and issues are for humanitarians; they will be looking at leadership, coordination structures, practical issues we are facing, and so on, and will give us practical recommendations;
- New information products (FAQs and a Factsheet) were produced by the Cluster and released globally, please contact the Cluster with your feedback;
- Peer review for CHF took place on Monday and Tuesday, and those Partners concerned will hear from Cluster coordinators by this weekend on the status and way forward;
- Bentiu scale up is under discussion across sectors; concern about a lack of humanitarian staff, access and logistics capacity;
- Erisa from World Vision who has been the the Co-Coordinator for the past year is leaving the position, and



Louis Dorvilier is replacing Erisa in the interim until a permanent replacement arrives in country; he can be contacted at (Louis_Dorvilier@wvi.org). Erisa was thanked for her outstanding contributions to the cluster.

3. Logistics and Access Presentation

- Fiona Lithgow from the Logistics Cluster gave a presentation overviewing the proposed planning tool to be sent regularly to Logs Cluster for Clusters and Partners wishing to move stock to field locations;
- Please see presentation in the Annex.

4. Fuel Efficient Stoves Presentation by Oxfam

- *Background on the issue: protection concerns surrounding movement in and out of PoCs to access cooking fuel first came up months ago in Bor; it came up in relation to environmental concerns and conflict with hosts in other areas, and is likely to come up for other areas as well in the future; there has never been a large scale exercise with cooking fuel in South Sudan before so it was unclear which Cluster this would fall to; CCCM and FSL agreed it is under the S-NFI Cluster during the CRP review meetings; the Cluster is therefore looking to see which strategies work best so drawing on Oxfam's experience will help us to determine where it is appropriate to do this and how we might do it in terms of specific strategy;*
 - Oxfam presented on their experience distributing fuel efficient stoves at UN House UNMISS base in Juba;
 - Oxfam will forward to the Cluster for onward circulation pricing information on the stoves they have been providing, as well as the specifications, for the Cluster and Partners information in planning potential future interventions;
 - Please see attached presentation in the Annex.
- After the presentation by Oxfam, FAO mentioned that it has already procured 7000 fuel efficient stoves and is planning to procure more, totaling 27,000 altogether this year; potentially procuring another 34,000 stoves in 2015; these are mostly targeted for distribution in the Equatorias, Upper Nile and Lakes State, as well as PoCs and host communities; FAO will send the specifications of these to the Cluster to circulate;
- LWF and CRS indicated some experience in the field of fuel efficient stoves and will also provide more information to the Cluster for onward circulation.
- The alternative of stoves built of mud or local materials was raised. While this could be considered in some contexts, in the POCs the appropriateness of the procured stoves was the transportability/mobility of the stoves, and the minimal space required. Built mud stoves are fixed and would be difficult to manage in a confined, congested area.
- The idea of solar for cooking, lighting and other purposes was raised. This was thought to be too expensive and unlikely to gain traction with donors.
- Materials shared by partners will be circulated to the cluster and work will begin with interested partners on a guidance note for fuel and fuel efficient stoves in South Sudan.

5. Emergency Preparedness and Response

Central Equatoria

- Don Bosco: NFI distributions by Islamic Relief and UNHCR have taken place here;
- Kuda: Islamic Relief recently did an NFI distribution here as well;
- Tijor and Terekeka: SSRC may visit the areas for assessments of IDPs there;
- Pariak: SSRC will conduct an assessment here next week;
- May visit greater Mundri area from CE and will talk to LCED if so;
- UN House PoC3: relocation has started from Tong Ping; 210 people have moved and are very happy with the new location; 50 shelters are occupied to date and there are 470 shelters free to occupy.

Unity

- Koch: IRNA is complete and there should be a response planned in the coming days; World Vision is the lead and will update Partners as they plan;
- Leer: logs has moved items to Leer in bits and the target is 6300 HHs; items should arrive completely on the ground by tomorrow and the distribution will also begin tomorrow;
- Bentiu: special meeting in Juba on Saturday will take place about Bentiu and developing an inter-sectoral strategy there; concerns about people coming into the PoC in order to receive food in distributions, Partners need to open distribution areas outside the PoC to avoid the pull factor but insecurity outside of the base is



a serious protection concern; Gezeera which is 40 kilometers south of Bentiu is a possibility and will be discussed as an option;

- Gorwai: IRNA is planned for this weekend.

Upper Nile

- Wonhow: 2200 HHs were served in a distribution here;
- Malakal PoC: received mosquito nets and lamps in a blanket distribution; DRC is distribution tent shelters solutions as they are erected, with over 200 completed so far; looking at the possibility of a plastic sheet distribution in the PoC as time goes on and needs arise;
- Melut: DRC is conducting acute shelter distributions
- Kodok and Rom: Distribution has completed in both locations;
- Bailiet, Mading and Tonga on the Sobat: SRAs have been submitted for these locations.

Jonglei

- Ayod: IRNA will include CRS, Medair and LWF;
- Yuai and Uror: Medair will do separate assessment here, potentially with CRS and NPA who has a team on the ground;
- Twic East, Duk: reports found 117 people there; some people are hiding in swamps and some others from cattle camps are moving into the area; most people moving out of the area do so with their own resources and those remaining behind are those who cannot afford to move on; food is a serious issue and there's been flooding in 3 payams;
- Pibor: people returning here are in need, NCA is on the ground and could potentially send stock to the location;
- Jiech: PAH could go here for distributions (and will do so to improve boreholes) but there is controversy about this location because there is no water in the area and Partners need to avoid pulling people in to a location that is difficult to survive in;
- The need for improved communication between state teams and Juba on the planning of IRNAs was raised.

ACTION POINTS

- New information products (FAQs and a Factsheet) were produced by the Cluster and released globally, please contact the Cluster with your feedback;
- Oxfam will forward specifications and pricing of fuel efficient stoves to the Cluster for onward circulation;
- FAO will send the specifications of the fuel efficient stoves that have been procured and donated to the Cluster for onward circulation;
- LWF and CRS indicated some experience in the field of fuel efficient stoves and will also provide more information to the Cluster for onward circulation.