

## SHELTER/ NFI SECTOR MEETING

Thursday, 03 June 2010 at 15 hrs, UNHCR Conference Room

### ATTENDEES:

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
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Thirusha Abeywardene	UNOPS	James Stephen	UMCOR
Amenthi Jasinghe	World Vision	Lakshi Maliyabadda	CHA
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### 1. NFI Update

It was identified that UNHCR as whole and globally would face a gap in the NFI stocks in the future and has kept a record on this issue in many Shelter/ NFI sector meetings held this year. Apart from the regular meetings a series of meetings were held on addressing the issue pertaining to NFI gap analysis with the assistance of many agencies that showed interest in NFIs for example, OXFAM, SAH, World Vision, ASB and Care. It was acknowledged of DRC's assistance in the logistics and Sewa Lanka's and OfERR (Ceylon)'s assistance with man power is a definite example for the joint effort. It was shared that all Shelter/NFI sector meeting minutes could be used as record in indicating such a gap to donors and stated that the first global NFI shortfall is predicted in the month of August. An open invitation was placed to all agencies to assist in filling the gaps in NFIs.

### 2. Update on Menik Farm

As per information from the Vavuniya cluster;

- Zones 2 & 4 are being decommissioned currently
- Zone 3 is still being potentially considered for the eventual consolidation of IDP's from these other 2 zones and as such the frames of the ESKs are not being decommissioned at this time.
- Zone 6a IDP's will be consolidated into zone 0 or 1 if they do not return in forthcoming movements.

The number of occupied tents and shelters available in Manik Farm are;

- Zone 0 – 3135 (Some uncertainty on exact figure for Zone 0)
- Zone 1 – 7050 (Some uncertainty on exact figure for Zone 1)
- Zone 2 - 3230
- Zone 3 – 2384 (approx 1300 unoccupied)
- Zone 4 – 1800
- Zone 6a – 896

## TOTAL 18,495 Occupied shelters or tents

UNHCR with collaboration with UNOPS is currently conducting an evaluation on the repairs to Menik farm zones 0 and 1. The evaluation report was to be shared among the cluster for their information. It was stated that a minimum maintenance should be taken into consideration since the decommissioning will commence most probably in Early next year.

According to a question raised on the drainage situation in Menik farm it was stated that UNHCR in collaboration with UNDP is currently looking into drainage assessment. It was informed of the importance of the International community to enroll themselves in more activities in Menik Farm, as UNHCR will remain in Menik Farm until all voluntary returns with safety and dignity occurs. UNHCR has had many discussions with the Ministry of Resettlement on the continuation of assistance in Shelter/NFI areas while encouraging other sector leads to continue.

### **3. Decommissioning of Camps**

UNHCR in collaboration with UNDP and the GoSL are currently are at discussions on the future expectations of the empty Menik Farm. At this stage there is no specific plan for the government. UNHCR will formalize this discussion by conducting surveys and assessment to give the GoSL options for utilizing the land in a fruitful manner. These options would vary from reforestation to Agro- forestry project. This would create an opportunity to the humanitarian community to step in. UNHCR will hire a consultant and an environmental expert from Geneva to look in to this activity. It is also important to jointly look into this issue with UNICEF.

Steps would be taken to decommission all the tents and Emergency shelter kits along with the other materials in Menik Farm. Therefore UNHCR has with the help of UNDP got in touch with Holcim (Factory in Puttalam) for burning these materials in an eco friendly manner, while Holcim uses it for fuel. This process would not carry any cost other than the bringing down the items to the factory. Therefore, UNHCR encourages all agencies to follow such methods and to contact Justin Bayard, Shelter Coordinator in Vavuniya.

### **4. Briefing on the Inter Cluster meeting held on 02 June 2010**

- Mr. Niel Bhune, Resident coordinator met with Mr. Divarathne, of PTF to improve the coordination between GoSL, UN, I/NGO and the Donors and to revive the CCHA forum. OCHA is currently working on the ToR, concept paper and streamline meeting (eg: merging Shelter/ NFI sector and the Permanent Housing sector). This is quite natural in a transition of phases.
- OCHA agreed to do a presentation during the next meeting on the Evaluation and lessons learned on the coordination mechanism from other countries. This report is available on the <http://www.humanitarianinfo.org> .
- UN response document on the Government plan – This is a Strategic overview on the government plans in five respective districts in the North. This document enables us to grasp the priority needs in the north. The draft document will be shared in the future.

▪ Land issue pertaining to the returnees – UNHCR had hired a consultant to evaluate the issue on land (legislations and practices) and report to the IDP working Group and which will review and the government endorsed on it. Once the document is finalized it would be shared among the cluster members. The consultant did a presentation on the summary which includes as follows;

- Briefed on the types of land ownership and the institutes dealing with land ownership (eg : Land commissioner, Ministry of Land)
  - Must identify the phase of displacement and a 10 year prescription that may result in disowning a land
  - Lost of documents/ deeds/ permits
  - Legal issues related to high security zones and if these are converted to economical zones which would need compensations in land ownership
  - Difficulties in identifying the boundaries of the owned land areas
  - Successions (No death certificates of parents in order to claim the land)
  - Landless (importance on defining and identifying demography of the landless)
  - Language barriers
  - Land given by the LTTE
  - Issues on the returning refugees from India
  - Land ownership of the Muslim population
- Issue on the 400 families who were moved out of the camp who could not return to their place of origin due to the lack of infrastructure. This issue was raised to the officials of the PTF and the Ministry of Resettlement. The local government is trying to speed up the de-mining process.
- Opening of UN offices in Kilinochchi (WFP, UNOPS and IOM will be operational soon and awaiting UNDSS clearance for staff over stay)

## **5. HAP Mid Year Review**

1. The document on the case load and scenarios has to be edited for the second half of the year. This document is due on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 and mainly need the inputs from the sector lead.
2. By the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2010 all agencies are to submit their revisions to the projects initially submitted to CHAP and to complete on the system. And also a narrative is needed by the sector lead to describe progress of the first six months of the year.

Currently CHAP/ HAP are 14% funded and overall 20% is funded for all Humanitarian activities. Sri Lanka is considered to be a under funded country.

## **6. Briefing on the meetings with Ministry of Resettlement**

Several meetings were held with the Minister and the Deputy Minister on shelter. The Ministry understand the funding situation therefore encouraged to look in to the construction of transitional shelters. A table had been sent to the Ministry as to a request made by the Deputy Minister in regard to the update on the proposed activities by agency

and district. Another revision will be concluded and will update periodically and sent to the Ministry for their information.

It was identified that donors are requesting for the needs of shelter and the availability in funds for the construction of the shelters. It was discussed that this need could be calculated through the statistics of the expected returnee families. It was suggested that as a cluster a common need figure is to be calculated when approaching the donors.

An ad hoc meeting was proposed to convene to discuss the numbers of the needs of shelter on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2010.

## **7. Shelter Brochure**

The shelter brochure will be shared electronically with the cluster to be reviewed which will be used for donor discussions.

## **8. Any other Business**

Update on the transitional shelters:

UNOPS – Kilinochchi and Mullaithivu Planned on 2,000 nos. of Transitional shelters and currently constructed 1,000 nos. of Transitional Shelters.

IOM – Issues on non availability of tin sheets. Provision of cement bags have been lying around some time and may be in not good quality. Overlap in transitional shelters because of permanent houses. Major issues in funding and access to area due to contamination of mines. Planned on 1,000 nos. of Transitional shelters and currently had constructed 3,500 nos.