

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS CLUSTER

HRP Update

v00 – 13th December 2016

v01 – 7th January 2017

Introduction

This HRP Update is Revision v02 of the original update sent out on 13th December 2016. The original document is at the end of v02 in an Annex.

Timeline

The timeline has not changed, so it is as the same as detailed in v01. All projects must be uploaded by **15th January 2017**.

The projects will then be reviewed by the Cluster between the 16th and 21st and the Cluster defence will be on the 22nd January. Any final edits will be made after this date with a hard closing of the OPS scheduled for **26th January 2017**.

Cluster Objectives and Strategy

The Objectives and Strategy, as presented in v01 have not changed.

Guidance on First Line, Second Line and Full Cluster

The OPS requires projects to be defined as First, Second or Full Cluster. After due consideration, we advise partners to enter a project for each category. We appreciate for many agencies this will require 3 projects to be submitted, however we believe that the future advantages in defining our strategies make up for the additional input at this stage.

The Cluster views the different activities as detailed in Table 1.

The division is academic in day to day programming terms, however for tracking costs and reporting purposes it provides a framework and we hope it will make donor communication easier.

In the event that you have an activity which is not detailed then please do not hesitate to contact the Cluster for further discussion and guidance.

Table 1

First Line	Second Line	Full Cluster
Tents	Sealing Off Kits	Contractor led repair of war damaged buildings for returnees
Emergency Shelter Kits mobile and basic	Unfinished buildings for IDPs	Contractor led unfinished buildings for returnees
NFIs – mobile and basic	Cash for NFIs or basic shelter upgrades	Upgrade of camps to international standards
Construction of emergency sites	Upgrading of emergency sites	Cash/voucher for repair or upgrade of buildings for returnees / host / 'stayees'
Adaptation of shelter due to changes in climate	Construction of camps	Cash for Rent for returnees and IDPs
		Training of contractors, communities and authorities in the reconstruction / repair of war damaged buildings
		Infrastructure upgrades to support settlements

Selection criteria for HRP projects

The following outlines the draft selection criteria for projects proposed as part of the 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan.

A selection criteria will be used by the review panel of the Shelter/NFI Cluster while reviewing projects for inclusion or rejection. The following are key questions the panel will ask and so offers useful guidance.

Alignment with cluster strategy

Does the proposal clearly target the needs of one or more of the target groups for assistance packages as identified in the revised strategy of the Shelter/NFI Cluster?

Technical quality

Does the project have clear strategies in place to ensure the technical quality of the assistance that it provides?

Achievability

How achievable is the project within the timeframe of the HRP, including scale, complexity and organization capacity?

Value for money

How cost effective and efficient is the proposal?

Prioritization of the most vulnerable

Does the proposal include clear strategies for targeting assistance to those in critical needs of Shelter and NFI assistance instead of using 'blanket coverage'?

Geographical targeting

Does the proposal is geographically targeted to areas of highest need, rather than only to areas that are easy to access?

Cash based assistance

In line with the overall approach of the HRP, proposals will be assessed on whether or not they include clear strategies to ensure the greatest use of cash based assistance possible within their project.

Gender

How well does the project address the differing needs of men, women, girls and boys?

Protection

How well does the project target and address protection concerns of differing groups within the affected population, in particular the needs of children who comprise 50% of the displaced population?

Training on OPS

At the present time, we have not received any requests for pre-project upload meetings or discussions and so we will not hold a formal meeting. However, the Cluster is available anytime to discuss any aspect of the project. In addition, OCHA will hold formal sessions, the plan is as follows:

Dahuk: Monday 9 January - English. The training will take place after the General Coordination meeting (approx. at 12.00) at Governorate conference room.

Contact person: Kenga Shandralingam, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, Dahuk, Iraq; Tel: + 964 7511352876 Email: shandralingam@un.org

Kirkuk: Tuesday 10 January at 10.30 (for Area ICCG, English) UNAMI Conference room, Kirkuk Government Building (KGB)

Wednesday 11 January at 10.00 (for humanitarian partners, English/Arabic) at the meeting hall of Department of Planning (map attached).

