

Rakhine CCCM Cluster Coordination Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 31 October 2013

Time: 09.00

Venue: Government Administration Department, Office of the District Commissioner, Mr Nay Tun Ag

Participants: UNHCR, LWF, DRC, UNDP, Government Camp Management Committee members

Agenda item	Discussion	Action/Actor	Due date
1.INTRODUCTIONS	- CCCM Coordinator opened the meeting and thanked the District Commissioner (DC) for making the monthly CCCM meeting possible.		
2. OPERATIONAL UPDATES			
	<p>- CCCM Cluster Coordinator (CCC) addressed the following issues:</p> <p>Operational Updates: Two weeks ago there was a meeting with the Camp Committee in BDP. The DC and TA were present as well as DRC and CCCM. At this meeting, the Government disbanded the committee and informed the IDPs that DRC would start the process of sensitization for electing a representative camp committee. To our surprise, when DRC went to BDP on Monday, 28 October, they were informed that the government had already selected a Camp Committee in BDP2. In addition to the Camp Leadership Committee, five Sub-Committees were also established. Moreover, the government has established the same structures in all camps in rural Sittwe and has appointed Camp Administrators/Focal Points for the different camps. This puts CCCM actors in a very difficult situation as they <i>cannot and will not</i> establish representative camp committees alongside the ones that were established by the government as this will only cause confusion among the IDPs. What we would like to know is what the status of all the old committees is and if the old members were informed?</p>		

	<p>DC replied that he received letters of complaints about corruption and that after the dismantling of the Camp Committees, there was no representation or persons to deal with the corruption allegations in BDP Camp. This put the DC and Government Camp Management Committee in a difficult position and therefore, the Government had to quickly elect a new committee. New committees were established by the Township Administrator in OTG North, OTG south and BDP 1 & 2. The committees were elected by the IDPs and consist only of IDPs.</p> <p>Looking at the document ‘establishment of camp committee at BDP2’ with the Government stamp, the CCC referred to the tool that was shared with the Government in August. This document is an example of the roles and responsibilities (or TORs) of a Camp Management Committee. However, TORs should be written/established together with the IDPs. The CCC suggested that the Camp Management Agencies, together with the Camp Management Committee members, sit together and come up with TORs. The issue of the five Sub-Committees is a different one as they fall under the health, education, food & NFI Clusters/Sectors. The CCC had checked with the different cluster coordinators, e.g. WFP, and they were not aware of the Sub-Committees.</p> <p>DC replied that he supports the CCC’s suggestion and asked the Cluster Lead to provide the new committees with training and TORs in consultation with the Committees. The Government suggests training in camp management. DC suggested providing training for all Committee members together. This was rejected by the CCC; rather the different Camp Committees will be trained separately by CM Agencies.</p> <p>DRC informed the DC that the ‘old committees’ in OTG North and South claim that they were not informed about the dismantling of the Committee and about the election of a new committee. DC stated that the “old committees” were informed verbally about the dismantling and that the village administrators have received an official letter regarding the matter. In addition, all Camp Committee members received official notifications. DRC requested a copy of the official notification. DC explained that all IDPs were informed as the IDPs were gathered in a camp meeting in which everything was explained.</p> <p>DRC wanted to know when OTG will be inhabited and who will move into the TS? DC replied that Thet Chaung IDPs will be relocated into the TS in OTG6. The exact date is not known, but soon. The Government will then hold elections to establish a Camp Committee.</p> <p>The official memo by the RSG, 9 September 2013, mentions the Government Focal Points. Is this document and the department in charge of the different camps still valid? If yes, could we have the names that go with the focal</p>	<p>CM agencies to provide training for camp committees and in consultation with committees to write TORs. CCCM to organise a meeting with Cluster/Sector Leads and DC and discuss Sub-</p>	
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	<p>points?</p> <p>DC replied that the Government has appointed State officials as Focal Points for the different camps. These new Focal Points will be introduced at the General Coordination Meeting, which is chaired by the Minister on Friday, 1 November 2013.</p> <p>At the State level, there are three departments involved with IDPs: 1) Shelter & infrastructure – Mr U Hla Han, 2) Meeting Coordinator – Mr U Mya Ag and 3) Relocation Coordinator – Mr U Ban Shwe Mg.</p> <p>All camp management issues should be addressed to DC who is responsible for IDPs at the district and township level.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the government would like the IDPs to report on ‘Bengali refugees’ in the camps. The word refugee is also mentioned in the document under Information Management Committee in the Myanmar language. This must be a misunderstanding as, to put it very simple, a refugee is somebody who crosses a border in order to seek security and assistance (Syria) while an IDP is somebody who seeks security and assistance in his/her own country, due to various reasons (man-made or natural disaster). So, all the people in Rural Sittwe are IDPs as they never crossed an international border. It is creating confusion and anxiety among the IDPs.</p> <p>DC replied that the Government would like to conduct a household (HH) survey as they need the data for food distribution and other matters. <u>The collection of data is a priority for the government.</u> DC would change the word ‘refugee’ on the form and only put the camp name. The DC also requested the assistance of humanitarian actors in collecting the data.</p> <p>The issue of women representation in the committees has made very little progress. The CCC has discussed this with DRC and LWF and, for the time being, women’s voices will be represented through focal group discussions and the establishment of Women Committees. Then, hopefully next year, when new elections are held, women will be able to participate in the different committees.</p> <p>LWF informed the meeting that they have women representative and would like to request the DC to include them into the camp committees. DC replied that this issue will be discussed at the next CCCM meeting.</p>	<p>Committees</p> <p>CCCM to attend the GCM and to get the list with State focal points for camps</p>	
Camp Management	<p>- LWF reported that they had received a letter of complaint in Basara about misconduct of camp committee. DC</p>	<p>LWF to provide a copy</p>	

Agencies	requested a copy of the letter.	of Basara's complaint letter to DC	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Firewood and feasibility study: CCCM updated the DC about two pilot projects by ICRC and the distribution of rice husks as alternative fuel. CCCM also informed the DC that CCCM/UNHCR has contacted a local NGO to conduct a feasibility study on firewood and fuel efficient stoves. - Notice Boards: CCCM informed the DC about the placement of notice boards in the camps which are also for use of the Government. - UNDP: gave a brief presentation on livelihoods and asked for a separate meeting with the DC which was granted. 		