

TOPIC : Shelter / CHAP Meeting
DATE : 10 June 2009
LOCATION : UNHCR Conference Room

ATTENDEES :

Laurent Raguin	UNHCR	Snr. Programme Officer (Chair person)
Babar Baloch	UNHCR	Public Information Officer
Cecilia Dahlgren	UNHCR	Programme Officer
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Katja Laurila	UNOCHA	Field Coordination Officer
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Matthew Todd	ASB	Country Director
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Tahirih Qurratulaya	SCISL	Strategic Programme Advisor
Suranga Mallawa	UNOPS	Humanitarian Focal Point
Annelisa De Bruin	ZOA	Monitoring & Evaluation Co-ordinator
Peter Ormel	CARE	Area Director
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Michelle Berman	UNHCR	Senior Programme Clerk

Following are the significant points discussed during the meeting:

1. **CHAP** - Ms. Ozgul Ozcan, Associate External Relations Officer, UNHCR briefed the committee on the progress of CHAP and discrepancies in the CHAP submissions of some agencies. According to OCHA the Next step of the CHAP would be to prepare a first draft which will be sent within 48 hours to all agencies, and requested the agencies to be quick in responding. Finally a meeting will be held with the government. Mr. Laurent Raguin, Senior Programme Officer added that he has been briefing the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services on a regular basis.
2. **Current Situation in Vavuniya** - The Competent authority of Vavuniya has identified 06 new small locations, where 03 locations have already been cleared and the government has/ will erect tents in 02 locations, and 01 location has been allocated to the international community. All three locations can only host 5,000 IDPs. These sites would be used for decongestion of schools. The authority also agreed to clear Zone 05 of Menic Farm and mentioned that there are plans of opening a Zone 06. Currently there are 500 numbers of tents put up in Zone 05.

It was brought to notice of the committee of the need of prioritizing in utilizing emergency shelter stocks instead of tents, because there is a current shortage of tents. It is necessary that we reserve some tent as stock to be used in an emergency, as we are not planning on purchasing any more in the near future. Part of Zone 05 and Zone 06 will accommodate a

mixture of tents and Emergency shelters, where there should be a definite clear division between the two. Assessments on Zone 03 were completed resulting in repairing over 2,000 number of shelters and care/ maintenance of Emergency shelters.

The purpose of Zone 04 and 05 are to decongest Zones 02 and 03 (approximately 20,000 to 30,000 People).

In the process of re-designing return shelters, UNHCR Shelter Coordinator, Mr. Chris Nixon will be responsible in assisting through a technical working group by building transitional shelters. The technical working group will also be responsible in identifying the requirement of shelters repairs and maintenance.

3. **The Return of IDPs** - The government is currently in the process of putting together a return plan and inform where the international community support is needed. Within the clusters it is important to start planning NFI and Shelter for the returnees to their areas of origin. When focusing on the East return kits were distributed when the returns began, therefore preparedness will be helpful. Plans should be to purchase/ stock pile NFI and shelters between September and November 2009.

According to the discussions held with UNDP, the Core Housing will be dealt under the early recovery working group. The next Early Recovery Working Group meetings will be held on 18 and 26 of June at the UN compound, Colombo.

There is also a necessity to identify the long term IDP sites and the least developed IDP sites and to concentrate on their drainage system and semi permanent sheltering.

4. **Issues to be followed up –**

- A buffer zone to isolate sickly persons was brought to attention of the group by UNOPS. The main intention of this procedure is to avoid spreading diseases. The health cluster is to be informed.
- The health cluster is to be informed regarding a hospital site in Puvasakulam where approximately around 2,000 persons are currently under treatment and is of urgent need of additional shelters to accompany these patients.

5. **Next meeting** - Next NFI/ Shelter meeting will be on 18 June 2009 at UNHCR. Ms. Ingrid Quinn of UNOCHA will make a presentation on the Emergency Regulation of Sri Lanka and its gender consideration, Rights of persons as well as the legal aspects of the International community's response on the current situation of displacement in Sri Lanka.