

TOPIC : Daily Shelter Meeting
DATE : 28th April 2009
LOCATION : UNHCR Conference Room

ATTENDEES :

Amin Awad	UNHCR	Representative
Laurent Raguin	UNHCR	Snr. Programme Officer
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Following are the significant points discussed during the meeting :

1. This meeting was held to gather information on the number of tents that are available with the agencies and to see the possibility of accruing additional tents even by means of airlifting to meeting the emergency response in the country.
2. Zone 1 , Zone 2 & Zone 3 of Manic Farm are rapidly being filled up with IDPs. The GoSL has requested the shelter agencies to consider developing Zone4, which the agencies find unsuitable. It is preferred to have another site altogether.
3. The main concern of the agencies was that the existing sites in Vavuniya should not be overcrowded. As it is there are restraints in providing water to these sites. They indicated that the the GoSL should be encouraged to seek alternative sites in Madhu, Mannar, Jaffna or Kilinochchi.
4. Pulmudai Site in Trincomalee though is not ideal the agencies would prefer to work on it. Madu is perfect as it is only a few kilometres fro Manic farm, but it has not been aged by the GoSL.
5. It was agreed that a meeting will be held daily at 11.30 a.m. to discuss the burning issues that arise in providing assistance to the IDPs. Stocks of tents / emergency shelters available with the agencies and that are in the pipeline will also be discussed and matrices will be shared at this meeting.
6. IOM Site that is being prepared for accommodation of ex-combatants at Nellukullum was discussed.