Please confirm attendance for the 11 January training to Mohammed Chalabi, National Humanitarian Affairs Officer, Mobile: [+964 \(0\)751 1844379](tel:+964(0)7511844379) E-mail: chalabim@un.org

Baghdad (Center/South): Wednesday 11 January, 9-11 am - English/Arabic

NCCI Meeting room, Baghdad. Please note that you need to provide the participant names with vehicle details to NCCI 24hrs in advance to facilitate the checkpoint access. Details can be sent to the Center Coordinator (Marwan, center.coord@ncciraq.org), c/c al-anbari@un.org. The training is open to Center/South Cluster focal points and operational partners.

ANNEX 1 – v01 – 13th December 2016

Objectives and Process

On the 7th December 2016 the Cluster presented its 2017 strategy to the HRP Advisory board. Following feedback from the HC, the following three objectives have been drafted. These are:

Objective 1: Provide safe, appropriate emergency shelter and distribute critical life-saving non-food items to vulnerable populations in priority locations.

Objective 2: Upgrade and repair basic shelters and replenish core household items for vulnerable populations.

Objective 3: Expand safe, dignified shelter and housing options for vulnerable households in accordance with agreed standards.

These objectives will appear in the Advance Summary which will be presented to the international donor community in Brussels on 16th December 2016. The Summary will be focused on Mosul and will request funding for the next 6-months.

The full HRP will be 12 months starting January and will cover all areas of Iraq including Mosul. The document will be prepared in accordance with the time-table attached. The OPS will open around the 17th December and agencies should begin thinking about their projects and needs for 2017.

The Cluster will provide more guidance and updates on project submissions as and when it is available.

Activities

These activities will appear in the Advance Summary, however there will be an opportunity to amend, add and adjust them in January.

First Line: Provide safe, appropriate emergency shelter and distribute critical life-saving non-food items to vulnerable populations in priority locations by:

- Mobilizing partners, in collaboration with the CCCM Cluster, to construct emergency sites and camps on the basis of agreed standards
- Procuring, pre-positioning and distributing high quality, seasonally-appropriate tents and shelter kits in priority locations,
- Procuring, pre-positioning and distributing standardized, seasonally-appropriate non-food item kits in priority locations.

Second-Line: Upgrade and repair basic shelters and replenish core household items for vulnerable populations by:

- Assessing conditions, discussing results with communities and authorities and refining interventions,
- Replacing degraded and damaged tents,
- Procuring, pre-positioning and distributing sealing-off kits,
- Procuring and distributing customized kits to vulnerable households making small repairs on their own shelters,
- Distributing cash grants to vulnerable households making small repairs on their own shelters,
- Deploying technical teams to advise vulnerable households making small repairs on their own shelters,

- Distributing cash grants to vulnerable households to purchase core household items.

Full-cluster: Expand safe, dignified shelter and housing options for vulnerable households on the basis of agreed standards by:

- Conducting market and vulnerability assessments,
- Providing rental subsidies for vulnerable households,
- Providing tools and construction inputs to vulnerable households making major repairs on their own shelters,
- Contracting builders to repair heavily damaged houses occupied by vulnerable households,
- Training contractors, community groups and municipal authorities on safe and sustainable building practices.

Draft Strategy

The strategy has not been official approved, however it was presented at the defence. Again, there will be an opportunity to adjust and amend.

Using an array of tailored and sequenced interventions ranging from standardized emergency kits through to cash interventions and community-based programs for the provision of targeted, timely and adequate Shelter/ NFI assistance to the most vulnerable people in need.

Emergency shelter and NFIs will be provided to all displaced in formal or non-formal settings and if displacement is protracted, upgrades will be provided so that agreed standards are met.

The intervention modalities will be standardized across partners to provide a predictable and accountable response. The Cluster promotes innovation and flexibility to meet evolving humanitarian needs of various beneficiary groups within a fluid context.

Barriers hindering long term recovery will be addressed through flexible programming, close coordination with and support of other humanitarian sectors (Protection, CCCM & WASH); local, regional and national authorities and actors.

What next for Cluster Partners?

The deadline, as detailed in the schedule below is to have all projects up-loaded into OPS by **15th January 2017**. Although it is yet to be confirmed, we expect that the OPS will open on **17th December 2017**.

The Cluster are available anytime to discuss the objectives, strategy and activities and assist partners in their thinking for 2017. We plan to hold a series of more formal meetings starting 4th January and continuing up to the deadline.

A full schedule of meetings will be sent out in the coming weeks.

In the interim, we recommend that as soon as OPS opens, familiarise yourselves with the system and what is required and plan your internal strategy meetings to start preparing the scale, scope, location and activities for 2017.