

**Shelter Cluster – Nepal**  
**Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) meeting – May 7 2015**

**Attendance:** Jake Zarins – Habitat for Humanity, Adesh Tripathy – Habitat for Humanity, Mark Wooding – Medair, Michele Young – Save the Children, Hari Dorshan Sharty – CORD, Siobhan Kennedy – Shelter Cluster, Prabesh Paudyal – UNHCR, Sanjeev Hada – IFRC, Padma S. Joshi – UN-Habitat, Bijay Karmachanga – UN-Habitat, Joseph Ashmore – Shelter Cluster, Julien Mulliez – DFID, Tom Newby – CARE, Lajana Manandhag – Lumanti, Neil Bauman – Shelter Cluster

**Chair:** Victoria Stodart – Shelter Cluster Coordinator

**Minutes:** Lise Anne Pierce – Shelter Cluster

**Updates:**

- OHCA is holding a Press briefing May 8, 11am with the HC/RC
- Government interested in movement towards Monsoon preparedness and recovery
- Blanket distributions are significantly under reported

**Tarpaulins**

Current statistics:

- 63,000 distributed
- 23, 000 in country
- 230,000 funded and in pipeline
- 120,000 further in pipeline
- 200,000 tarps from IFRC
- TOTAL 600,000 tarps

Government Joint Secretary has mentioned the government has a further 120,000 in country.

Discussion about further need for tarps

- Major issues of spec and quality – depends a lot on what they are giving out
- When you have a blanket coverage vs. targeted
- Do we know the source of the gov't figures – it went up significantly 250,000 destroyed and 300,000 damaged. Is the number accurate, is it inflated?
- Census data is not entirely accurate
- Finding from Reach assessments will be in 2 weeks. Sampled assessment can only give an indication
- Mapping actors and producing where they are?

**Decision:** There are a large number of tarps reported in pipeline. Review saturation level of tarpaulins in country and in pipeline in 1 week based on further analysis of quality of tarpaulins being distributed, damage assessments as well as timeline for pipeline items to arrive and be distributed in country.

### **PRICE POINT FOR BENEFICIARY**

- Need a price point per household for temporary support – could be a combination of cash, kits, plus training
- CGIs and bamboo – how many per household – costs seem to be in the region of USD200-300 per household.
- Of note: local material bamboo and thatch not available after June

### **CGI SHEET DISCUSSION**

- Tarps provide flexibility throughout entire disaster response/recovery process. Can be used for roofing and then transferred to other uses over time as longer term materials become available.
- CGI – sheets of quality/thickness is already in short supply according to communities
- Salvage materials – in Kathmandu valley – houses need to be demolished and they need support mobilized to be done in a planned way as all the houses are connected.
  - UNDP main project is assessment/demolition
- Once CGI sheeting is used holes get put into sheet and then it becomes much less useful
- Factories are running and capable to produce in community, the stock and capacity to produce CGI is available in country
- According to census data, more than 70% of housing uses CGI
- Should not just be doing CGI need to encourage other options – in rural areas far in the mountains alternative solutions are necessary. Closer populations likely most CGI

### **ESTABLISHING RANGE FOR LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE:**

- Costs for providing CGI or materials – ideally also want to provide a cash component as well to either pay for labour or additional materials that cannot be salvaged.
- Recommendation to establish a level of assistance range perhaps \$250 however that level may not encourage building back better/safer.

**RECOMMENDATION: TASK THE TWIG TO AGREE ON SUPPORT PACKAGE, SUPPORT PACKAGE PLUS CGA + soft assistance guidance.** Request the TWIG to establish guidance on financial level of assistance which can be an overall package that is both equitable and flexible

Possible combinations of uses:

- Repair kits
- Repair kits plus adequate CGI
- Retrofit
- Technical support to encourage build back better messaging to extend the life of materials

The variables over and above the agreed amount will primarily be around transportation. Agreed that price point is determined and then agencies can work within such an amount and vary what items are provided.

## COORDINATION HUBS

- UN has confirmed they will establish hubs in Gorkha, Chautara.
- IOM is setting up main hub in Chutara. They have offered to run the hub on behalf of Cluster
- Before the earthquake districts had lead agencies – supporting humanitarian approach.
- Shelter Cluster will work to confirm a humanitarian shelter focal point in each district and IFRC will implement a roving support team and back office support will be provided at the National level.
- ToRs will be drafted by the cluster team to include responsibility for convening meetings, maintaining contact lists, mediating – encouraging agencies to report to the 3Ws

## OTHER:

- Donors – Transitional solutions terminology will create problems.
- It is recommended that temporary solutions terminology is more appropriate language.
- Request to have TWIG review/revise clothing list –Please send suggestions to Joseph and will do
  - Preference is choice – cash as an option is best – markets can support this

## MEETINGS:

Cash working group continues next meeting Friday May 8 at 6pm

TWIG Sunday – 4pm at NSET offices