

Shelter Working Group Meeting

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- **Shelter Working Group (SWG) Updates and Overview of Information Available**

- The SWG provided an overview of information available from government and NGO sources. Efforts are being made to ensure no duplication takes place in ongoing/planned activities on ground. The 4Ws matrix has been circulated to all shelter working group members and has made it available on the SWG website as well. All present members were requested to update the working group on any distributions being planned, along with assessment reports and/or pictures from the field. Pictures from the field shared by various SWG partners were shown to the group; including extent of damage to houses built with both stones and CGI sheets in Chitral, Dir and Shangla.

- **Updates from Working Group Members:**

- Islamic Relief:
 - Field Observations: Winter and snowfall on the mountains, coupled with landslides are posing major challenges for access; government and military both facing problems in accessing far-flung areas. Tents are being provided by government agencies but these will not be enough to meet the present needs. Health problems are anticipated to hit the area as winter sets in. There is a complete blackout in Chitral since floods due to damage to power infrastructure.
 - Response: Currently responding in Chitral and Shangla through distribution of winter NFI kits, food, tents and WASH kits.
- TroCaire:

- Response: Swat, Shangla and Dir being targeted for response including NFI kits, comprising of quilts and blankets. Winter tents are being distributed in Dir; shelter is a major need so distribution of CGI sheets and Cash for Work (CfW) to utilize available salvageable material is being planned. TroCaire is implementing through national partners. The implementing partner organizations have been given a go-ahead by the PDMA while the formal NOC is being processed.
- Aga Khan Planning and Building Services (AKPBS):
 - Response: The organization is supporting AKDN and its partner FOCUS through technical assistance and construction management services. When the earthquake hit, shelter construction was due to start in Chitral in response to monsoon floods, however resource mobilization is a concern now as government has not given a clear statement about the level of assistance required from aid agencies. Currently, 700 shelters are in transit to Chitral and Gilgit-Baltistan.
- ACF International:
 - Response: The organization is present in Lower and Upper Dir through on-going DRR projects. For earthquake response, provision of water filters, NFI kits, hygiene and sanitation kits, and Conditional Cash Grant (CCG) activities are being planned. Final results from assessments are awaited prior to roll out of activities.
- FOCUS:
 - Field Observations: FOCUS does not encourage one-off responses by aid agencies and emphasizes on building community resilience. Response for earthquake has not been very extensive as compared to flood response. FOCUS requested the army for a C-130 plane to take winter tents to Upper Dir.
 - Response: Assessments conducted in Districts Chitral and Ghizer report 158 villages affected; 2,000 households with damaged houses in Chitral, and 200 households destroyed in Ghizer. In Chitral, 58 villages were affected both during monsoon floods and then in the earthquake. The response framework has been customized to reach out to 80% of the affected population. Community response teams established by FOCUS had some stock piles that were used for immediate relief.
- ACTED:
 - Field Observations: Two different types of housing construction have been observed in the affected areas – construction with mud and stone; and bricks with frame masonry. The former houses have been affected the most as these structures are very old. Coordination is required at the district level to avoid duplication of response. Government compensation for deaths have been disbursed in some areas however affected communities in ACTED assessment areas reported that they have not yet received compensations for housing damage. The SWG meetings in the last few days with other partners have also confirmed that cash assistance has started but will take time as the government needs to undertake verification visits through the army before making these disbursements.
 - Response: ACTED will be working in Chitral through its partner FOCUS. ACTED has proposed a design focusing on CGI sheets, and local materials including timber and stone (salvaged from damage housing). ACTED and HANDS are responding to affected families in Dir, Chitral, Shangla and Swat through shelter kits, winter NFI kits, latrine kits and cash grants. The proposed response has not been finalized yet. Factors such as snow, strong winds and temperature must be taken into account for shelter design as the area has unique needs including size of the family. The cost for winter-resistant shelters is between PKR 250k to 300k. These shelters are not

temporary but habitable for a number of years so that people who cannot afford to build back immediately can continue to reside there for a longer period of time.

Furthermore, as co-lead of Cash Working Group, ACTED informed the group that PKR 5,400 has been finalized for food package for 1800 calories per person per family. CfW conditional grant is for PKR 7,200 per person. If any agency is doing unconditional cash grants for the earthquake response please update the Cash Working Group.

- Community World Services:
 - Response: Assessments have been conducted in Dir, Malakand, Shangla and Swat. For now, 2,000 winter kits are planned for distribution in Shangla and Swat but the organization is waiting for an NOC for start of implementation activities.
- ECHO: ECHO has announced that its existing partners can divert current funds for earthquake response in close coordination with them. Furthermore, ECHO plans to hold a partners' meeting during November regarding Humanitarian Implementation Plan (HIP) 2016. Date TBC
- **SWG Winter Shelter Strategy:** SWG shared the draft **Winter Shelter Response Guidance** for comments and inputs. SWG has met with various organizations in Islamabad and Peshawar and is taking note of recommendations provided by all partners. Key discussion points are summarized below:
 - More uniform approach and consistency is needed in terms of cash assistance and cost of NFIs.
 - Transitional support can be provided through the use of CGI sheets in shelters.
 - Messages on safe building approaches should accompany the response.
 - Retrospective upgrade to older tents could be a solution for reaching out to the maximum number of affected individuals.
 - Winter clothes have been mentioned in the technical guidance; ACTED has not had a good experience with miscellaneous and low-priority items in these kits such as children's clothes.
 - Items and Specifications: It was proposed to keep five blankets in a NFI kit; the specifications for the CGI sheets were also discussed. Islamic Relief has included cotton mattresses in their kits; SWG to add a corresponding note in the strategy.
 - Cooking stove should be a higher priority; this was not considered to be a higher priority in the draft strategy view of the procurement considerations;
 - Key messages from Nepal shared with all SWG members; inputs invited from the members to customize these for the Pakistani context.
 - It was recommended to include some ERRA designs in the shelter models in the strategy; it was clarified the Nepal EQ guidance in fact uses ERRA designs.
 - A bibliography on earthquake-related shelter guidance documents is available with IOM and can be shared with the members upon request.

2015 Winterized Shelter/NFI Response Guidance is attached for comments.