

Shelter / NFI / CCCM Myitkyina Cluster Meeting Minutes

10.00 to 11.30, 20 November, 2014

UNHCR Office, Myitkyina

Attendees: Metta, DRC Shalom & UNHCR

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action / Actor / Date
Introduction	Cluster Coordinator Kachin and Northern Shan States (CCK) welcomed/thanked the participants and regretted the limited participation to this meeting for the second time in three months (a meeting mid-September was cancelled due to too low turn out).	
Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)	<p>CCK distributed hard copies of the draft Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for the three sectors and provided following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This first draft based on consultation through the year in open meetings or bi-laterals, numerous field visits by Cluster Lead team, various data, and discussions held at the joined WaSH-Shelter-CCCM Cluster meeting in October. 2. However, remains the compilation of Cluster lead, so some interpretations and possibly errors/misunderstanding, so all Cluster members are strongly encouraged to provide comments/questions by the end of November. 3. The core essence of this document <i>must</i> come from the field and not represent only the Cluster Lead's interpretation, so as much as is feasible comments will be integrated, or at the very least discussed. 4. The document will be used both as a way to present the needs and strategies widely/internationally as well as to follow-up progress of the sectors, so it is important all Cluster members are comfortable with the document. 	

	<p>5. Referring to the CCCM sector in this 2015 strategy, aim is to support either a protracted situation or where possible seize durable solution opportunities.</p> <p>6. Participants asked <i>how</i> the proposed number for individual permanent housing had been decided. CCK recognised that the estimation could not be done precisely in the current context where too many factors are still unclear. However, it seems a real possibility, at least on a small scale, so the Cluster based on an estimation of what seems reasonably feasible to make sure it appears in the HRP, if opportunities are more, always possible to revise.</p>	<p><u>Action point:</u> All cluster partners/members to provide comments on the HRP submission by end of November.</p>
<p>Shelter Needs and Land Issues</p> <p><i>Metta</i></p>	<p>Cluster lead presented the on-going results of the shelter need assessment, underlining that such assessment was central to advocate for the remaining needs, even more in a protracted situation were needs become less obvious and more difficult to pinpoint.</p> <p>Metta confirmed they completed such assessment for camps in Shwegu and have/will share their results (might have been done already at time of meeting by their team in BMO to UNHCR BMO)</p> <p>As no complete and detailed assessment has been completed yet, the Cluster lead, based on available data, estimated a need of 2,000 new shelter units. CCK asked participants if that seemed appropriate. Participants considered this amount realistic. However, with land constraint issues it might not be possible to construct that much. Also, in some camps some sub-standards shelters would normally need to be replaced by new standard shelters, but as the land is limited and standard shelter takes more space, it is often not possible. The group discussed for a long time this issue and decided that in some cases, to be decided case-by-case and based on strong assessment and data, the best solution might be to replace old shelters by new shelter that respect all other standard, but smaller. Pragmatically, it would mean that at least IDPs receive safer, better ventilated, etc., even though maybe still too small. CCK promised to relay this concern and proposition, stating it seems possible to explain to donors and global level as long as the reasons are very well documented and that the reduction of size is reasonable, meaning that 10-15 per cent smaller shelters should be reasonably easy to explain, but if it is 50 per cent likely not worth building new shelters.</p> <p>Metta specified that for their work in Woi Chyai they keep facing this land issue. They had</p>	<p><u>Action point:</u> CCK to report the question/feasibility of building slightly smaller shelters if the reasons are based on strong assessment/data at next meeting</p>

Next Meeting	As their will not be meeting in December (end of year celebrations), next meeting is likely to be the quarterly joint WaSH-Shelter-CCCM meeting end of January/beginning of February. Details will be communicated at a later stage.	
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