



Shelter Sector

Working Group Coordination

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 08/07/2014, 10 AM
UNHCR Office, LEA Building - Beirut

Monthly Meetings

The Shelter Coordinator conveyed the Inter-agency heads' opinion that too many meetings are taking place. Their inclination is to remove and replace the monthly Working Group meeting in Beirut with more regular Core Group meetings, while focusing on the coordination effort in the field. The general consensus among the working group members was that the Monthly Beirut Coordination meeting is essential as strategic decisions will continue to be needed at Beirut level, and should take place at least once every two months. It was agreed that the TORs for the Core Group, the Temporary Technical Committees, and the Shelter WG be reviewed before any change is made to the structure of the meetings. Some members also stressed the need to have a greater presence from Field representatives in the meetings.

Mid-Term Review / Winterization and Stocks

RRP6 Midterm review has been launched with Shelter Sector showing articulate plans, achievements, and consequences of funding gaps. However, with increasing numbers of refugees, and less funding than the previous year, blanket winterization coverage for the coming winter will not be possible.

As distribution will not reach all refugees, vulnerability criteria have to be agreed on, with the UNHCR Shelter Coordinator to begin the process by meeting with the Cash and NFI sector leads. Coordination of implementation should happen at field level. However, targeting and approach needs to be consistent across geographic areas. Therefore, this should be agreed upon at national level with input from the field. A multi-sectoral assessment of Informal Settlements in is ongoing to identify gaps will help with this prioritization.

With current available stocks being small, procurement needs to begin immediately if distribution is to take place by September. Agencies reporting contingency stocks will be asked to identify their warehouse capacity and human resources available to manage stocks and implement distributions.

UNHCR Shelter Survey

The 4th UNHCR Shelter Survey will be conducted in August targeting 10,000 families, with a parallel WaSH survey to target another 10,000 families as well. Questions are slightly amended from the last survey and will be sent to WG members for final comments.

Assessment working group will be asked to share and compare data/results with results of other assessments raising similar questions to give a better view of situation on the field.

Temporary Technical Committees

NRC Shelter Programme Manager reiterated his call for SSU TTC members to agree on a meeting time to have an in-depth discussion on paying of municipal fees and/or taxes associated with rental contracts of rehabilitated houses and find out alternative relocation for HH refugees at the end of contract.

A.O.B.

The Shelter IM Officer presented 2 draft maps, which map out agencies working on house rehab per Cadastral, as well as agencies working in Informal Settlements per Cadastral. As the maps also show refugee density per area, maps can be used to locate gaps in aid provided to refugees. Maps will be available through Dropbox after every 2nd Friday of the Month by which time UNHCR Beirut would have finalized its review of Activity Info figures for the preceding Month.

The NRC Shelter Programme manager raised the need for WaSH achievements in shelter activities under “rehabilitation of houses” to be highlighted in order to avoid overstating the WaSH gap refugees face.