

## SHELTER/ NFI SECTOR MEETING

Thursday, 02 December 2010 at 15.00 hrs, UNHCR Conference Room

### ATTENDEES:

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
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### 1. NFI & Shelter Grant Update

As per a request made by DRC, the gaps for NFI kits for 2010 and 2011 were revisited in consultation with the information received from the field colleagues in all districts and have come to the following assumptions;

- UNHCR and its partners stocks are sufficient to cover 22,000 families, which is inclusive of backlog of 19,998 families and also an estimate return of 2,000 families in 2010.
- A total of approximately 35,100 NFI kits are needed for the year of 2011. From which UNHCR will be able to cover 47% of this need.
- Therefore, predictions of 16,000 NFI kits are predicted as the gap to cover all the IDP/ Refugee returnees for 2011.

(The document inclusive of more details is attached herewith.)

As of end of November approximately 65,000 return forms have been distributed in Vavuniya, Kilinochchi, Mullaithivu, Mannar & Jaffna. It was also shared that UNHCR has received an additional contribution from ECHO to provide shelter grants for 8,700 families. Therefore, UNHCR will enhance the operation significantly, by sending staff from all field locations to deliver return forms in Kilinochchi, Mullaithivu and Vavuniya as soon as possible to meet the deadline of the year end, 2010.

### 2. Resettlement in Trincomalee

Information shared on the 100 families who have agreed to move out of camps as action will be taken to close down these technically illegal camps situated in private owned land and move to another newly allocated area close to Muthur by the GA of Trincomalee.

It is expected that this movement will occur in the area of the High security zone, and is requested to assist these families with their urgent needs such as shelter and WASH. UNHCR informed that action will be taken to distribute shelter materials, while requested ZOA, NRC, IOM and UNOPS consider in supporting this caseload.

### **3. Update on Menik Farm in Vavuniya**

People continue to move from zones 2 and 3 to zones 0 and 1. It was shared that the authorities have agreed currently not to move the IDPs in the zone 3 as plans have been made to close zone 3 early next year.

### **4. Shelter/ NFI related update in the North & East**

UNOPS confirmed that as of to date 2,600 transitional shelters are almost complete. UNOPS also confirmed that they have already begun with the distribution and construction of the planned 5,000 Monsoon Response kits of which currently completed 170.

Reminder on the importance of sharing up to date information on agency construction of various shelter assistances (shelter, repairs and housing) should be shared with UNHCR to maintain proper record and avoid any duplication. This will also enable to uncover needs in proper periods of time.

Due to some difficulties encountered while distribution of assistance, the sector lead suggested that each agency should take proportionate steps to stamp and authorize confirming the approval of use of these assistances by the beneficiaries.

UNOPS informed that they are currently assisting OCHA and UNDP in conducting a joint assessment in the North. The assessment is a random selection of 15 villages where interviews are conducted in a community based approach. Pilot projects of Housing commenced in Kilinochchi have been taken into account. This assessment will be shared with the shelter lead and other actors when finalized. Plans are also there to utilize this information in the JPA to promote the needs. Some findings of the assessment are as follows;

- 47% of the needs population had permanent housing.
- Only 7% of the needs population has transitional shelters.
- 74% of the population in Vanni are below the poverty line.
- The general income rate per family is LKR 105, where as 72% of the population spend 65% of their income on food. – Source - WFP

### **5. Joint Action Plan 2011**

All relevant agencies were requested to fill in their Project proposal sheets by next week for JPA funds in order to be prepared with the rapid JPA process. An e-mail will be sent out with the Project proposal formats. The Project sheets are due on Wednesday 08 December 2010.

Both sector leads (Shelter and the Permanent Housing sectors) are currently working on the Sector concept paper, and the draft version will be sent out to partners for their comments.

Meetings will be held on 10 and 13 December 2010 on planning pertaining to the JPA process and reviewing the Sector concept documents / project sheets with the GoSL.

OCHA was requested to follow up with their head quarters whether the JPA project sheets of 2011 could be posted online. Information will be shared further on this regard with the sector.

## **6. AOB**

### ***Resettlement in Ampara***

As indicated during the previous meetings, concerns was shared by participants of the validity of the statement that old IDPs proposed to be resettled in Thangavelayuthapuramm and kanchikudiyaru in Ampara after the completion of de mining.

It was shared that most of the area in Thangavelayuthapuramm and kanchikudiyaru in Ampara have not been totally cleared of mines. While confirming that the key elements involved in the resettlement process has not begun, the UNDSS has not yet confirmed on the security of this area for the resettlement process as yet. IOM will share more information with the shelter sector lead.

ZOA emphasized on the fact that such complex situations should be dealt with more delicately to create a clearer picture on the real needs and other aspects in order to approach the donors.

### ***Core Housing***

As indicated before, PTF has given approval to proceed with construction of Core Housing, along side with permanent housing and repairs on damaged houses, under the housing Sector. The Early Recovery group requested participants whether they will be interested in constructing Core houses in 2011. UMCOR has been constructing core houses in Jaffna and NRC in the East since June 2009.

The Core Housing structure consists of a foundation of a Minimum 200 sq.ft to 500 sq.ft area for a family of five. These are built on legally owned private land with title deeds. The main aim of a core house is to have secure construction of two lockable rooms that the beneficiary family (or other housing assistance programme) can extend and develop at a later stage as funds become available.



## **NFI GAP ANALYSIS 2010 and 2011**

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### **1) 2010 NFI needs (core kit, tool kit, tarpaulin kit)**

UNHCR and Partners current stock and pipe-line can cover 22,000 families. This is sufficient to cover the current back-log as well as the planned returns in December 2010.

The back-log of returned families who have not yet received NFIs as of 30.11 is 19,998 families in Jaffna(400), Mannar(2941), Vavuniya(4,004), Kilinochchi(6,678), Mullaitivu(5,975).

It is estimated that some 2,000 families would return during the month of December 2010.

### **2) 2011 NFI needs for IDP and refugee returns**

About 35,100 NFI kits will be needed in 2011 split as follows:

- 5,100 facilitated returns of Sri Lankan refugee families returning from India and elsewhere.
- 30,000 IDP returnee families.

UNHCR can cover all the facilitated returns from India as well as 47% of the IDP returns (14,085 families).

Therefore, **the 2011 total NFI gap is almost 16,000 NFI kits for IDP returnees (core kit, tool kit, tarpaulin kit), thus about 1,136,000 USD.**

### **3) Comparison of the cost of the NFI Kit**

The total cost/NFI kit has been reduced from 90 USD to 71 USD as kitchen sets and GI buckets are no longer procured.

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