

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title: Shelter Cluster National Meeting

Meeting called by: Shelter Cluster Nepal

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1. UNOCHA Update	ACTION	
Topic – Overview of the OCHA cluster transition strategy.	Who	When
It remains understood that the government has and will continue to lead cluster coordination efforts.		
Clusters have been solidifying how they will transition and hand over their responsibilities to the government. There is not one transition model.		
OCHA Gorkha, Chautara, and Charikot hubs will officially be closed on Sep. 30. OCHA is not leaving. There will be maintained capacity in Ktm.		
On August 13 th there was a reflections workshop with all pre-eq cluster leads. This was to plan transition back towards former cluster systems.		
Each district will have a unique transition process to match their circumstances. Some clusters and districts have already transitioned back to former structures.		
Clusters have defined their transition strategy. They have been collected by UNOCHA and it will feed into operations post September 30 th . UNDP and the Early-Recovery Cluster are also planning the transition process.		
Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) has requested that I/NGOs remain engaged with the pre-existing organizations in Nepal.		
Cluster performance assessments will begin in September in 3 parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCHA internal review • HCT review • Government and international partner review 		
Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCHA is developing a one-page guidance note for government and NGO partner capacity building. • Transition planning matrix will be consolidated. • Guidance for district transition plans will be offered. • Handing over to the district level government bodies. 		
Comment: The Shelter Cluster's needs will likely continue long beyond the timeframe of the other clusters. There is concern that the SC will end up responsible for much of the larger coordination needs, especially after OCHA reduces its role. Also, since the SC in all country responses does not have a single standard government agency to handover to it is often a more complex process.		
2. Information Management Update	ACTION	
Topic – Update on the information management team.	Who	When

The new SC reporting template was rolled out. It will help give better data and more disaggregated reporting options.		
If you have reporting issues, please contact the IM team for support. We will also be offering roaming support to assist in this reporting transition.		
The IM team has grown. This enables us to provide more field support and enhanced products.		
2 maps of on-going and completed agency distributions were shown.		
3. Eastern Hub Update	ACTION	
Topic – Information on Okhaldhunga and Ramechhap was shared.	Who	When
<p>Okhaldhunga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francesco, the eastern hub coordinator, walked through 4 Okhaldhunga VDCs to get a sense of the damage and needs. These areas were selected based on feedback from the district NRCS chapter. • High level damage was seen in under 10% of buildings. • Medium damage (significant cracks) was seen in 20%. • Minor damage occurred in the majority of HHs. • These are unofficial damage categories and the percentages are a rough feel from the walk through. • Some HHs with no damage were seen. These could be good guides for reconstruction. • Temporary shelters were made mostly of bamboo and plastic sheeting. There was little evidence of humanitarian intervention. • There is a large sense of fear. Families with potentially habitable homes are living in temporary shelters with concern about more earthquakes. • Access constraints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access through Ramechhap is the easiest way to enter. ○ 3 access points are available: 2 in Ramechhap. 1 from Sindhuli. ○ Some VDCs can be accessed by jeep or tractor. Many more are only accessible by foot. ○ Landslides have blocked many roads. 		
<p>Ramechhap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRCS has helped to expand on the winterization needs in Ramechhap. • 8 VDCs were identified that sit above the snow line. • CDO document showed that 43,910 HHs have received the 15,000 NPR cash grant. This was blanket coverage, not based on damage data. • Tarpaulin coverage in Ramechhap is still lacking. 5 underserved VDCs were identified and shared. Agencies should asses these VDCs before beginning distributions. 		
4. Technical Update	ACTION	
Topic – Updates on the technical progress were shared.	Who	When
<p>IEC Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 pages of IEC were drafted and trialed. 15 agencies provided detailed feedback about these IECs. • “Improving temporary shelter” will be translated this week and will be 		

