

Shelter Cluster Bangladesh

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Bangladesh Shelter Cluster Meeting

25 September 2017, 3-5pm

Hosted by Habitat for Humanity

Road # 16/A, House # 12 (3rd floor)

Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh

Attendance: Representatives from Catholic Relief Services, Caritas, World Vision, ShelterBox, Habitat for Humanity, IFRC.

Chair: Victoria Bannon, Shelter Cluster Coordinator

1. Introductions

- New Shelter Cluster (SC) Coordinator, Victoria Bannon, has replaced Tom Bamforth and is deployed for 2 months, together with Information Manager, Quinten Dengerink.
- Introductions by attendees from
- It was noted that the SC has a mailing list of 69 organisations (refer to slides), but participation in meetings is very low.
- Mailing list has a lot of redundant names and needs to be updated.

ACTIONS:

- ➔ SC Partners should visit the website to review the contact list and update details as needed: <http://www.sheltercluster.org/response/bangladesh-monsoon-floods-2017>

2. Overview of flood response (all clusters)

- Latest inter-cluster dashboard show 37% funding (63% funding gap) – see slides.
- Shelter cluster is the best funded, but targets were set very low compared to actual need.
- Update was given from the Cluster Coordination Meeting (held 25 Sept) – see slides
- Needs analysis, especially regarding ongoing displacement and vulnerability is still a major gap: currently working from 72 hr assessment overlaid with census data and work from some agencies/working groups on needs analysis but this remains patchy.

ACTIONS:

- ➔ SC Coordinator will circulate National Assessment Working Group latest needs analysis feedback reports from Communicating with Communities to help SC partners identify potential needs and gaps.

3. Update on Shelter Response

- Shelter Cluster target is around 58% covered (approx. 38,000 households - not including the government response).
- There are still some expected activities of other partners which have not been included, which may exceed the target, so there will be a need to revisit the targets in the coming week(s).
- SC partners noted that:

- Dinajpur – resilience is high, CGI is now being preferred by communities to the pre-existing mud structures although it is not as suitable for the climate (summer / winter)
- Kurigram – many people still living under open skies, particularly those from *char* communities who have been displaced onto land owned by others and are not in a position to build permanent structures.
- Building from mud is becoming expensive because of use by brick factories.
- In some cases mud is being reinforced by bamboo and straw.
- There are some alternative technologies (ICP / blocks) which could be used for permanent reconstruction.
- IEC materials are a high priority now for both emergency and recovery phases (the Communicating with Communities group can support with dissemination if needed)

ACTIONS:

- ➔ SC Team will review the targets in line with the updated response activities, for further discussion with SC Partners.
- ➔ SC Partners should complete the 4W matrix with particular attention to the section on beneficiary breakdown.

4. Shelter Cluster Strategy

- Current version of Shelter Cluster Strategy was shared – see slides. SC partners provided the following recommendations:
 - Objective 3: Assistance should also refer to cash support for landless.
 - Objective 4: Include specific reference to masons training, cash for work and Build Back Safer training with communities.
 - Targeting: should be updated to reflect additional criteria SC Partners are using: Landless (to be added to 4Ws); Ethnic minorities (some partners are targeting but will not be tracked in 4W); Families with small/minor children (some partners are targeting this, but will not be tracked in 4W)
 - Prioritisation: Wording should be changed to “recommend a focus on” the 5 priority districts, but acknowledge that there are needs in other districts where partners are working, so as not to limit possibilities for further funding in other areas.

ACTIONS:

- ➔ SC Coordinator will update and recirculate SC Strategy and also discuss with the SAG.

5. Shelter Cluster priorities / needs of partners

- There is a need to consolidate and review the existing IEC materials for emergency and recovery, with specific reference to flood prone areas and different housing typologies – this will be the focus of the next meeting.
- SC partners asked about the role of the SC as regards to the Rohingya Crisis. It was acknowledged that the coordination structures were different, but that there might be still useful technical and IM support that could assist, based on work the SC had done previously. Further information will be shared when available.


ACTIONS:

- ➔ SC IM will set up Dropbox for IEC materials and invite SC partners to add their relevant documents, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Next meeting / schedule


- Bi-weekly is still considered the appropriate schedule.
- Next meeting: Monday 9 October, 3pm (venue to be determined)

Meeting slides


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1. Introductions

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Cluster partners (69 orgs on mailing list)

