



**ES/NFI Cluster Coordination Meeting - Afghanistan**  
**2017 MAR 14 13:30 - 15:00**  
**UNHCR CO Kabul**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **AGENDA ITEM**

#### **1: Introduction**

The Country Representative of UNHCR welcomed all participants and encouraged effective coordination in order to respond to critical gaps and avoid duplication. Reference was made to a situation in Mazar settlement where there was a critical need for emergency shelter but needs assessment was not conducted to identify the appropriate response. UNHCR being the Cluster lead agency, the Representative committed to represent the Cluster at the HCT.

The incoming Emergency Shelter/NFI Cluster Coordinator was introduced and committed to continue the positive collaboration with all partners and strengthen partnership to meet the critical needs of the most vulnerable population.

#### **2: Review of Action Points from the previous CCM**

There were two follow-up actions highlighted from the previous ESNFI Cluster Coordination Meeting:

- The Cluster technical standards are to be followed and to be complied with during any ESNFI assistances provided. It was stressed that all stakeholders are to keep these standards in forefront throughout their respective interventions, as well as within their CHF proposals. The proposal review will put heightened emphasis on applicable ESNFI standards.
- With reference to the access constraints reported by ACF in Shahrak District of Ghor Province: According to the MRRD, the snow clean-up is completed and access is ensured.

#### **3: CHF Proposals**

The Cluster reviewed the submitted project proposals for the 2017 1st CHF standard allocation. Recommendation and prioritization of the proposals were based on CHF priorities and geographical target locations.

The Cluster made the following observations:

- In total there were 17 proposals submitted
- One proposal is assessment oriented
- Land access conditions need to be addressed for proposals addressing transitional shelter needs



- Under Envelop 4, some proposals indicated Cash assistance which is outside the eligibility criteria for this objective. Hence, these proposals will need to be revised
- Proposals addressing permanent shelter assistance are not part of the CHF allocation priorities and thus will not be prioritised by the Cluster

Overall, the Cluster highlighted the need to ensure that the provided assistance is following set Cluster Standards. Reference was made to the different amount of the same cash assistance activities - including rent, in difference provinces / districts.

The Inter Agency Gender Equality Advisor for the Humanitarian Country Teams Pakistan and Afghanistan, gave a presentation on how gender mainstreaming consideration are ought to be integrated into the CHF proposals, as well as in their implementations. The role of gender analysis by the use of the ADAPT & ACT-C methodology ensures the identification and incorporation of gender differences into project designs.

**Follow up:** Meeting of Cluster Partners having submitted a proposal with the Cluster Coordinator

**Deadline:** 2017 MAR 14 - after the Cluster Meeting

#### **4: Cluster Strategy / Standards**

The ESNFI Strategy for 2017 is scheduled to be endorsed by the upcoming ESNFI SAG Meeting on 20 March 2017. Following that, the Strategy will be scheduled to be also endorsed by the next ESNFI Cluster Coordination Meeting (on 10 April 2017), while sharing it with OCHA to be distributed further.

The Cluster had been receiving feedback that some of its partners do not follow the set Cluster Standards. On the occasion of the review - and following endorsement - of the updated ESNFI Cluster Standards, the cluster will establish a dedicated Technical Working Group to review and recommend ESNFI minimum standards what will take into account location specific conditions, e.g. in the amount of the provided cash assistance. The developed recommendations will be then reviewed by the SAG and by the ESNFI Cluster Coordination Meeting.

**Follow up:**

- SAG Members to endorse the ESNFI Strategy for 2017 at the next SAG Meeting
- Establishment of a TWIG to review and recommend ESNFI minimum standards what will take into account location specific conditions

**Deadline:** 20 March 2017

#### **5: Briefing on 2017 Q1 Reporting**

Presently the 2017 February reportings are due to be received from all active Partners by 15 March 2017. All Partners were reminded to submit their outstanding 2017 January reportings, in case still outstanding. It is foreseen that the 2017 March reporting - due 15 April 2017 - would be facilitated on ReportHub, a multi-cluster online reporting tool; thus the data necessary for the quarterly reporting would be aggregated by the new platform.



