

## JOINT PERMANENT HOUSING, SHELTER/ NFI SECTOR MEETING

Thursday, 10 May 2011 at 15.00 hrs, UNHCR Conference Room

### ATTENDEES:

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Laurent Raguin	UNHCR	Nilusha Dissanayake	UNOPS
Ralf Thill	ASB	Rob Drouen	DRC
Reinout Pienoman	ZOA	Shunsuke Yamamoto	Save the Children
Charmalee Jayasinghe	UN-HABITAT	Edward Fernando	HFHSL
P.T.J Oyalood Kannan	ECHO	Alice Bartz	ACTED
Lorena Lando	IOM	A. Quintus	Caritas
Mithsiri Dias	Caritas	Nicola Perera	UNOCHA
Jackson Selliah	UNHCR		

### 1. Introduction to the Meeting

A Joint Pre-planning Meeting for the 1st Quarter JPA Review was organized to prepare the Permanent Housing, Shelter/ NFI sectors for a better presentation of information at the meeting. Therefore the meeting's objective was to collate inputs/ comments on any activities or specific issues to be highlighted at the PTF Review meeting.

As expected the PTF will review sector/agency outputs based on agency project details according to information in the 3W and the JHU documents. Furthermore, the relevant district GAs are expected to make presentations on their respective districts at this meeting.

But due to unavoidable circumstances the PTF Review meeting which was scheduled at 10.00 a.m. on 09 May 2011, was postponed to early June. Therefore UN OCHA informed that they will reschedule the Inter Sector meeting prior to the PTF Review Meeting in June. More information will be shared.

UN-Habitat has informed that they have not requested the sector to complete the 3w format for the permanent housing sector.

It was discussed that while sending to UN-OCHA copying 3w to the sector leads (UNHCR/ UNHABITAT) was optional and was agreed that all agencies should share their inputs with UN-OCHA directly as a volunteer mechanism of reporting. The agencies should use the new version of the 3W document when compiling.

Agencies were requested to provide specific information/ issues relating to the sector as Mr. Laurent Raguin will compile a document which will be presented at the PTF Review meeting. The issues may range from current activities of the projects to the amount of money received/ expected from the JPA.

- According to UN-Habitat a total of 5% are landless people in Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya and Mannar districts, which is much lower than in Jaffna, which is about 25%

of returnees are landless.

- The skilled masons with labourers are brought down from the eastern provinces to attend construction activities in the Northern Province will reduce the shortage of construction workers in the Northern region.

## **2. Northern Sector update**

After discussion with the Mullaitivu district secretariat, UNHCR was informed that there are possibilities of opening couple of G.S divisions in Puthukudirrupu A.G.A area. Therefore it is expected that there will be a movement from Menik Farm shortly.

## **3. Vavuniya shelter Sector**

With Vision-Mission document set, the sub-core working group for shelter has decided to have a meeting with the agencies and the government counterparts, especially those involved with the shelter/ housing construction to receive approval. Initially, PD will chair the meeting and the housing-and-shelter sectors will be co- chairs of this meeting. The first meeting was scheduled and due to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011, but was postponed until Thursday 26 May.

*Objective of this meeting were;*

- Exchange data on monthly basis between government counter part and the Humanitarian agencies
- Easier access for obtaining approvals
- Deal with issues even at the grass root levels
- Avoid duplications of assistance

At the Vavuniya sector meeting, it was agreed that a monthly meeting be held in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu. Henceforth, one shelter/ Housing sector will take place in Vavuniya.

## **4. Indian Houses**

- 5,000 to 10,000 houses are to be constructed in the plantation sectors in the up-country. And the rest are to be built in the Northern districts, as owner-driven houses. This job may be handed over to five or six agencies having the necessary capacity to implement the project.

- A pilot project of 1,000 allocated to the landless is planned. Around thousand houses are going to be shared among the northern districts of Vanni. The constructions of these houses are to be built by private Companies. It will be based on cluster type approach.