

Sub-National Shelter Cluster Northern Donetsk

Shelter Coordination Meeting | Severodonetsk

16th July 2015

14:30-16:00

Hotel Miir, Severodonetsk

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Minutes of the meeting

Present: Sub-national Shelter Cluster, UNHCR, Deputy Governor of Luhansk, OCHA, UNDP, Mercy Corps, LRASD, NRC, 7th Line, Romanovsky Foundation, Austrian Red Cross, Ukrainian Red Cross, Private Company x2

ITEM	ACTION / DECISION	ASSIGNED TO	DUE DATE
1.	Luhansk-specific information from the Shelter Cluster/REACH assessment can be requested from the Cluster	All partners	As required
2.	All partners to update the reporting tools by 10 th August– and then use this for non-duplication bilaterally	All partners	Ongoing
3.	Shelter Cluster to share more detailed data on Who does What Where with partners ASAP. Feedback from partners on this is very welcome.	Shelter Cluster	ASAP
4.	Specific winterisation meeting to be held with key partners. [UPDATE: planned 23 rd July, Sloviansk]	Sub-N Cluster	23 rd July
5.	Information on longer-term shelter solutions to be presented next meeting	Sub-N Cluster	Next meeting

1. Roundtable introduction of participants

2. Presentation of Shelter Cluster & Sub-national Cluster

- Sub-national Coordinator introduced Shelter Cluster structure in Ukraine
 - o Shelter Cluster supports all shelter actors (government, UN agencies, international and local NGOs, civil society organisations, donors, etc.) through:
 - o Collecting, analysing, and sharing information, developing overall strategic priorities for the response, standardization of activities, advocacy
- Activities under the Shelter Cluster include:
 - o Shelter rehabilitation, NFI distribution, Collective Centre management/basic repair, cash for shelter/NFI
- Shelter Cluster has 3 Technical Working Groups at national level:
 - o For Housing, Land & Property; Permanent Shelter & linkage to integration; Shelter/NFI monetization (cash/voucher programming)

- A Sub-national Cluster has been set up in northern Donbas
 - o Covering GCA northern Donetsk and northern Luhansk, setting strategic priorities at sub-national level, coordination and standardization of activities.
 - o Has a dedicated resource for coordination, working closely with UNHCR
 - o In other areas, decentralized coordination is led by UNHCR Field Offices

3. Introduction of partners' activities & areas of intervention (current & planned)

- UNHCR
 - o Shelter project activities are mainly conducted through partnership with NRC, providing shelter materials and NFIs
 - o Also do some direction distribution, responding to requests from authorities, etc
 - o Have an MoU with Ukrainian Red Cross for ad-hoc distribution
 - o Shelter activities limited to emergency shelter assistance, and light and medium repairs. Not heavy repairs and permanent housing
 - o Cash assistance is planned for the second half of 2014, some of which may be linked with Shelter Cluster activities
- Austrian Red Cross
 - o Distributing vouchers for shelter materials for 310 households in Lysychansk, to the value of 5,500 UAH, targeting damaged housing, and those who have moved from completely damaged shelter
- UNDP
 - o Currently doing needs assessment (governance), will create public councils to assist government in meeting its objectives
 - o Have in the past done NFI distributions in the winter, now focused on job creation.
- 7th Line
 - o Frontline activities, mostly focuses on food support, provision of construction materials – distribute based on donations, on a voluntary basis. Also find materials to fit requested needs.
- Romanovsky Foundation
 - o Have 10 offices in Luhansk oblast, 2 in Donetsk GCA. Plan to open more offices including in Donetsk and Mariupol.
 - o Has own database of 70,000 people registered, both IDPs and affected population, targeting includes vulnerable people. When people register, they state their needs.
 - o Ongoing provision of assistance, including construction materials, food, NFIs
- NRC
 - o Distribution shelter materials for light, medium repairs, to affected communities on the frontline, in partnership with UNHCR + other funds
 - o To date, have assisted 1,250 families, with target 3,500 families
 - o In parallel, distribute general household NFI kits, plus baby, elderly, and host family kits. In Popasna, Novaida, Stanista Luhanska, target 9,000 HH
 - o Have started some repair works in 2 schools, 1 Collective Centre, 1 water station
 - o Plan under development for shelter solutions for households with heavily damaged / destroyed houses
- Mercy Corps

- Shelter light/medium repairs for 210 households in Stanista Luhansk. Have construction teams to help elderly residents, other HHs will do construction themselves
- Also reconstructing 2 multi-story houses (30 HH each) in Stanista Luhansk. Construction materials are procured, for works to start soon
- Will be conducting cash transfers for vulnerable families across Luhansk oblast
- Private company 1
 - Engaged in construction and design work. Currently cooperating with UNDP CBI project. Will conduct some restoration of social infrastructure in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts. Also have network of shops that sell construction materials.
- Private company 2
 - Reconstruction and construction of houses
- LRASD
 - Will distribute NFIs (jerry cans, to households and water tanks, to social institutions) in frontline area.

