

## Shelter & NFI Coordination Meeting Held at UNHCR on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at 3 p.m

### Participants:

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Ramila Senanayake	OXFAM GB	Media & Communications Officer
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### 1. Maintenance of Shelters and Tents:

UNHCR appealed to the agencies to be actively involved in the maintenance and upgrading of Shelters and Tents. It was conveyed that some IDPs do not want their Shelters and Tents to be maintained or upgraded as they fear that this would cause a delay in providing them permanent shelters or in their returns.

At the time of Return some IDPs are of the belief that they would be able to take their shelters / tents / tarpaulin sheets with them. Agencies urged that this misinformation should be corrected by distributing leaflets, display of Notice Boards and other appropriate ways.

ZOA confirmed that they are upgrading 350 Shelters in Manic Farm – Zone 3. ZOA stated that they need Rs. 9,000 to replace the damaged roof of a shelter with tin sheets. To replace it with cadjan the cost is much lesser and more feasible with the donors. It was suggested that this should be taken up at the Vavuniya Meetings with our Technical Colleagues. It was stressed that Tarpaulin Sheets should be replaced only once in six months and definitely not every two months as this not be viable with the donors.

### 2. Relocation of Returns:

**Old case Loads** - Approximately 1100 families to be relocated under a joint programme. UNHCR with the assistance of NRC, DRC and IOM will be commencing the above programme. Other agencies were invited to join in. Cost of these return shelters /Core Houses will be around USD 1800. It was indicated that, first the IDPs in Vavuniya and secondly the IDPs in Jaffna would be relocated under this programme.

### **3. Recent Floods experienced in Vavuniya:**

The impact was not that devastating but was able to draw the attention of all concerned of the serious situation that might erupt with the anticipated monsoon. Nearly 2,000 tents were affected. 150 were completely destroyed and some needed to be repaired. Some were flooded with water and needed to be dried out. In panic some tents were removed by the authorities. GoSL urged the agencies to do cement flooring in the shelters but the agencies have indicated their inability to do this.

### **4. Sharing of Maps:**

UNHCR informed the participants that Contour Maps on Manic Farm have been produced by SLLR & DC. At the moment these Maps cannot be shared with the agencies as authorisation has not been given by the SLLR & DCC.

### **5. Contingency Planning:**

Participants suggested doing a consolidated Contingency Plan for the Returns, on Shelter Maintenance, Shelter activities for the Raining Season and the distribution of Non Food Items.

However they said that this consolidated Contingency Plan should match the Contingency Plans of the other Clusters. This will be taken up at the next Inter Cluster Meeting with UNOCHA.

### **6. Points to be raised at the Inter Cluster Meeting:**

- Consistency with the Contingency Plans of different sectors
- Guidance Note for the next three months
- Early Warning Systems in the camps
- Summary of Data on the flood impacts
- Transferring IDPs to the Camps at Madu Church