

TOPIC : Shelter / NFI Meeting
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LOCATION : UNHCR Conference Room

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Following are the significant points discussed during the meeting:

- 1. Follow up action from the last meeting** – The issue in regard to the procedures of decongestion, the field reported that while transfers from zones 2 to 5, were effected the IDPs were informed prior to two days by the GS, who had visited each tent. It was also reported that these movements were voluntary and some had not been so. But UNHCR Field Officers will continue to be present in the sites assisting the CA in advocating protection issues.
- 2. Update on Vavuniya (Shelter / NFIs)-**
 - *NFI Update* - The focus still remains on the IDPs returning from hospitals where general NFI packages will be distributed. Therefore the return NFI kit should be discussed within the cluster before the end of July.
 - *Shelter Update* - The CA decided that only the decongestion of zones 2 & 4 remain as a priority. Therefore the focus on schools will be done later. The CAs new policy of introduction of new zones and the Assessments of these zones are also ongoing. Last Friday it was informed that shelter agencies are to begin with erection of tents. Currently 8 shelters have been put up in zone 6 A. Zone 8 will be assessed on 03 July.
 - *Maintenance of shelters and tents* – The same focus is also given on care and maintenance of shelters in different zone
 - According to the Forut representative, it is very important that all agencies should have a stand by plan to deal with the monsoon rains and see into the effects on the tents.
- 3. Broad Parameters for return traditional shelters** – The Draft minutes of the technical group meeting in Mannar was shared during the previous meetings. The main idea was to agree on common broad parameters for the return transitional shelters by all shelter agencies until a return plan is approved by the government. Comments on this matter were to be finalized in the field level and still no integration of comments were received. Comments on cadjan roofing and issues brought up by ASB, are currently being reviewed with the field. The final feed back from the field will be shared with the cluster during the next meeting and a detailed discussion on a more adoptive broad stand on the transitional shelters for returnees will be held. The main idea is to procure and stock piles the shelter materials before the return takes place.

4. **Position papers on concrete floor in Emergency Shelters** - This position paper was prepared by Vavuniya. The CA decision on providing 02 bags of cement to concrete the shelters will not address or solve problems of inadequate drainage with the upcoming rainy season. According to the CA, they will attend to the drainage issue, where a task force has been established to look into this. But UNHCR is trying to hire a private contractor to do a survey on the drainage system and assess the exact needs of each zones. Meanwhile UNOPS is dealing with this issue in zone 02. The TORs will be discussed at the WASH cluster level in Vavuniya in regard to the surveying process.

5. **Shelter & NFI Stock Updates** – UNHCR reminded again that it would be good if all shelter agencies share shelter and NFI status of stocks and pipeline. A contingency stock in hand would be good in times of chaos.

6. **Next meeting** - Next NFI/ Shelter meeting will be on 09 July 2009 at 15h00 at UNHCR.