4. Reporting, 4Ws, and non-duplication

- Sub-national Cluster Coordinator presented the reporting tools:
 - From next reporting round, partners can report using either the online form, or an Excel spreadsheet
 - Deadline for reporting submissions is the 10th of each month, with information given back to partners by 15th of each month.
 - Importance of filling reports for identifying gaps in programming, and also to help non-duplication, emphasized
- Partners emphasized the importance of information being returned to them
 - Sub-national Coordinator assured partners that much more detailed data will be shared from the next reporting round
 - Feedback to the Cluster on improving data-sharing is very welcome, as without feedback, improvements are difficult to make

5. Update on Shelter Cluster/REACH assessment

- REACH PPT presentation given in Sloviansk, Dnipro, Kiev was presented briefly, and key indicators discussed
 - Shelter Cluster/REACH conducted an assessment on IDPs' shelter and NFI needs across GCA of the 5 eastern oblasts
 - This was added to by NRC data collection in frontline villages, for non-displaced
 - Report will be released towards the end of July (aiming for 25th July)
 - Data is available down to grouped district level
- If any organisations want the information broken down for Luhansk region, they can request this from the Sub-national Cluster

- UNHCR interested in perceptions element – is this the same across the region, what are the trends?
- Mercy Corps used a similar questionnaire for their beneficiary selection, with a database of 8,000 households in Luhansk collected mostly from November to February 2015, and still being added to. Analysis was never conducted on this. Have shared database with OCHA, and happy to share with Sub-national Cluster

6. Winterisation planning introduction

- UNHCR winterization response will be focused on NFI distribution, including core relief items, and likely fuel, possibly winter clothing
- Mercy Corps: question on whether UNHCR are planning shelter-related cash.
 - UNHCR planned cash program will be starting soon
 - UNHCR has flexibility at local level as to how cash assistance gets defined. Most likely will be multipurpose cash. UNHCR to confirm
- Mercy Corps planning 2.5M USD from September for winter assistance
 - Add additional households to get multifunctional cash, about 5000 people in GCA. 300 USD for household
- NRC
 - No defined plan as yet, distribution of specific winter NFIs and fuel in frontline villages
- Mercy Corps raised concern that not many funds are currently circulating in Luhansk oblast for winterization
 - If a gap analysis shows a large deficit in response, Shelter Cluster role is to help advocate with donors, and to work with partners to best target the assistance there is
- A separate winterization planning meeting will be held, bringing together interested organisations from northern Donetsk and Luhansk – date TBC by Sub-national Cluster
- Deputy Governor:
 - Concern that people are entering winter in same situation and same conditions as last year
 - There is a need for plastic for windows, warm clothing, generators, fuel for generators, pillows, bed-linen
 - Government preparing for candles, blankets

7. Collective Centres

Agenda point skipped for next meeting

8. Other Shelter priorities

- Deputy Governor

- Raised concern that humanitarian assistance is concentrating on the frontline, forgetting about people whose houses are completely damaged
- There is an issue of people from GCA whose houses are completely destroyed, but are not IDPs and are not eligible for assistance. Rising prices of accommodation and utilities are cause for serious concern.
- There are reports of people who are having to return to NGCA as they are unable to pay rent in GCA
 - The participants acknowledged that this raises serious Protection concerns
- Been proposing for a while to convert existing buildings into permanent social housing
- Some discussion followed on short- and long-term programming – concerns were raised by multiple partners on the need for long-term shelter solutions for IDPs and those with completely destroyed housing (social housing proposed by the government)
- UNHCR
 - It's a point for discussion at what stage we move from short-to-long term assistance. At the field level, the UN and NGO partners are not the decision-makers, but have a valuable role in feeding this information back up to Kiev level, and then on to donors.
 - We need to be realistic however, the funding that is achieved to date will realistically be the bulk of funding for the rest of year.
 - One concrete need is upcoming – winterization. We need to prioritise the resources that are available, and to identify the important needs that are not met, to help try to expand the response if possible.
- Sub-national Cluster:
 - Provision of longer-term housing solutions for IDPs and people with completely destroyed housing is an important issue across Ukraine
 - However, such programmes move into recovery and development programming, from humanitarian assistance
 - These issues are starting to be discussed in Kiev, with the Shelter actors, UN, and government, but this will likely be a longer process than delivery of emergency humanitarian assistance is
 - For the next meeting, the Sub-national Cluster will provide an update on discussions in Kiev

9. AOB

- Meeting frequency
 - Agreed by partners to hold meetings on a monthly basis

Next meeting: Thursday 13th August, 2:30pm