

**DRAFT**  
**Shelter & NFI Coordination Meeting**  
**Held at UNHCR on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 15.00**

**Participants:**

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Priyadhrashani	UMCOR	Information Officer
Laurent Raguin	UNHCR	Senior Programme Officer (chairing)
Sarah Wimaladharma	UNHCR	Executive Assistant
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Rob Jones	UNOPS	Senior Programme Manager
Rachel Logel	WVL	Programme Development Advisor
Jorike Looij	ZOA	Management Trainee

The meeting was opened by the chair at 15.05

**1. CHAP 2010**

UNHCR informed of the latest developments with regards to the CHAP which affect the Early Recovery Sector. All partners who have projects in this sector should reword them and resubmit to UNHCR.

There was a discussion on whether the CHAP will go ahead since the government had expressed reservations including the high overall cost vis-à-vis the reduced number of beneficiaries as compared to last year. Where there is not direct linkage between the number of beneficiaries and cost but rather the nature of assistance, the government is hesitant to accept the CHAP as it stands. The final outcome will be discussed with Neil Buhne and the government.

The letter from the Ministry of Resettlement was circulated for information. It concurs with the letter sent previously by Prof. Wijesinha.

UNHCR informed that it had met with the Ministry of Human Rights, Resettlement & the PTF regarding the CHAP submission for NFI & Shelter. The Government acknowledged the work that had been done in this regard and had reiterated the high overall cost.

A discussion on the utility of the CHAP vis-à-vis other funding modalities was discussed by the forum.

## **2. Return Progress**

UNHCR provided the statistics of IDPs, returns & releases to the group. As 19 November, some of 140,000 IDPs had now been resettled or released from the camps in the north. 136,000 IDPs remained in 20 “closed sites” and one open site in Jaffna. Several sites have now been closed (Vavuniya: 4 and Jaffna: 4). The next areas to open for resettlement would be Karachchi and Vavuniya North to start on 1 December.

Over 5,000 families have to date been registered for the shelter grant in Jaffna, Mannar and Mullaitivu & Kilinochchi district. There is a backlog, particularly in Jaffna, due to the pace of the return to Jaffna and the numbers of families eligible – ca. 25,000. With more staffing it is hoped the whole caseload in Jaffna will be covered by the end of the year.

Several members requested clarification if the cash grant had been increased to Rs. 50,000 as announced by the Government. UNHCR responded that no official request was made and that the grant to be disbursed through UNHCR remains at Rs. 25,000.