

# SHELTER/ NFI SECTOR MEETING Thursday, 16 December 2010 at 15.00 hrs, UNHCR Conference Room

#### ATTENDEES:

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
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Rob Drouen	DRC	Glenn Costes	NRC
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## 1. NFI & Shelter Grant Update

A total of 103,714 NFI kits have been distributed among the returnees from 2009 to the 02 December 2010, out of which 66,168 NFI Kits were distributed in 2010.

UNHCR reiterated that globally a NFI gap is to be expected in year 2011. According to the calculations of UNHCR, 16,000 NFI kits are predicted as the gap to cover all the IDP/Refugee returnees for 2011.

As of end of November approximately 69,093 return forms have been distributed in Vavuniya, Kilinochchi, Mullaithivu, Mannar & Jaffna. As of the beginning of the return process approximately 90,000 families have returned from the Menik Farm. It was said that some old IDPs have received part of the grant; therefore there is a tendency that some of the New IDPs might not receive the shelter grant.

## 2. Briefing on the Joint Plan for Assistance for the Northern Province 2011

Shelter sector lead briefed on the several initiatives taken to facilitate the Joint Plan for Assistance for the Northern Province 2011 (JPA) during the past weeks.

According to a request made by OCHA the shelter/NFI and the Housing clusters together collated all agency inputs on the lines of 2010 Achievements, 2011 Strategies & Priorities and 2012 residual issues. These inputs were jointly endorsed at an ad hoc meeting convened on 25 November 2010.

Following this, all relevant agencies were requested to fill in their Project proposal sheets by 08 December for JPA funds, while the sector leads worked on a joint sector concept document for the PTF. The documents strategy touched to the minimum requirements of the sector. The PTF had reviewed this document with changes and returned the evening of 09 December, before the proposed meeting between the sector leads and the relevant Secretary of the Line Ministries on 10 December 2010. Since the document was reviewed by the PTF there will be many gaps found in the document. But the meeting took place with a larger quorum of participation of five Government Agents, officials of the PTF, Sector leads, UN representatives and some INGOs. But during the Meeting the participants were able to reinstate number of critical points into the document. The sector lead gave its gratitude towards the officials of the PTF, Government Agents and the INGOs for making it possible to come into a common understanding and reinstate certain

critical points. There after the document with the in cooperated changes was shared on 13 December 2010. Following this another meeting was convened on Tuesday 14 December and a presentation was presented capturing every word and justifying its contents.

Questions were raised on where the project sheets should fit in. It is currently under discussion. Steps will be taken to compile a one pager summary document with included along side with the relevant activities. The sector has currently compiled a summary table (format of OCHA) with all project information included and which will be shared in due course of the week with the agencies to confirm its accuracy.

### 3. Monsoon Response in the North

Due to the persistent heavy rains during the last several weeks, the North faced a flooding situation, where a joint coordination operated to assist the flood victims. Though the beneficiary figures were huge the response was quite modest. Summary of flooded affected persons are 71,324 (22,389). The type of assistance provided were by distribution of shelter Materials, Tarpaulin Kits and some additional available stocks of NFIs.

#### 4. AOB

### 2010 Update on the Shelter Construction

UNOPS and IOM confirmed that each agency has constructed 5,000 each transitional shelters. Therefore accounting a total of 8,000 contribution of transitional shelters by other partners, it is final that approximately 18,000 transitional shelters are been constructed in 2010.

Apart from the construction of transitional shelters UNOPS also confirmed that they have begun distribution of the planned 5,000 number of Monsoon Response Kits, which will continue till next year.

## 2010 Update on the Permanent Housing Construction

According to the 2010 donor commitment of 17,000 houses (Permanent Houses, Core Houses, NERHP Houses and Repairs to damaged houses) in Mullaithivu, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Vavuniya and Jaffna, where as 9,000 houses are under construction. The overall needs amount to 105,000 houses, which remains a further gap of 88,000 houses.

## Maintenance of the Shelter Matrix

According to the ECHO representative, it was said that the shelter matrix maintained by UNHCR does not reflect the accurate status of shelter activities and requested to improve it and update it regularly. The shelter lead confirmed that UNHCR Vavuniya colleagues are attempting to get the matrix updated on a monthly basis (as the period is less than a month is not practical). Another request was put forward to all agencies to report to Jackson Selliah, in UNHCR Vavuniya to maintain this database more accurately to avoid any sort of duplication of assistance. UNHCR Vavuniya is also trying to improve the matrix by reflecting data on Jaffna and the east.

Summary of Shelter Matrix (23/11/10)								
	Current Population (families)	A Frame with tin- sheet	Transitional shelters	CORE housing	House repairing	Permanent housing		
Vavuniya								
Vavuniya North	3,373		1,250		551	2,873		
Vavuiya South	1,301							
Vavuniya	2,739							
Vengalacheddikulam	1,023							
Sub total	8,436		1,250		551	2,873		
Mullaitivu								
Puthukuddirruppu	2,278	225	96		-	928		
Maritimepathu	8,266	275	612		200	371		
Odduchchuddan	4,871		1,573		128	726		
Thunnukai	3,643		638	•	417	180		
Manthai East	2,513		260		334	300		
Sub total	21,571	500+2500	3,179	-	1,079	2,505		
Kilinochchi								
Pachchilampalai	2,347		100	50	-	414		
Poonagary	5,788		2,826		198	605		
Karachchai	21,253		1,245		634	2,270		
Kandawalai	7,132		793	200	410	1,589		
Sub total	36,520	2,500	4,964	250	1,242	4,878		
Mannar								
Madhu	1,941		666			138		
Mannar (return)	881							
Manthai West	4,744		3,313	200		707		
Nanattan (return)	367		259			80		
Musali	6,192		1,428			510		
Sub Total	14,125	-	5,666	200	-	1,435		

## Proposal to maintain a database on beneficiaries of shelter/ Housing sector

UNOPS proposed to maintain a separate database on the names, ID and location of the beneficiaries who receive shelter/ housing assistance. This also could be used as a mechanism to avoid duplications. But the sector lead indicated that this would be impossible as it does not have the resources to do so, but if UNOPS volunteers to coordinate, they could go ahead. But according to a suggestion made by representative of UNHABITAT it would be wise to follow up the legality of collecting individual beneficiary details as many agency share their information on a voluntary basis.

