

## NATIONAL SHELTER CLUSTER MEETING

5<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, UNHCR MIA, UNHCR Support Office Kenya & UNHCR Galkayo

### MEETING NOTES

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## 1. Introductions

The Cluster Coordinator, Mr. Graham Eastmond, after a round of introduction expressed thanks to the members who were able to attend the National Meeting. Since no member had initially expressed any interest in making presentation on an example of good shelter/NFI practiced by their organization, it was decided to discuss and highlight some of the challenges faced in the delivery of shelter/NFI assistance.

## 2. Overview on Challenges in Shelter Programs

- WVI have an ongoing permanent shelter program in Baidoa and were hoping to run it parallel to a Craterre Local Building Culture Training planned by the Shelter Cluster. Unfortunately this training didn't take place and therefore they are implementing this project using their typical permanent shelter methodology. However, as the project is coming to a close and WVI is looking into new design, they would like to know if the Shelter Cluster has any plans to conduct this training in the near future. Currently, the secretariat have no updates on the training, but is looking into a bilateral discussion with WVI on the way forward. [\(Post-meeting note: the cluster coordination team is unable to take the Craterre initiative forward at the moment but NRC will introduce WVI to Craterre personnel to see if a bi-lateral arrangement can be made to support next round of construction\).](#) At the next national cluster meeting, WVI will present lessons learned from the Baido permanent shelter project.
- OCHA highlighted the gap in detailed population data. The data received from PRMN and other sources only provide basic data, but there is need for more detailed data for better shelter programming and response. It was reported that IOM is carrying out assessments across the country using their Emergency Tracking tool which gathers some disaggregated population data. The Shelter Cluster will also collaborate with CCCM to roll out a newer version of the Infrastructure Mapping Tool which will provide additional population information and some details about site infrastructure.
- There is limited funding for shelter activities in response to drought displacements due to the fact that at the onset of drought crisis, it was characterized as a WASH, Food security, Nutrition and Health crisis, and therefore, those sectors are where the bulk of the funds went. However, there is now a shift in thinking since we are now faced with a displacement crisis. Donors are now suggesting a willingness to fund emergency shelter/NFI activities especially through cash modality. The cluster should seize the opportunity and step up advocacy for shelter funding (*See advocacy below*).
- The gap in leadership in the shelter cluster coordination team was pointed out as a great concern and may have contributed to the lack of prioritization of the Shelter Cluster in the drought response strategy. The current chair is on surge and completes mission on 15 June. The Global Shelter Cluster team is looking for an Interim replacement through NORCAP, and UNHCR is in the process of recruiting a more permanent Shelter Cluster Coordinator – both recruitments are on-going.
- Long delays in receiving supplies in locations like Galkayo are frustrating partners efforts to respond to emergencies in those locations. SAG's strategic proposal to use a two pronged approach to have pipelines and leverage on markets was highlighted. Pre-positioning of NFIs was also suggested and if funds are available for pre-positioning, the Logistics Cluster should be approached about identifying potential, strategically placed warehouses.
- More permanent shelter programs have been affected by the shift of focus currently to more lifesaving temporary interventions.

### 3. Infrastructure Mapping Exercise

- Shelter Cluster has not dropped the idea of carrying out infrastructure mapping exercises. Many other organizations are conducting almost similar exercises: IOM DTM, UNHCR PRMN, REACH mapping exercises etc. with Baidoa being the focus of most of these activities.
- The SC promotes coordinated initiatives so as to avoid duplication of effort and seeks harmonized data and complementary assessment tools.
- SC will prioritize areas where large numbers of displaced are found and that have not yet been assessed such as Mogadishu. The idea is to get rough estimates of IDP populations in each site mapped and what services they can access.
- Since this exercise is typically a CCCM activity, the SC will work in collaboration with the recently activated CCCM co-led cluster by UNHCR and IOM and will be handed over as when they become well established.
- There are no funds set aside for this activity. Cluster partners will be asked to provide contributions and support for implementation of the mapping exercises in terms of staff and logistics. The contribution of the coordination team will be data analysis and reporting.

