

Shelter / NFI / CCCM National Cluster Meeting Minutes

15:00 – 17:00, Friday, 22 November, 2013

UNHCR Office, YGN

Attendees: Relief International (RI), UN-Habitat, UNOPs, ECHO, Solidarités International, DRC, IFRC, LWF, Metta, TIKA, OCHA, UNHCR, Global Shelter Cluster (UNHCR) & Global CCCM Cluster (NRC)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action / Actor / Date
Introductions	<p>Cluster Coordinator (CC) welcomed all noting that this <i>ad hoc</i> meeting had been called due to the joint monitoring mission (JMM). Acknowledged that minutes from the previous meeting, 13 November, had yet to be drafted and shared.</p> <p>Noting that many partners were here, CC was keen to utilise this opportunity to update on various/immediate issues before going into discussion with JMM. Before doing the CC gave some background on this forum to the JMM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16th time (since the Cluster was activated in January 2013) that this forum had met in YGN. The forum aims to meet every 2-3 weeks. “Generally it is well-attended”; • CC has sought to rotate where it is held and have others chair. These efforts largely unsuccessful in 2013, only LWF hosted one meeting; • The forum combines the three sectors, shelter, NFI and CCCM. Sometimes discussion will cover both Rakhine & Kachin, other times more focussed on one or other. Acknowledged at the national level that more time (to-date) has been focussed on Rakhine; • Currently 47 different agencies/actors on the partners list, seven of which are donors; • Would liked to have had more engagement/participation with LNGOs working in Kachin attending. Remains work in progress but was happy to see Metta present at <i>this</i> meeting; • Other sectors/Clusters tapped into this forum are WaSH, health, protection and education. 	CC to complete & circulate 13 November minutes.
Updates		
<u>Humanitarian Strategy 2014</u>	CC keen to re-cap where we are in the process. OCHA-facilitated workshop focused on the 2014 Humanitarian Strategy for Kachin and Rakhine. Series of steps worked through at workshop: planning	

	<p>assumptions; boundary settings (where we draw the line i.e. where we can and cannot intervene – including boundary settings for the situation in NRS, which will be further elaborated on during the upcoming Rakhine-specific workshop); strategic objectives and prioritisation.</p> <p>For Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster early indications are that there will not be major changes in 2014 to pre-existing strategies activities; shelter in Rakhine for example will continue to primarily focus on the 140,000 IDPs. 20 November there was the Kachin-specific workshop in YGN, CC attended plus members of Kachin based Cluster team and a number of other I/LNGOs. Rakhine workshop in Sittwe, today, 22 November.</p> <p>Following w/shops each cluster/sector to draft cluster-specific responses. First draft of strategy to be completed such that entire document can be finalised in January 2014.</p>	
<p>Rakhine</p> <p>1. UNGA 68th Session Third Committee</p> <p>2. Early Recovery – Household Economy Approach</p>	<p>CC shared hard copy of EU drafted UN General Assembly resolution on <i>Situation of human rights in Myanmar</i>. For those intersted with regards to <i>this</i> Cluster, CC drew attention to paragraphs 5, 10 and 14. Additionally, explanation of <i>Position after the adoption by Permanent Representative of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations on the Situation of the Human Rights in Myanmar</i> was also shared.</p> <p>Noting the directional steer to mainstream early recovery (ER) into all relevant sectors/Clusters, CC was keen to share documents of tangible benefit to partners. In hard copy CC shared <i>Summary of main findings</i> (Annex I) and table of findings (Annex III) of Save the Children and Oxfam's (Rapid-Household Economy Approach) assessment in August 2013. The full FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS ASSESSMENT is a 76 page document.</p> <p>On a more general note for Rakhine, CC stressed that Cluster Lead UNHCR was having more movement restrictions imposed on their movements to the field; the trend was worrying. RI also said that the situation for their staff and their efforts in Myebon was no better.</p>	<p>Cluster partners to contact CC directly for copy of full report.</p>
<p>Kachin & Northern Shan</p> <p>1. Shelter Cluster Strategic Framework</p> <p>2. Update on Mansi</p>	<p>The latest version, v.1.4, was shared in hard copy. The template was identical to the one for Rakhine, with which some partners were familiar. It was available online and comments and revisions were (as ever) requested. CC stressed that objective four does focus the need to develop "an appropriate and viable longer-term shelter strategy/action plan, focused on the delivery of durable shelter solutions".</p> <p>To avoid going into too much detailed discussion, for an update on the Mansi situation the CC encouraged those present to digest the various documents that had been shared in hard copy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCHA Bhamo Situation Update; 	<p>Cluster partners to feedback their comments to CC on v.1.4 of Kachin & Northern Shan shelter strategy.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metta list of newly arrived IDPs in Banmaw District, 21.11.'13; • Joint Strategy Team Urgent Release-Further IDP Displacement in Kachin - 18th Nov. 2013 <p>In brief summary, current estimates suggested between 2,000-3,000 IDPs. The response thus far has included tents, and will include temporary shelters, NFIs, food and WaSH (hygiene kits and emergency latrines). Current gaps include shelter, education and NFIs. Needs assessments are underway. The CC could also supply OCHA generated maps of the displacement.</p>	Cluster partners to contact CC for maps of displacement.
ECHO-UNHCR-NRC Monitoring Mission Discussion with Partners	<p>Joint (JMM)</p> <p>Having swiftly moved through the above agenda points the remainder of the time and the floor was given to the JMM. All partners had already received the ToR.</p> <p>The six member team was made-up of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denis Heidebroek (DH), ECHO Sector Support Team; • Jorn Owre (JO), NRC Project Manager CCCM; • Evangelos Petratos (EP), ECHO Regional WaSH & Shelter Expert for SE Asia; • Raf Rosvelds (RR), UNHCR Senior External Relations Associate; • Matthew Sayer (MS), ECHO CCCM/Shelter Desk, Operational Policy Unit; • Miguel Urquia (MU), UNHCR Emergency Shelter Coordinator. <p>The mission will consist of field visits to Rakhine and Kachin: two ECHO delegates and one UNHCR will travel to Kachin and one ECHO delegate, one UNHCR and one NRC delegate to Rakhine. The primary purpose of the mission is to have a better understanding of the support that is being provided from the global level towards shelter and CCCM Cluster efforts in MYN. Duration is one week and upon return from the field there will be a de-brief with the JMM and the CC in YGN, 29 November. Thereafter a JMM report will be written.</p> <p>MS began with an introduction, explaining that at the global level they fund CCCM, shelter, WaSH and Health Clusters. While acknowledged that this mission was concerned with shelter and CCCM, they would seek to meet WaSH and health Cluster Leads. In response to a question as to how many actors around the table were involved in implementing shelter, NFIs or CCCM, the response was muted.¹</p> <p>Discussion for the remainder of the meeting covered various issues/areas. The salient points to emerge were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners showed appreciation of the resources provided by the global clusters and in particular the surge capacity provided for information management, coordination, technical 	

