

JOINT PERMANENT HOUSING, SHELTER/ NFI SECTOR MEETING

Thursday, 27 May 2011 at 15.00 hrs, UNHCR Conference Room

ATTENDEES:

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Laurent Raguin	UNHCR	David Evans	UN HABITAT
Ralf Thill	ASB	Nina Fernando	UMCOR
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Charmalee Jayasinghe	UN-HABITAT	Primrose Masarenhes	HFHSL
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Nilusha Dissanayake	UNOPS	Sarath Wasala	UNICEF
Mithsiri Dias	Caritas	Sarah Wimaladharma	UNHCR
Michelle Berman	UNHCR		

1. Discussion on the PTF Presentation

Following the Joint Pre-planning Meeting for the Permanent Housing, Shelter/ NFI sectors to prepare for the 1st Quarter JPA which is postponed until first week of June 2011, UNHCR and UNHABITAT had come up with a draft of the presentation. (see attached for information.)

The document was descriptively discussed among the forum. The changes proposed were;

- To indicate the date of the updated period of funding which was taken into account (Which was the 26 May 2011)
- Need of a Shelter survey – This will enable to identify the exact relevant vulnerable criteria of persons (categorize and prioritize groups/ individuals according to the vulnerability)
But ZOA thinks that this would overlap needs, promised assistance and various assistances
- David Evans from UNHABITAT will circulate the fluctuating pricing list of building materials

2. Permanent Housing Update

UNHABITAT has worked on a new gap analysis as highlighted below (please see attached the Gap Analysis table)

- Total Requirement – 148,431(This requirement includes all districts)
- Current Commitments – 33,939 (current funding received is for several years and 44% of the commitments is of the Government)
- Current Pipeline of funding is around 5 Million dollars. (This is in addition to the Indian contribution.)

Requested all queries regarding Permanent Housing are to be directed to UNHABITAT. (David Evans and Unwar Khan for the Northern areas)

It was informed that the Iranian government had donated money for 400 to 500 houses for Northern Muslims. Also another 1,000 houses will be constructed by the Government through Government Agents. More information will be shared.

Indian Housing Project – It is said that the Indian Housing Project has commenced its Pilot project of 1,000 houses for landless persons. This will be a contact driven project and would contract skilled/ unskilled labour. It is said that an Indian Company would do the constructions. It was discussed of the importance of having proper documentation (i.e. Deeds) as the houses are benefited to the Landless families.

3. Update on Menik Farm

Following a meeting organized by the Military with the civilians at the Menik Farm information was provided Government has taken action to clear an area at Kombavil in PTK as a resettlement area. Government authorities plan to close the Menik Farm by September 2011.

Shelter Maintenance in Menik Farm will be continued by UNHCR/OHRD and Drainage activities in Menik Farm by UNHCR/UNOPS till September 2011.

4. AOB

- It was brought to notice by ZOA that the tin sheets distributed in Mullaithivu are of various qualities and some of lower quality. UNHCR confirmed that they will look into this issue with colleagues in Kilinochchi and revert back whether the government would be replacing these tin sheets.
- UNOCHA shared a form among the participants and requested that as a donor driven initiative and according to the Guiding Principles they will be maintaining a data base as to record incidents happened in field locations. It was stated that these incidents will be treated with confidentiality. It was informed to forward these forms to Carrie Howard at UNOCHA (howard@un.org). If the issues qualify these would be taken upto the Resident Coordinator for relevant interventions and negotiations.
- Next UNCT meeting will be held on 9 June 2011.
- The Protection Sector will have a Land & Housing presentation at the next Joint Permanent Housing, Shelter/NFI meeting.