### 4. Market Assessments

- We have a request from the cash working group to update the prices of package of the NFI and shelter material that were used as the base data from the market survey that was carried out in March 2017 in Baidoa, Luuq, Mogadishu, Kismayo, Bossaso and Galkayo
- Partners in those locations will be asked to support in this quick price survey on the same package of goods. The idea is to repeat the exercise regularly.
- The cluster will also seek information about stocks of important NFIs such as plastic sheeting. Although businessmen can quickly adjust stocks once they have an understanding of the demand.
- Distinction should be made between the SC Emergency shelter/NFI package and the cash working group multi-sectorial package of the minimum basket because it does not incorporate certain NFI components hence not sufficient for a displaced family.
- PDM results from NFI cash interventions should be shared within the cluster. Also on a broader perspective, it would be great to have PDM data from partners who do purely cash interventions to have an idea on what proportion of the cash is distributed per sector. This would be useful also for advocacy.

## 5. Information Management

- The SC has adopted Mail Chimp for managing the mailing list. Anyone desiring to subscribe to the SC mailing list can follow this link: <http://www.sheltercluster.org/somalia/mailling-list-subscription-form>
- To unsubscribe, one simple needs to follow the unsubscribe button at the bottom of the email received from Shelter Cluster.
- SC has created a regional SitRep template which will be used to collect situation reports (Needs, response, gaps, challenges) for input in OCHA weekly advocacy documents. The data will be collected from different regions each week so as to provide a semblance of continuous information flow, and not overburden the regional coordinators at the same time.

## 6. SAG

- All the current SAG members have been asked and have confirmed their intention to retain their membership in the SAG. These include: UNHCR, UNHABITAT, IOM, REACH, DRC, NRC, DKH, SYPD and HAPEN.
- The SC will be taking nominations for another International NGO, and another national NGO to join the SAG. In the invitation, partners will be asked to express why they are interested to join the SAG.
- As the previous SAG elections, CRC will play the role of selecting the two new organizations based on the guidelines stipulated in the invitation.

## 7. Advocacy

- The overall advocacy strategy for the cluster is to focus on 3 main topics (all related to needs and funding):
  - The current displacement crises
  - Housing, Land and Property Rights – support the advocacy of the HLP Working Group (led by UN Habitat and NRC)
  - Recovery/resilience/durable solutions
- Within the HCT and ICCG, the SC continues to promote the fact that the prioritization is being expanded to beyond what was termed as “the lifesaving” clusters to include shelter/NFI in view of the evolving displacement crisis where shelter is indeed a lifesaving assistance.
- The cluster coordination team is working together with DRC to put an advocacy campaign together to highlight emergency shelter and NFI needs in the displacement crisis which will be shared with the SAG prior to publication. (Post-meeting note: the photo story was reviewed and published: <http://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/displacement-crises-somalia-over-700000-newly-displaced-persons-2017-adding-million>. It is also up on the front page of the Global Shelter Cluster webpage)
- The cluster continues to advocate for sustainable shelter solutions and recovery aspects of the Shelter Cluster strategy which go hand in hand with the relief activities.

- There are two high level missions coming to Mogadishu in the next few weeks with a number of regular and non-traditional donors and the coordination team will grab the opportunity to discuss the shelter/NFI needs with them and present integrated approaches to settlements and other sustainable solutions.

## 8. Any Other Business

- The dialogue within the HCT and ICCG is shifting to recovery for certain parts of Somalia/Puntland/Somaliland where the rains have been more consistent and where there are reports that IDPs are beginning to return to their homes.
- If the SC are looking at supporting the newly displaced to go back home, emphasis should be placed on understanding what was the cause of the displacement, and if their return is feasible.
- A multi-sectoral approach should be considered in the discussions with specific attention to access to water.
- Where authorities are looking to organize transportation of IDPs back to their points of origin, the SC is advocating for sufficient transport assistance to the newly displaced persons to go back with their household items and other relief items provided during the displacement.
- CCCM with SC support is working on an initiative to classify settlement typologies for Somalia. There is a technical working group that will meet to put some initial definitions and settlement attributes together for broader review by CCCM and SC members.
- There are 10 monthly regional shelter cluster coordination meetings in the following towns: Dholeb, Kismayo, Mogadishu, Luuq, Baidoa, Belet weyne, Galkayo, Garowe, Bossaso and Hargeisa. It is important for members to attend where they have activities.