¹ While the response was muted during the meeting, the CC later clarified that of the nine operational partners attending the meeting, seven delivered in one of more of the three sectors of this Cluster.

	<p>coordination, and advocacy and communications;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners expressed that more than the tools the main driving factor is the people, individuals that can make a difference; • The support to the website, the advocacy capacity and products, the shelter strategy template and the factsheet were also mentioned as useful; • However, partners did not know about the GSC or the GCCCM Strategies. The JMM noted that there should be a way to inform country-level cluster partners of these strategies and enable them to provide feedback in a meaningful and inclusive way; • It was noted that partners were not fully aware that the resources provided are coming from the Global Clusters. There is a risk that this support is assumed to have been provided by the lead agency only. There is a need for additional support to the Myanmar cluster in terms of mapping. <p>In response to a question from MS, the CC explained that overall he had enjoyed the challenge of leading shelter and CCCM together. Initially it had posed some resource demands but once the capacity was in place, having Shelter Cluster team members working alongside CCCM Cluster team members has obvious benefit in terms of communication and coherency.</p>	
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For next YGN meeting partners were encouraged to check the http://themimu.info/Meeting_Schedule/index.php. Also nearer the time the CC would send an email confirmation and as usual, an agenda. The CC would be keen to have a meeting in December before the festive break.

Documents shared in hard copy with the participants at the meeting or in soft copy to all Cluster partners:

- *Annual Resolution on Myanmar at 3rd Committee on UNGA, 19th November '13*
- *Explanation of Position after the adoption by Permanent Representative of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations on the Situation of the Human Rights in Myanmar, 19th November '13*
- *Annex I - Rapid Household Economy Approach – Summary of main findings [in Rakhine]*
- *Annex III - Rapid Household Economy Approach – Summary of main findings [in Rakhine]*
- *Shelter Cluster Strategic Operational Framework Kachin and Northern Shan States v 1.4 27th September 2013*
- *OCHA Bhamo Situation Update & Metta list of newly arrived IDPs in Banmaw District, 21.11.'13*
- *Joint Strategy Team Urgent Release-Further IDP Displacement in Kachin - 18th Nov. 2013*