



Shelter Sector

Working Group Coordination Meeting

Agenda

Tuesday 13/03/2014, 10 AM
UNHCR Office, LEA Building 1st Floor, Beirut

1. Introduction

The Shelter Coordinator welcomed the participants and briefed them about the RRP6 mid-term review and respective agencies submissions. The anticipated decrease in the overall budget was highlighted. Partners were reminded of the new Activity Info indicator for Cash for Shelter whereby the “US \$ - Amount Transferred” has to be listed beside the AffLeb benefiting from rent/hosting in order to showcase the contributions of the humanitarian response to the Host Community.

2. RRP6 mid Term Review

The Coordinator asked for comments re the Midterm review Shelter Chapter of the RRP6, and stressed the need to revisit the Shelter Strategy by the end of June 2014 as per the developments and the RRP6 midterm submissions.

Agency representatives were then invited to list the changes made to their RRP6 submissions for bilateral funding. The general trend was a decrease in submissions with a few agencies having slightly increased their appeal. The issue of contracting house rehabilitations to owners themselves and the difficulty some agencies confront as they have to tender any activity that exceeds \$5,000 in value was raised in relation to UNHCR rules; and some house owners’ refusal. UNHCR shelter project manager have already raised the issue for programme feedback.

As DRC raised the issue of inclusion of relevant community concerns in shelter programming; a core group meeting was proposed to take place soon and consider this approach beside other items.

3. Update on mapping of Informal Settlements and other mappings

The group was updated on Mapping by the UNHCR Shelter Officer and the new Shelter IM Officer James Leon-Dufur. Total number of IS had reached 1069 hosting 4 or more families and 630 hosting 10 or more families. The mapping team plan to visit the largest Informal Settlements (50+ families) and collect data on Shelter, Protection, and WASH, to analyze

gaps and plan strategic interventions. The assessment team will be trained and begin collecting data the following Monday (19 May) in Bekaa. The 2nd sweep mapping the entire country's Informal Settlements will take place on the 30th of May, and collect data on latrines for each IS. A suggestion was made to ask the mapping team to collect all details on each IS, rather than add one additional question to be asked per sweep. The team will look into the feasibility of the suggestion, and collate questions for the next mapping sweep.

Partners who wish to know details about informal settlements (IS), including which one they might be near and its p-code, can use their mobile phones running Google Earth. Just navigate your browser to <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/bgv0h1g70yse0b6/WOYP51VG9v> and download the kml file onto your device. The file should open in Google Earth if you have it installed. Location of IS's and some details about them, such as p-code, local name, number of tents, can then be accessed. The latest kml file will always be available via this link.

Regarding Collective Center/Shelter mapping, MEDAIR has developed SOPs which are not yet finalized. Shelter Coordinator stressed the importance of having a 'manageable' definition of Collective Centers/Shelters, which should be 'tested' in the field before being finalized, so that the mapping remains consistent across all areas. The mapping will target known Collective Centers, then Collective Shelters that are most in need of management. The Shelter IM Officer will prepare a plan on how to proceed with this mapping.

4. Temporary Technical Committees

Regarding the MoSA FTS TTC, a draft will be circulated on the 21st of May which will focus on SOPs for small settlements for up to 500 individuals. The MoSA Shelter Coordinator reiterated that the problem with FTS lie in the community opposition and hostility to such settlements, and the media backlash from this has placed pressure on the government which then took a stronger stance against their establishment. He also stressed that the ministry continues to search for plots of land in a location that is both safe and close to the Syrian border. When and if land is found, the SOPs being developed will be updated and implemented.

The UNHCR Senior CMC Advisor briefed the meeting on the ongoing developments of Collective Site Management and Coordination (CSMC). She introduced the term CSMC that borrows from the refugee Camp Management and Coordination (CMC) framework, but customized to the local context. Based on the field findings, there is need for clarity and a common understanding on the concept that is largely being confused with the CCCM approach for the IDP setting. Members of the SWG were informed that a CSMC general operation guideline has been drafted. The document explains the roles and responsibilities of key actors in the CSMC framework, and how they complement one another in fulfillment

of their functions. It will be shared with all sectors. CSMC is cross sectoral and members were requested to provide timely feedback to enable consolidation; and onward endorsement.

5. A.O.B.

Save the Children highlighted the reactivation of the youth taskforce, which is primarily a health assessment but touches on shelter and other sectors as well. The working group will be updated when there is additional information to share.