

Emergency Shelter Cluster Minutes Koshi river floods, Nepal

Coordination Meeting 7th January 2009.
Venue: CDO Office, Sunsari District

Agenda item # 1: Introduction of participants

Presentation	In attendance were 13 participants from different organizations.
Gerard Ferrie (UN-Habitat), Tara Devi Gurung (NRCS/ESC), Rashmi Manandhar (HFHI-Nepal/ESC), Ambar Bhandari (NRCS), Mil Illangasinghe (IOM), Rajesh Shrestha (UNICEF), Yogesh Niraula (Plan Nepal), Balam Dahal (NRCS), Thir K.C. (NJSS), Sarbjeet Yadav (DADO), Anju Urau (Worec Nepal), Rajan Mehata (CDO, Sunsari), Anil Maharjan (NRCS/ ESC)	

Agenda item # 2: Review of Previous Minutes

There was no objection regarding the previous minutes.	

Agenda item # 3: Gap Filling

Discussion	ESC team highlighted major gaps	
<p>DUDBC are now installing electric lighting in camps (Lauki Custom Camps, Rotary Shelter Boxes, Mahendra Highway Camp C and Madhuvan Cattle Shed Camp). Jhumka has already received lighting. The camps still without lighting are Nahar Chowk Camp.</p> <p>There remain gaps in distributions of winter clothes for babies up to one year. These are Paschim Kushaha Dam, Judgunj, Rayentole and Madhuvan VDC cattle Shed. All of these camps do not receive clothes assistance from either Save Children or KDC/WDO.</p> <p>There is also a gap in regular clothes to the IDPs of 6-18 yrs. These are Paschim Kushaha dam, Partitole and Madhuvan VDC Cattle Shed. These camps do not receive clothes assistance from either UNICEF/WDO.</p> <p>Whilst there is still gap in the distribution of cooking stoves in all Sunsari camps, the operational agencies acknowledged that this item is no longer a priority given IDPs have constructed their own 'Chulhos' using mud. What may be in short supply is the mud clay required, and perhaps agencies can provide.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Agencies further reflect on program activities and report back whether they can assist in filling gaps.	All	20 th January 2009

Agenda item # 4: Update from ESC Members

Discussion	All ESC member organizations are requested to share any issues and plans
<p>Plan Nepal/NRCS are in the process of procuring 3,800 blankets, 3290 shawls and 3100 sleeping mats, and will distribute as soon as possible. See agenda # 6 for further details on this issue</p> <p>ESC team updated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save Children distributed 1885 sets of winter clothes to the children of 0-5 yrs in Jhumka, Lauki Devkota Camp (Shelter Box 1), Mahendra Highway Camp C and all the camps in Kumiyahi, In December KDC/WDO distributed 1500 Baba suits in all the camps except Paschim Kushaha Dam, Rayentole and Kumiyahi to the children of same age group In addition to save the Children distributions IOM/World Vision have to date distributed 3807 warm sweaters via HOLDS for children between 1-5 yrs to camps. IOM have an additional 17,000 sweaters for the IDPs for ages between 6-17 yrs, and 12,000 shawls for individuals over 17yrs. All camp beneficiaries (with pink slips) are included in distributions 	

- UNFPA/ WDO have distributed 3500 warm Shawls @1 shawl/HH in (what) different camps in Sunsari.
- DDRC is distributing 800 -1500Nrs/HH to all the IDP families as fuel and foodstuffs allowance, with effect from 7th of January, for the month of Mangsir.
- The distribution of the DUDBC's retroactive grant of 640 NRS/HH (140 NRs X 4 people per HH) has yet to materialize. This grant is for IDPs who had previously constructed their huts in the camps of Nahar Chowk, Kumiyahi Judgunj, Pashchim Kushaha Dam.
- Action Aid/NRCS is in the process of completing the reimbursement of money (280 NRS/HH) for set IDPs who spent this amount to purchase for 4 bamboos for shelter in the camps, of Kumiyahi, Judgunj, Rayentole, Urautole, Partitole and Mahendra Highway Camp C.