<p>available next week. The same process will occur for the “demolition and reuse” material.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “10 Key Messages” material will take approximately 6 weeks to be completed and distributed with one page per message. A draft of these messages will be released sooner as the Ten messages themselves have been finalized. 		
<p>Technical Team Briefing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SC technical team is happy to brief any partner agencies technical personal on the technical needs. • If you are interested in this offer, please contact David at tech1.nepal@sheltercluster.org. 		
<p>Technical Annexes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The specifications and details around our technical annexes have been finalized and are available on our website here: http://sheltercluster.org/library/technical-annexes 		
<p>SC Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st assessment was conducted in May and June. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This covered over 1680 HHs (over 120 per district). ○ The first assessment produced 14 district factsheets, which can be found on the SC or REACH websites. There is also a longer report with narrative available on both websites. • 2nd assessment will occur in September-October. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will be a longitudinal research study to feed into the national strategic planning and monitoring. ○ It will cover assistance, shelter conditions, damage levels, and reconstruction/recovery needs and actions. ○ Indicators will be comparable with the other cluster assessments. • The next TWG for assessments will be on Wednesday at 9:30am. 		
<p>Winterization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs for winterization are dependent on the living space and altitude. • We have sent a winterization survey and market assessment requests to each of our district focal points to help us find area specific needs. • Partner agencies have also offered to assist in performing these assessments and surveys over the 14 priority districts. • Lists of the potential winterization products can be found in the PPT presentation. • Conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agencies should track what has already been delivered to avoid duplication. ○ Software should be given along with hardware for guidance. ○ Standard packages along with their cash equivalents and specifications will be recommended. ○ Modalities of assistance will have to depend on the location, market availability, and capacity of goods. • The CCCM cluster’s next DTM survey will also include winterization questions. 		

5. Recovery and Reconstruction Survey Findings		ACTION	
Topic	Who	When	
Results of the R&R survey were shared.			
61 responses in total. 35 were INGOs; 12 were local/national NGOs.			
Many agencies have responded with current activity in trainings, technical assistance, and cash/market work.			
Based on the response received, we estimate there is over 200 million USD in confirmed funding for reconstruction and recovery.			
Capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1793 national technical staff • 301 international technical staff • 422 engineers registered with the NEC (Nepal engineering counsel) 			
A map showing agency's intended recovery district was shared.			
If you did not respond to the survey but would like to, contact Siobhan at tech2.nepal@sheltercluster.org			
6. UNHAS Survey Results		ACTION	
Topic	Who	When	
Results of the SC UNHAS Survey were shared.			
36 agencies responded. Of those, 100% reported that UNHAS closure would negatively impact their activity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 81,200 HHs affected by this. • \$498,905 USD in increased costs. • 66-day delay on activity. 			
The need for maintained UNHAS activity is very great.			
On Friday there will be a presentation to donors for UNHAS funding. Agencies need to contact their cluster needs to get them to advocate on their behalf.			
These results were just based on shelter activities. They do not account for other sectors.			
7. Gender Mainstreaming in Shelter/NFI – GenCap Advisor		ACTION	
Topic	Who	When	
Overview of how to effectively mainstream gender needs in Nepal.			
The GenCap advisor, working in coordination with the gender working group, represents the combined gender effort of many clusters and agencies.			
The flash appeal has a strong commitment towards gender needs.			
In the past month, 9 gender indicators have been created. In order to track these, it is important for all agencies to collect disaggregated data. Sex and age are both crucial to this process.			
When looking at shelter, it is important to understand the specific needs for gender related safety and security. There is already basic guidance available on this topic.			
Suggested collaboration with the Shelter Cluster <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments • Joint monitoring visits • Practical guidance tips • Mainstreaming IEC messaging (in coordination with TWGs) 			
8. Accessibility and Shelter – Handicap International/Medair/Mission East		ACTION	

Topic – Key points for shelter accessibility were shared.	Who	When
Handicap International, Medair, and Mission East all worked together to create 10 key points for accessibility.		
1 IEC sheet on the topic will be shared with the Shelter Cluster and circulated.		
These will be included in trainings for shelter rebuilding.		
The 10 specific messages can be found in the PPT presentation. The messages include specific structural recommendations and guidelines.		
Another presentation on the message will be given when they are finalized.		
A working group for these messages has been formed, and it will be formalized shortly with a TOR.		
Comment: There is concern that these guidelines do not align with the government recommendations.		
9. AOB	ACTION	
Government directives were shared. Please contact Sanjeev at coord7.nepal@sheltercluster.org for more information.		
RRWG date and time will be announced shortly.		
There is an exhibition on safe and sustainable building technology organized by the DUDBC and MOUD. It will occur on August 20 th - 22 nd at the IOE premises. There will also be a workshop on August 20 th from 1:00 – 5:00pm.		
CCCM cluster will be rolling out site management trainings. If you are interested in that, please contact the CCCM cluster.		
If you are a technical expert from any agency, we encourage you to participate in any of the TWGs. If you would like to do so, please contact David at tech1.nepal@sheltercluster.org .		
Shelter Cluster Partner's Forum on Safer Rural Housing will be held on 26 August at 11am.		
The next National Shelter Cluster meeting will be on 2 September at 11am.		

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