INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION MEETING: NATIONAL SSNFI WG

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| Minutes | March 29, 2019 | 9:00am - 11:00Am |  | CRS Admin conference room |

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| Meeting called by | SARAH GILBERT (CRS) + PHOEBE GOODWIN (UNHCR) – WG Co-Leads |
| Type of meeting | **DEDICATED** DISCUSSION ON **SEMI-PERMANENT REFUGEE SHELTER APPROACH** |
| FacilitatorS | SARAH GILBERT (CRS) + PHOEBE GOODWIN (UNHCR) |
| Note taker | Phoebe Goodwin |
| Attendees | CORDAID, CRS, DRC, LWF, NRC, PWJ, UNHCR, URCS |

## Discussions

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| **SEMI-PERMANENT SHELTER APPROACH** | | | | | |
| **Updates from shelter actors**  DRC:  - Doesn’t have extra staffing capacity to support development of design catalogue and tools/systems to implement new cash-based approach, especially not in Adjumani for 10 x UNHCR funded shelters. They will redirect the $ for these Adjumani shelters to other prioritized needs within their PPA.  - ECHO cash-based project in Kyaka II and Kyangwali is part of a 3-way NGO consortium (with LWF and Action Against Hunger) to provide the following;   * Most vulnerable targeted PSN HHs = MEB cash for basic needs, semi-permanent shelter + latrine * Less vulnerable targeted PSN HHs = MEB cash for basic needs + semi-permanent latrine * Least vulnerable targeted PSN HHs = MEB cash for basic needs   - Shelter component for ECHO project is based on OPM’s approved unburnt mud brick design – agencies to procure materials/equipment/tools directly and employ youth groups to fabricate the bricks and construct the shelters.  - If OPM send out approval communication of new approach (lifting the perceived restrictions on adherence to strict design drawings and BoQs) next week then that gives enough time for DRC and LWF to revisit the shelter typologies for beneficiaries. Otherwise, it’s too late – cannot delay production of unburnt mud bricks.  CORDAID:  - Secured funds for 21 shelters to construct in Imvepi and 3 with Caritas family.  - Project is based on design approved by OPM and Arua DLG.  - Implementation has some similarities to ame as new approach; beneficiary selection; training refugees/hosts; gender; surrounding members. Pilot for some within total.  NRC:  - NRC has a pilot project for different shelters (including at institutional scale – classrooms etc.) in Kyangwali – Lifeshelter. Showroom will be constructed in Kampala.  - Adjumani Shelter WG rejected the Lifeshelter product 4 years ago when piloted at HH shelter level. Need to discuss appropriate applications for this product.  LWF:  - Keen to start the cash-based pilot in Lamwo and Adjumani.  - They started the group contractor approach in 2015 – tried to learn advantage and disadvantage of direct contractors.  Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS):  - With IFRC, recently conducted a field assessment for a PSN shelter design in Kyangwali. Engaged with UNHCR and OPM and beneficiaries.  - Came up with a simple BoQ for PSN shelters – improved wood stove, latrine and shower.  - HH package includes Disaster Risk Reduction, agroforestry & rainwater harvesting at HH level. Approx. preliminary estimate budget = 750 Euros.  - URC Society – do procurement and RCross staff get volunteers to help with technical support.  CRS:  - Has biggest number of shelter targets with UNHCR funding and will definitely phase in new approach (once OPM given clearance).  - Malawi is pilot for CRS – partners coming up with design for communities but too expensive and didn’t meet different approaches. Couldn’t be replicated – details couldn’t be replicated locally and made buildings more vulnerable (exposed to driving rains). What do you think is an affordable? Traditional local vernacular processes. Went from 1200 USD to 200 USD by asking community. 3D model and 3D details – builders became trainer drivers. Why it is so expensive here compared to neighbouring countries?  PWJ:  - Has been working on revised semi-permanent shelter designs for Rhino and Imvepi with grass thatch roofing.  - Arua District Engineer has raised concerns with grass thatching – termites, lack of availability, maintenance requirements, fire hazards etc.  **Design Catalogue**  - Does not need to be a detailed glossy reference.  - Important to capture best practice of existing local vernacular shelter typologies. Conform to particular construction details but allow for slight changes in overall design parameters.  **OPM approval**  - Revised shelter strategy is awaiting the OPM Secretary’s signature and then it shall be sent to all OPM settlement commandants. As soon as this is actioned, SSFNI WG co-chairs will alert shelter actors and share the officially-endorsed strategy.  - In the meantime, do not prevent life-saving shelter interventions from proceeding and allow for new approach to be phased in gradually.  **WG**  - More funds are needed for the WG to actually be successful and implement/pilot at scale. Not cost effective for one agency to have to introduce an entire new service delivery system in a settlement for only 10 – 20 shelters. | | | | | |
| **NEXT MEETING** | **Wednesday 3rd April at 2pm. Venue CRS office** | | | | |
| Action items | | responsible | Deadline | STaTUS |
| URCS to share Kyangwali PSN shelter design and field assessment | | URCS | 5 April | NOT STARTED | |
| LWF and DRC to share market assessments & shelter project report documents with SSNFI WG co-chairs. | | LWF and DRC | 5 April | NOT STARTED | |
| CRS to share work completed to date on action items for new approach | | CRS | 5 April | NOT STARTED | |
| Shelter partners to send photos of ‘best practice’ existing refugee shelters (non-PSN) in settlements (plus host community homes), including zoomed in construction joints/details. | | **All SSNFI WG actors** | 9 April | NOT STARTED | |
| Create a design catalogue of acceptable standardized semi-permanent PSN shelters from which partners and PSN beneficiaries can select their desired model and typology. | | **SSNFI WG co-chairs** | 19 April | NOT STARTED | |
| Once OPM approval is official, UNHCR to formally communicate to partners to pilot based on new design principles and approach. | | **UNHCR** | ASAP | NOT STARTED | |