

Sub-National Shelter Cluster Northern Donetsk

Shelter Coordination Meeting | Severodonetsk

04th March 2016

14:00-16:00

UNHCR office Severodonetsk

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Офис УВБК, г. Северодонецк

Minutes of the meeting

Present: Shelter Cluster, UNHCR, OCHA, Mercy Corps, GOAL, NRC, ICRC, PCPM, 7 Line

Agenda of the meeting

1. Roundtable introduction
2. Review of previous meeting decisions
 - a. **Decentralized Approach**- An external evaluation has recommended a less Kiev-centric approach and the Shelter Cluster and the cluster has begun to focus on this decentralization process
 - b. **Shelter/NFI Cluster Response Plan**- Plan was presented to partners on winterization 2016/2017, light/medium repairs cash for rent, durable shelter solutions, budget analysis for donors on emergency and short-term vs. long-term assistance
 - c. **Heavy repairs**- Advocacy to donors for heavy repairs is a priority for 2016 and coordination on the approach for heavy repairs will be a focus of the Shelter Cluster. The Cluster will provide a guidance document on heavy repairs and collaborate with partners to ensure that implementation is coordinated to cover priority needs.
 - d. **Winterization**- Updates continue to be gathered from partners.
3. Update on damage assessment, collaboration with local authorities on the way forward
4. Update from national cluster- (update on Kobo training, more visual and detail presentation of 3W/5W information, Factsheet January, other assessments)
5. Update on regional budget
6. Update on Shelter/NFI referrals received
7. Partner Updates
8. AOB
9. Wrap-up

ITEM	ACTION / DECISION	ASSIGNED TO	DUE DATE
1.	Shelter Cluster to circulate all 3W map, 3W extract and Cluster response Plan in Ukrainian and English	Shelter Cluster	With the minutes

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2.	Shelter Cluster to circulate January Factsheet , 3W map , External audit of Shelter Cluster document , grey zone winterization map , winterization activities map	Shelter Cluster	With the minutes
3.	All partners to updates to 3W maps	All partners	March 9 COB
4.	Shelter Cluster to share World Bank review once available, Luhansk regional budget plan overview	Shelter Cluster	Next meeting
5.	Shelter Cluster to share the official classification of shelter damage	Shelter Cluster	Next meeting
6.	Shelter Cluster to monitor the cost of the construction brigades' services	Shelter Cluster	Next meeting

1. Roundtable introduction

All partners have briefly introduced themselves

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3. Update on damage assessment, collaboration with local authorities on the way forward

- Identification of damages from local authorities is ongoing. According to the latest data 92% of damaged shelter is privately owned
- Pilot project on damage assessment in Luhansk GCA was presented to partners. The Excel table contains complete information on addresses (including street level), existing needs and type of ownership (communal, private). Names of beneficiaries will not be mentioned as it contravenes Data protection law
- The table will also include column with changed street name according to the recently adopted Decommunization Law

- Excel table also contains an input form to be filled in by partners that includes needs, indicator whether IDPs plan to return back home or not, if the area is mine free or not. Partners also suggested to include a column that tracks the status of activity (planned, ongoing, completed)
- Partners were asked to appoint a focal point to update their activities. The database will be updated every other month

4. Update from national cluster- (update on Kobo training, more visual and detail presentation of 3W/5W information, Factsheet January, other assessments, World Bank Forum)

- The outcomes of November External Audit are available [online](#). The recommendations include more decentralized approach, feedback from beneficiaries, and increase of engagement with local actors (authorities and NGOs). Currently the document is available only in English. A Ukrainian translation will be prepared soon.
- January Monthly Factsheet was presented to partners. This month, Luxemburg Red Cross, heavy repairs project was featured in the factsheet. Partners are encouraged to submit their story to be featured in the Factsheet that can be used as an advocacy tool.
- Shelter Cluster held Kobo training for partners in February. More sessions can be organized if needed
- 3W maps are updated on a regular basis, Ukrainian version is also available
- Latest winterization maps were presented to partners (cash, shelter, NFIs, fuel). Partners were asked to notify about changes in maps by March 7, COBShelter Cluster to start working on winterization lessons learned document in the end of March. Sub-national cluster team will be discussing these with partners on bilateral basis in order to compile partner recommendations from winterization guidelines for 2016/2017
- World Bank Forum was held on March 1 and 2. One of the main topics of the discussion was development of a working plan for the next 5-6 years, which needed to be examined in light of the current humanitarian crisis and the displacement crisis.. Many IDPs cannot or do not want to return home, however they cannot afford a bank loan, since the interest rate is 25-30% per year. There is a possibility that the World Bank will implement a project of cheaper loans. The project would be good for integration of IDPs, and will combine humanitarian approach with a transition to development.
- During Shelter Cluster meeting in Kramatorsk, OSCE shared that 200 families of Meskhetian Turks plan to leave Donetsk region in March, therefore they will sell their houses at a reduced price, which means possible shelter for vacant apartments. This will need to be investigated in greater detail.
- Shelter Cluster has reached out to Caritas Ukraine to encourage their participation in Shelter Cluster meetings and cooperation with NRC to avoid duplication in Trehizbenka