OCHA ES/NFIs Cluster focal point highlighted recurring reporting related concerns:

- Discrepancies of Reported Partner activities (3W) between information provided by the Cluster - on national/regional level - and information gathered on regional level by OCHA. This reflects on the fact that some Partner organisations do not report to OCHA on the regional level but to the Cluster only. It is to be actioned that Partner organisation's regional entities are integrated and take part in the regional reporting mechanisms and also ensure that this is in synch with national level reporting.
- Partners are requested to provide more specifically and in quality on needs, responses, gaps, and constraints within their respective operational areas. It is to be avoided to provide redundant information without specific actionable quality information on gaps, needs and constraints.

**Follow up:** The Cluster will share the Regional Cluster Focal points' contact information to ensure coordinated action and reporting on regional level, as well as on national level

**Deadline:** 2017 March 24

## 6: IM Briefing

Partners have been advised by the Cluster IMO on the ongoing shift of communication and collaboration mechanisms and methodologies of the Cluster.

Partners have been requested to provide the following IM inputs towards the Cluster:

- Partners were requested to continue to share their completed / ongoing / planned assessment information and report to further the establishment of a Cluster inventory of assessments. All submitted assessment are uploaded on HR.info.
- Partners were requested to provide updated contact information to the Cluster IMO to ensure all Partners are receiving all Cluster communications. An updated Partner Contact Database is being compiled.
- Partners were requested to provide their applied PDM tool to further the development of an ESNFI Cluster specific PDM tool. It has been noted that such initiative inherently incorporates inter-cluster coordination, as well as awareness of donor requirements. The established inventory shall provide for a bearing ground to develop a ESNFI Cluster specific PDM tool, based on the feedback from Cluster partners as well as from inter-cluster coordination.
- Partners were requested to provide information on their cash interventions, aiming to standardise and tailor cash assistance throughout the provinces.

**Follow up:** Partners to send assessment information

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Follow up:** Partners to send their updated contact information

**Deadline:** 2017 March 20

**Follow up:** Partners to provide their applied PDM tool

**Deadline:** 2017 March 20



**Follow up:** SMDM/ANDMA to provide the reporting format / template that has been prepared by DiREC.

**Deadline:** Next ESNFI Cluster Coordination Meeting

**Follow up:** Partners to provide their cash intervention details

**Deadline:** 2017 March 20

### **7: Key challenges of partners**

A central challenge observed by the Partners were the policies relating to the restrictions on land allocation for returnees. The representative of SMDM/ANDMA advised the ESNFI Cluster Coordination Meeting participants that his office will provide further details on the newest evolvments surrounding the land distribution question. Further, the representative also provided details on government initiated involving IMMAP on new information management platforms relating to disaster management. These are in their incubation stage but could potentially interlace with information provided by Cluster Partners.

**Follow up:**

- The Office of SMDM/ANDMA will share details on the presently, with IMMAP partnership, developed information management system.
- [Sendai Framework]

**Deadline:** 2017 April 10

### **8: REACH Presentation on Badakhshan EQ Response Evaluation Assessment Report**

The presentation on the Badakhshan EQ Response Evaluation Assessment Report given by REACH aimed to briefly inform the partners on the success of the intervention as well as on the potential adjustment needs of assistance provided. Partners may consult the final report in the next weeks once released by REACH. At this point, REACH welcomes any specific comments on the draft version by the partners.

**Follow up:** Cluster Partners to share their feedback with the Cluster to be consolidated and then communicated towards REACH for consideration

**Deadline:** 2017 March 16

### **9: Nomad Concepts Group Presentation**

The Nomad Concepts Group, via a brief video presentation, has given an overview on services, available resources, and logistics capabilities what they can offer towards Cluster Partners, in the occasion of responding to natural disasters and/or man-made crisis affected populations.



**10: AOB**

The next ESNFI Cluster Coordination Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 2017 April 10.

The tentative Agenda had been shared with the Partners for comments and feedback on Agenda points to be included.

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