- ACF—Action Contre la Faim—ActionAid Bangladesh—American RedCross—Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)—BBC Media Action—BDPC—BDRCS—BRAC—CA—Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh—Care—CARE Bangladesh—Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Bangladesh—Christian Aid—Concern Universal—DDM—Department for International Development (DfID)—Department of Disaster Management (DDM)—Department of Public Health Engineering—DfK—Australia—European Community Humanitarian Office (ECCHO)—Foundation for Disaster Forum—Friendship—Ganochetona Foundation—German Red Cross—Habitat for Humanity—HBR—House Building Finance Corporation (HBFC)—House Building Research Institute (HBRI)—IFRC—Institute of Appropriate Technology, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)—International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent—International Organization for Migration (IOM)—Islamic Relief—LGED—Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED)—Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR)—MOHAM—Muslim Aid—Muslim Aid UK—National Housing Authority (NHA)—NIRPAD—Oxfam—Oxfam UK—Plan—Plan International—Practical Action—Real Estate & Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB)—Save the Children—Shelterbox—Solidarites International—Start Fund Bangladesh—Swedish Red Cross—Terre des hommes Foundation—UN Women—UNDP—UNFPA Bangladesh—Unicef—United Nations Development Programme—United Nations Population Fund—United Purpose—UNOCHA, Bangkok—UNRWA—UNRWA—UNRWA—World Bank—World Food Programme (WFP)—World Health Organization (WHO)—World Vision—World Vision Bangladesh

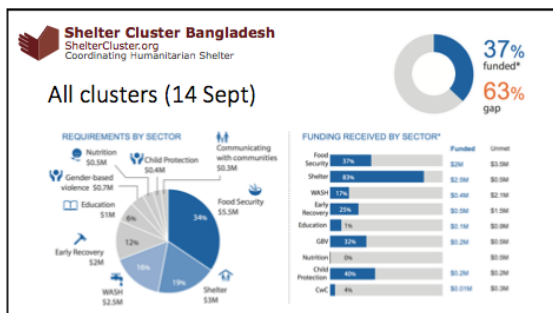
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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Overview of flood response (all clusters)
3. Update on shelter response
 - Latest assessment information
 - 4Ws
 - District profiles
 - Partner updates
4. Shelter Strategy
 - Priority districts
 - Shelter interventions
 - Targeting
5. Shelter Cluster priorities / needs of partners
6. Next meeting / schedule

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2. Overview of flood response



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Update from Cluster Coordination meeting (25 Sept)

- Damage (25 Sept): 633,792 houses damaged, 103,855 houses destroyed
- New donors: DFID £3m (multi-sector)
- National Assessment WG: Conducted a needs analysis in 12 districts, 18 Upazilas involving KIIs and overlaying government data (has changed some of the most affected districts).
- Cash WG: Only tracking multi-purpose cash (see guidelines)
- CwC: Community Feedback Summaries – confusion about cash, concerns about livelihoods. More local NGOs responding. Can support dissemination of IEC materials.
- Disaster Response Exercise and Exchange: 8-12 October, interested orgs can register online: <https://afd.gov.bd/eventregistration/event-details/1>
- EQ preparedness: template to be completed by all partners (will send out)

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3. Update on Shelter Response

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Latest damage/needs assessment info (NAWGW)

District	Total affected population	score-1 (based on sorting of affected pop)	Affected population in District	score-2 (based on sorting of damaged properties)	Score (1-10)	Most Affected Ranking	% Extreme Poor (lower poverty line*)	Affected extreme poor population	Average size of household	Affected Extreme poor pop
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
Jamalganj	1244042	0.46	50527	0.4	0.85	1	34.19	171519	4.57	87755
Lakshmibati	413689	0.19	11460	0.39	0.11	2	16.75	69579	4.52	10857
Dhulaghar	612884	0.21	121170	0.41	0.66	3	21.81	132019	4.18	15104
Kurigram	1217076	0.25	10851	0.38	0.63	4	48.51	220201	4.57	16519
Kangra	808151	0.28	38813	0.22	0.3	5	30.05	242971	4.08	40710
Kangra	478451	0.18	74816	0.26	0.43	6	6.89	23444	3.96	8401
Thakurgaon	1131976	0.17	8130	0.06	0.44	7	13.77	71201	4.13	14444
Gadchiroli	121711	0.24	27167	0.11	0.19	8	30.84	171917	3.89	44670
Moulvibazar	208162	0.13	16715	0.1	0.16	9	6.05	18608	4.29	3918
Bogra	271286	0.08	39170	0.18	0.26	10	6.72	18230	3.91	4663
Barisal	413491	0.13	17915	0.11	0.16	11	22.73	19987	4.19	21706
Tangail	126017	0.15	20115	0.1	0.25	12	18.05	99018	4.14	22961
Faridkot	181210	0.18	1667	0.04	0.22	13	12.12	21216	4.12	11468
Majumdar	186140	0.09	13895	0.11	0.2	14	18.84	11811	4.31	7196
Mymensingh	20028	0.09	14463	0.05	0.09	15	32.28	74511	4.42	10812

Note: 1 List of priority districts according to most affected people and property

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Overall situation

- Overall Key Priority Needs Based on the primary data collected from the KIIs with PIOs, the key priority needs are as follows:
 - Food security:** As most of the crops of this harvesting year is damaged, people are more worried about food for the coming days. Especially the poor and ultra-poor families (those are living on hand to mouth) are reported they have no food to eat. People have been adopted negative coping strategies such as reduced food intake and selling livestock. The flood affected poor and ultra-poor people are in high anxiety about the availability of food in the longer term.
 - Livelihoods:** People have very limited work opportunity in the flood affected areas. Majority of the people are depending on agriculture in the flood affected areas. Most have also lost a significant proportion of this season's (i.e. this year's) crops and food stock. According to the PIOs in most of the areas, people have no work and money to rebuild their damaged houses, buy seeds and fertilizers for agriculture, feed the livestock. In some places, migration was also reported.
 - Shelter:** Assistance in repairing houses considering ongoing monsoon and coming winter is a priority need.
 - Safe drinking water:** Identified as a priority in many areas. Tube wells were submerged into flood water for weeks and become contaminated. In more than half of the areas assessed, latrines were damaged severely.