Agenda item # 5: Reviewing forthcoming shelter needs, including build back better options for

- a) Returnee population b) HHs remaining in camps

Discussion	Ms Rashmi Manadhar led the discussion and invited all agencies present for options regarding shelter reconstruction/repairs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "Return Package" being provided by the Government a, WFP and NRCS will begin soon. The funds were processed by the Ministry of Finance and forwarded to Ministry of Home affairs. • ESC will develop "step-up" simple building technologies based on local technology, to be disseminated in the camps, so that people can build better at no cost or very little cost, once they return. • IOM is in the process of developing shelter designs based on local practices. They are ready to support construction of some shelters. Funding availability was not confirmed • UNICEF will coordinate installation of WASH facilities in the return areas whenever HHs returns to their places of origin. • Plan International have no plans for shelter support in the recovery phase 	

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Prepare designs/options and IEC materials for no cost- low costs shelter	Rashmi Manandhar (ESC) and Anita Adhikari (CCCM)	12 January 2009
Discuss with DDRC the likely new locations for HHs who will remain in camps	Mil Illangasinghe (IOM-CCCM)	20 January 2009

Agenda item # 6: Coordination of clothes distribution, including whose doing what, where

Discussion item	Ms Tara Devi Gurung presented the various WWW tables with updated information about NFI's distributed by different agencies in Sunsari.
<p>The presentation focused on winter clothes distribution.</p> <p>After explanation of all the information contained in the WWW tables there was a general consensus that there is duplication in provision for Shawl distribution to camps by IOM and Plan/NRCS. IOM requested Plan Nepal to consider canceling the purchase of shawls and providing other items. Plan indicated this may be difficult as the process is underway. IOM and Plan will talk together and discuss how to make both the distributions count.</p> <p>NRCS commented that in providing an additional shawl or item of clothing would be welcome by HHs given</p>	

the cold temperatures being experienced. They will provide the additional shawls to HHs who did not receive from UNFPA/ WDO.

Note:

On 30th December 2008 the ESC team organized an informal meeting with IOM, World Vision, Save Children, and HOLDS Nepal to discuss the coordination of winter clothes distribution.

Decisions	All registered IDPs over 17 yrs will receive a shawl from IOM and every IDPs HH who have not received from UNFPA/ WDO will get a shawl from Plan/NRCS.	

Agenda item # 6: Scope for Inter agency monitoring of NFI distributions

General theme: scope for inter-agency monitoring of NFI distributions		
Discussion	ESC team raised the issue on whether there was scope for undertaking a joint agency assessment/monitoring visit to 2-3 camps to monitor the request and actual delivery of selected shelter and NFI distributions.	
: Mr. Gerard Ferrie briefed the following regarding the visit. <ul style="list-style-type: none">The study visit will focus on the process from appeal, pledge, targeting to actual distribution of selected Shelter and NFIs with a selected number of IDPs camps.The rationale is a learning process and to betterIt will be undertaken in one or two camps only.		
Formation of concept paper for the joint assessment in selected IDP Camps.	Tara Devi Gurung & Anil Maharjan	12 th January 2009
Decisions	There was overwhelming support by organizations on the relevance and benefit of a joint visit assessment	

Agenda item # 7: Reviewing the schedule for the next shelter cluster meeting

Discussion	ESC team proposed the rescheduling for future shelter cluster meetings	
All participating agencies agreed to have every fortnight.		

Agenda item # 8: AOB

Discussion	IOM requested NRCS to assist in their winter clothes distribution	
Mr. Ambar Bhandari (NRCS) indicated that NRCS would be willing to assist IOM in their distributions. He further added that it would be simpler for Plan/NRCS, IOM and NRCS to jointly coordinate distributions.		

Next meeting	Wednesday 21 st January 2009, ~11:00 am at DDC Meeting Hall before the General Coordination meeting.
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