

Rakhine CCCM Cluster Meeting

Decommissioning IDP Camps/Shelters Meeting

Minutes

Venue: Office of State Development Affairs Minister, Rakhine State Government (RSG), Sittwe

Date: Monday, 29 Jul 2013

Time: 9:45 AM to 10:25 AM

Participants: State Minister of Development Affairs, UNICEF WASH Cluster, CDN, Shelter Cluster, Save the Children, CCCM Cluster

The meeting was organized upon the suggestion of Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) during WASH Cluster coordination meeting on Friday, 26 July 2013. Subject of today's meeting was the decommissioning of Rakhine IDP camps in Sittwe Town so that Rakhine State Government (RSG) could abide by international standards.

Decommissioning

CCCM distributed guidelines and standards on "Camp Closure", "Decommissioning" and "Decommissioning Action Plan" and informed the meeting that the camp closure guidelines could be used when the RSG decided to close other camps.¹ CCCM explained that camp closure is a process during which CCCM, service providers, IDPs, Government and others should plan and cooperate together. As the relocation of IDPs from five camps to Sat Yu Kya individual houses had already taken place, the subject of *this* meeting is decommissioning.

RSG had already relocated Rakhine IDPs and moved them to Sat Yoe Kya area.

UNHCR protection sector monitored Rakhine IDPs relocation process. It went smoothly. There were no problems and IDPs were informed.

It was learnt that (74) HHs (Maramagy IDPs) remained in Set Yon Su 1 & 2 Camps.

RSG moved IDPs from (5) camps: 20 shelters from Done Tike Kwin Camp, 15 from Magyi Myaing Camp (Moe Za La/Ye New Su camp), 8 from Min Gan Camp (shelters with thatch roofing), 7 from Baw Lone Kwin Camp (Danya Waddy Camp) and 12 from Set Yone Su-1 and Set Yone Su-2. So, IDPs from (62) temporary shelters from (5) Camps were moved to Sat Yoe Kya area. In Sat Yoe Kya, out of (669) individual houses, 35 are still empty.

RSG has stopped construction of individual houses at Sat Yoe Kya and State Government is waiting for instructions from Union Government to start the construction of more individual houses. The 74 Maramagy families who are still in the temporary shelters in Set Yun Su 1 & 2 IDP Camps will remain there until further instructions are received from the Union Government.

Shelter

Plans of RSG were appreciated. It was suggested that some useable timber and materials should be re-used for other infrastructure rather than use them as firewood. Bamboo and bamboo mats could be used for firewood.

¹ See https://www.sheltercluster.org/Asia/Myanmar/RakhineAndKachin/Pages/Standards_Guidelines.aspx for relevant guidelines.

Government will dismantle the 62 shelters and put out a tender for selling the shelter materials. This will happen within two weeks. The money of the tender will be used to cover the costs of the relocation. In addition, the timber will be re-used for additional infrastructure in the camps to improve the drainage system including bridges.

Shelter: Does the Government have a plan for the clean-up of the camps including plastic rubbish disposal?

Government: Plastic will be collected in one specific area and will be burned after the rainy season. The rest of the camp will be levelled with a bulldozer in the same way as the government did at Manzi junction.

WASH: Wash Cluster members involved in the above-mentioned camps are:

- CDN constructed WASH facilities for Baw Lone Kwin Camp, Done Tike Kwin Camp and Ma Gyi Myaing Camp
- ABCD constructed WASH facilities for Min Gan Camp and Set Yone Su-1 and Set Yone Su-2.
- MRCS distributed drinking water to those camps (hand pumps and water tanks)

Save the Children indicated that concrete bathing slabs can be demolished and the gravel can be used for other construction works like roads in camps. Latrine pits will be sealed as was done at Manzi junction.

CDN does not have funding to decommission Rakhine IDPs camps. This issue will be raised at the next WASH Cluster meeting.

RSG will dismantle the hand pumps and water tanks and asked CDN if these items could be stored at CDN warehouses due to the government's limited availability of space. CDN will check the rent period of their warehouses.

RSG requested the NGOs to compile a list of re-usable WASH commodities such as hand pumps and water tanks. Some of the MRCS water tanks were already dismantled by the RSG and given to the relocated IDPs for individual use at the Sat Yoe Kya area. Apparently, some water tanks were small and some were not water tight so RSG removed these water tanks. ABCD had proposed UNICEF for transportation charges in moving water tanks to Sat Yoe Kya area.

AOB

Preparations for Flood

During last weekend it was reported that Minbya Township area was flooded. Minbya area is a flood prone area. CCCM/Shelter Cluster would like to know emergency plans/contingency plans from RSG for flood response. The Minister explained that the respective township General Administration Departments have detailed plans to respond to floods and that the RSG does not have a detailed plan.

Cluster offered assistance to the RSG in case of an emergency situation and could provide tarpaulins and plastic sheeting to RSG if there was a need to distribute them to IDPs and host community in flooded areas.