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Shelter situation

- According to MoDMR report dated 17 September, 103,855 houses fully damaged and 633,793 houses partially damaged in 32 districts.
- However except Bogra (5112 people), most of the people have left shelter centers.
- Almost all mud houses and houses made of straw and bamboo have been fully damaged in the affected areas.
- People under lower poverty line have limited ability to repairing their houses. Affected people first need to build or repair houses because of the safety and security of all family member.
- Thus far, many families could not build or repair their house.
- People whose houses are fully damaged living under open sky or makeshifts in many areas, which might impact on their social structure and increase of crime.
- Many household are having a damaged base/foundation, even having leakages which cause building temper to lose. Many are still living in the relative's house and embankment.

What are you seeing?

People reached with shelter support

Target	So far	Planned	Gap
320,000 people (64,000 HH)	187,000 people reached (planned + so far)		133,000 people

Shelter support includes:

- Tarpaulins
- CGI
- Shelter kits
- Cash
- NFIs (blankets, lanterns)
- Support for repairs

4. Shelter Strategy

(Text in red reflects suggestions made during the meeting discussion)

Why do we need one?

- Support the government's overall response strategy.
- Generate a common understanding among partners about needs and approaches.
- Enable learning and information sharing about what works / doesn't work.
- Enable us to track consistently WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN.
- Identify gaps, more effective use of limited resources.
- Advocate for and serve vulnerable people.

Coordination

Bangladesh Shelter Coordination Structure



Objectives

- **Objective 1: Emergency shelter**
 - Support vulnerable households through the provision of **emergency shelter items** such as tarpaulins, shelter NFIs, or their cash equivalent, supported by appropriate training, community mobilisation and IEC material.
- **Objective 2: Recovery**
 - Support recovery for vulnerable households through the provision of **recovery shelter kits**, plinth repairs or cash equivalent. (describe vulnerability in more detail)
- **Objective 3: Housing**
 - Support extremely vulnerable households (such as widows, elderly, people living with disabilities, char communities) through construction of **permanent houses**. (describe vulnerability in more detail)
 - Assistance to landless (cash for relocation to lease/own)
- **Objective 4: Technical support**
 - Provide education information and communication on **safer construction principles**, and community-based hazard awareness, preparedness and DRR, during all phases of the response.
 - Masons training
 - BBS community training

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Response options matrix

Displaced/Non-displaced	Response category	Activities (emergency)	Activities (Recovery)
Displaced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collective centres Host families Temporary shelters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-purpose cash Cash for shelter Tarpaulins NHs Winterisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resettlement Housing support DRR BBS
Non-displaced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair Reconstruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-purpose cash Cash for shelter Tarpaulins Winterisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelter repair kits Ploths/foundations repair DRR BBS Technical support

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Prioritisation

- The Cluster will focus on the most damaged districts in terms of fully damaged houses (re-word to allow greater flexibility to address needs in other districts. Eg "encourages agencies to focus on")
- These five districts represent around 77% of the total number of fully damaged houses.
- The top five districts (in order of reported housing damage) are: **Naogaon, Kurigram, Dinajpur, Sirajganj, Tangail.**
- Assumptions
 - There is substantial self-recovery in many areas, so the focus of response needs to be fully damaged houses rather than partially damaged houses as many of the latter category can and are being repaired.
 - The overwhelming majority of reported housing damaged in the top five districts: Naogaon, Kurigram, Dinajpur, Sirajganj, Tangail.
 - Within the affected areas, agencies will select and prioritise on the most vulnerable groups and individuals for assistance.

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Targeting the most vulnerable

- Totally destroyed, displaced (open air / emergency shelters/ hosted) and unable to self-recover (extreme poverty, landless, lack of assistance from other sources/agencies)
- Geographically vulnerable (chars / embankments)
- Special needs:
 - Widows / Female headed households
 - People with disabilities
 - Elderly
 - Child headed households
 - Landless (to be added to 4Ws)
 - Ethnic minorities (some partners are targeting this, but will not be tracked in 4W)
 - Families with small/minor children (some partners are targeting this, but will not be tracked in 4W)

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5. Shelter Cluster priorities / needs of partners

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Some suggestions

- Re-visiting SC overall targets
- IEC Materials
- Gender, protection issues
- Land, housing & property rights

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6. Next meeting / schedule