

TOPIC : Daily Shelter Meeting
DATE : 29th April 2009
LOCATION : UNHCR Conference Room

ATTENDEES :

Amin Awad	UNHCR	Representative
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David White	OXFAM	Country Director
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Following are the significant points discussed during the meeting :

1. The following matrices were distributed and discussed :

- (a) Shelter Construction Updates as at 28th April 2009
- (b) Status / Plans for construction of Shelters / Tents by Agencies
- (c) Plans for Additional Shelters

2. OXFAM wants to airlift tents from Europe and requested the assistance of other agencies interested in bringing down tents to combine with them as this will help to bring down the cost. UNOPS and ICRC agreed to coordinate with OXFAM.

IOM informed that they will be airlifting tents from Dubai.

3. Three additional Government Agents have been deployed to assist the IDPs and the agencies in Vavuniya.

4. Manic Farm Zone 2 there is levelling and other infrastructure work to be completed.

Even though the levelling has not been done tents have been erected in the some cleared areas.

5. The GoSL has decided to allocate Manic Farm – Zone 4 to the Agencies. The GoSL has confirmed that water will be provided in 10 days to this site. The WASH Cluster is laying a pipeline to supply water from the river to Manic Farm which is scheduled to be completed in mid May 2009.

6. Agencies would like to provide Emergency Shelters rather than tents to the IDPs as the cost incurred is similar. However due to the urgency in providing some sort of immediate shelter to the IDPs the Agencies will have to initially provide tents.

This could be taken as protection issue in pushing the GoSL to assist the IDPs to be accommodated with host families or returns. Due to the high cost in providing shelter, food and other needs to the IDPs the GoSL too would advocate this.

Agencies felt that it is necessary to have a clear view on this issue as it would help them with the contingency planning and collect funding from the donors.

8. It is anticipated that there will be a shortage of skilled and unskilled labourers in Vavuniya. Utilising IDPs is not very effective due to security restrictions imposed by the Military curtails the IDPs to move from one location to another.

7. UNHCR requested all agencies to provide data on shelters / tents erected, shelter stock in hand and in the pipeline on a daily basis