5. Update on regional budget

- Donetsk and Luhansk local authorities have shared regions' budget plan for 2016
- Regions budget will cover utility expenses for the most vulnerable population, also 2 tons of coal will be provided to the most vulnerable people
- Loan on insulation is also extended, energy efficient materials will cover 21 000 HHs, moreover 127 000 HHs nationwide will receive general measures for insulation nationwide, the loan rate is 25%, but 7% will be compensated to people

6. Follow-up on shelter/NFI referrals received

- Shelter Cluster has received 2 OSCE referrals through OCHA, however there were utilities related, not specific shelter/NFIs needs

7. Partner updates

- PCPM has distributed 2750 NFI kits along contact line (12 locations in Donetsk and Luhansk GCA). The distributions will be completed soon
 - 5500 hygiene kits were distributed in cooperation with IOM, as well as 2750 water filters and winter kits
 - 620 beneficiaries have received bank cards, 50 more cards will be distributed in Avdeevka and Stanitsa Luhanskaya. The project will be completed in April
- UNHCR points out the existing needs in Novoaidar, however it is not a frontline location, and therefore not prioritized by this humanitarian response plan. Nevertheless, this highlights the outstanding needs of the crisis-impacted population displaced from shelter destruction along the contact line.
- ICRC plans to do heavy repairs in 35-50 HHs
 - Distributes roofing kits materials in Stanitsa Luhanskaya, Valuiskoe, Lobachevo, Krymskoe
 - Quick impact program: there are 45 m³ of wood, 9000 slate sheets in warehouse that can be used to cover needs along contact line
 - However, quick fix program was not successful in all the locations, in some villages local affected population could not fix their shelter themselves and require support with labor
 - ICRC also suggested to use GPS for the addresses on damage assessment, especially in light with changed street and village names
- Mercy Corps will be able to cover labor, while another actor provides construction materials
- Shelter Cluster to advocate for labor with donors and will further look into issue of cost of construction in light of the fact that beneficiaries can afford the labor themselves (installation of 1 slate sheet costs 50-60 UAH)
- OCHA: According to HRP, main goal in 2016 is contact line; therefore Northern part of the region (e.g. Markivskiy, Melovskoi raions) does not receive much of assistance. However, it is necessary to encourage partners to work in that area.
 - The outcomes of cash working group coordination meeting, including partners program details, cash grant size and number of beneficiaries to be shared with partners internally
- UNHCR: shelter, NFI, fuel distribution are completed, cooperates with NRC on shelter repairs
 - Plans for 2016 include 735 light and medium repairs, 50 heavy repairs and 40 full reconstructions
- Shelter Cluster inquired whether partners have coal in stock for contingency, as winter has not officially ended and the risk of another severe cold snap still exists
- UNHCR does not have stock of coal for fuel; NRC could procure, but it will take time; ICRC has construction materials, food and hygiene kits in stock
- Mercy Corps has completed shelter repairs in Krymskoe and Zolotoe
 - Insulation of 143 HHs in Popasnoe to be completed soon
 - Ongoing Distribution of construction materials to 114 HHs in Stanitsa Luhanskaya
 - Multipurpose cash to be distributed in locations along contact line (Stanitsa Luhanskaya, Novotoshkovka)
 - Cash for NFIs to be distributed in Starobelsk and Severodonetsk
 - OFDA funded program was extended till the end of June

- The agency plans where to work on shelter repairs in 2016 and cooperates with NRC on shelter repairs
- Livelihoods program operates in the Northern part of the region in order to assist IDPs with employment, however no shelter related activities are performed there, since IDPs are just renting apartments
- ICRC inquired how construction brigades are working:
 - Mercy Corps does this through contractual agreement
 - NRC hires local brigades
- NRC has completed winterization activities
 - Plans for proposal will include shelter along frontline, as well as livelihoods (greenhouse), hygiene, agricultural component, infrastructure rehabilitation (e.g. electricity, schools renovations)

8. AOB

9. Wrap up

- Shelter Cluster to send out damage assessment, links to HRP, January Factsheet
- Shelter Cluster to share World Bank review, Luhansk regional budget plan overview
- Partners to inform Shelter Cluster about changes in 3W maps
- Shelter Cluster to monitor the cost of the construction brigades' services

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11 February 2016

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List of Annexes:

3W Maps

January Factsheet

External audit of Shelter Cluster document