

## **Afghanistan ES/NFI Cluster Technical Working Group**

**Established March 2017 until June 2017**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **Introduction**

The ES/NFI Cluster provides cash assistance as one of the modalities to meet the needs of the affected population. However, there is no harmonized cash assistance package associated with these activities, resulting in variances in the cash-based response amongst the ES/NFI Partners. Additionally, the ES/NFI Cluster has developed a Technical Guideline with agreed standards to provide guidance on various ES/NFI Cluster activities, but this document lacked detailed descriptions and specifications of mainly shelter related responses.

#### **General Responsibilities of a TWiG:**

Technical Working Groups (TWiGs) are created in response to specific technical issues raised by the ES/NFI Cluster membership and given a specific terms of reference by the Strategic Advisory Group. The TWiG is then disbanded when all the tasks are completed. During the SAG meeting of 19 April 2017, NRC was nominated to Chair the TWiG and IOM to Co-chair.

#### **TWIG membership:**

To perform these tasks, a maximum of ten additional members are required. Membership is based on a self-selection process depending on available technical skills, interest, and capacities needed for this function. UN agencies, non-governmental organisations (both national and international), government counterparts, as well as commercial and academic sectors, are all encouraged to participate.

#### **Objectives of the TWiG - established 20 March 2017:**

During the SAG meeting on 20 March 2017, it was agreed to establish a Technical Working Group to conduct the following tasks:

- Review the various cash-based interventions and recommend a harmonized package for each assistance type (*Emergency Shelter, NFIs, Repair tool kit, Construction kit, Transitional shelter, Permanent shelter, Cash for rent*) per region, based on the current market analysis.
- Review the current Technical Guidelines and incorporate detailed descriptions and specifications of ES/NFI interventions, including the associated cost per assistance type. "No one size fits all". Hence, consideration should be made to include appropriate shelter types per Region.

#### **Expected outputs:**

- Cash based packages of each assistance type developed and recommended
- A recommendation on the duration of cash for rent assistance, amount determination, protection risk assessment (e.g. negatively impacting rental markets), basic requirements of rental properties, tripartite agreements)
- Common assessment, vulnerability profiling and targeting criteria

- Current Cluster Technical Guidelines reviewed and updated with relevant specifications, designs and clear descriptions

The Chairperson is expected to subsequently provide progress on the work of the TWIG at every National Cluster Coordination Meeting for feedback and comments. The preliminary timeframe to complete the tasks is end of June 2017. The SAG will then endorse the recommendations within a week and the document will be posted on the ES/NFI Cluster's website. ES/NFI Cluster Partners are then expected to apply the agreed standards.