



## Shelter Working Group Meeting Syrian Refugee Response in Jordan

Meeting Location	UNHCR Small Conference Room	Meeting Date	12 December 2013
Chair Person	Werner Schellenberg	Meeting Time	14:00-15:30
Minutes Prepared by	Matthew Richard		
Purpose of Meeting	Shelter WG meeting		
Next Meeting	16 January 2014, UNHCR (tbc)		

### 1.) Summary of action points

Item	Action point	Focal Point / Organization
1.)	PU-AMI to send feedback on studies into the legal and social dimensions of property ownership in Jordan.	Anthony Duteuple (PU-AMI)
2.)	UNHCR to lead a coordination meeting between WASH and Shelter working groups to discuss joint activities for the housing standardisation guidelines.	Werner Schellenberg (UNHCR)
3.)	PU-AMI to share photos and plans of housing interventions to be used as an example for standardisation guidelines.	Anthony Duteuple (PU-AMI)
4.)	UNHABITAT to lead development of community mapping exercise for urban areas with partners in 2014. To be discussed at next shelter WG meeting.	Szilard Fricska (UNHABITAT)
5.)	UNHABITAT to share the HLP for the next meeting	Szilard Fricska (UNHABITAT)
6.)	Volker Schimmel (UNHCR) to attend next shelter WG meeting to discuss exclusion criteria (tbc).	Volker Schimmel (UNHCR)

### 2.) Attendees of the meeting

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### 3.) Minutes

Item	Discussion
Exclusion criteria	Volker Schimmel raised a point about an exclusion criteria for the shelter sector noting that the CASH-NFI use a system to avoid duplication of assistance. The CASH-NFI working group use the RAIS module to assist with this. Volker stated that we want to log shelter interventions but we do not want to build in automatic exclusion for shelter interventions. It was discussed with the shelter WG that an exclusion criteria is not necessary as unlike CASH and NFI interventions, there will not be any duplication in the different shelter activities/interventions because they are very different types of activities. The distribution of home adaption kits can be recorded and accounted for unlike NFIs & Cash. However this issue does raise the issue on the assessment criteria we are using to select beneficiaries. It was



	discussed that it would be helpful to invite Volker to attend to next shelter WG meeting to discuss this further.
<b>Joint activities for WASH &amp; shelter</b>	There is a need to coordinate with the WASH sector regarding the shelter interventions for the upgrading of housing and unfinished buildings. We need to avoid duplication with this intervention as many shelter interventions have WASH components such as the installation of water tanks and plumbing. The WASH WG has minimum standards for interventions and we should also follow these standards. It is suggested to meet with members of the WASH WG to discuss this further.
<b>Guidelines for upgrading of substandard housing units and increased housing units available in unfinished buildings</b>	<p><b>Legal and social dimensions</b></p> <p>We need to include information on the legal and social dimensions of shelter interventions. PU-AMI referred to recent studies in which 70% of urban refugees live in homes built on illegally acquired land. For this shelter intervention it is recommended that the agency receive documents of legal ownership from the tenant before providing assistance or conducting any interventions. However, seeing as the percentage of refugee homes on land not owned by the refugees is high, depriving all households without legal ownership from assistance would mean limited aid to refugees in urban settings for housing upgrades. The shelter WG needs clarity on the legal dynamics and requirements of land/property ownership. It was agreed that there should be a call to the shelter WG on the current understanding of existing practice and forward harmonisation. This call should be led by a legal representative from NRC who should brief the shelter WG on findings.</p> <p><b>Examples of interventions</b></p> <p>To complement the drafted guidelines it would be helpful to include photos and plans of existing housing units that have received home adaption kits. This would give the shelter WG a better idea of the proposed interventions and an example to model future interventions. PU-AMI will bring forward examples for the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Policy shift: bundle housing units?</b></p> <p>It was discussed that a better approach towards this intervention is to ‘bundle’ housing units. Instead of assisting one household it might be more effective and financially viable to assist a block of housing units. The current budget for both housing units upgrade and increasing housing units is US\$2,500. It was discussed that this budget would go further if units and therefore budget were bundled together.</p>
<b>UNHABITAT Community mapping</b>	UNHABITAT is expanding its community mapping exercise and plans to include all partners of the shelter WG for a more coordinated response. This will be raised on the agenda in 2014 and discussed at next shelter WG meeting.
<b>AOB</b>	PU-AMI has extra storage for shelter NFIs and is offering space to partners of the shelter WG