

## NOTES

### CCCM Working Group Dominica Coordination meeting 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 9:00 am, Fort Young Hotel

#### 1. Introduction:

- Participants representing the following organizations attended the meeting: UNICEF, Samaritan Purse, Ministry of Housing, OCHA, IOM, IsraAid, Shelterbox, IFRC, Habitat for Humanity

#### 2. Update situation Collective Centers (shelters)

##### a. DTM and return intentions survey

- IOM finalized the Round 2 of DTM survey which includes Site Assessments in all collective centers identified during the first round of DTM.
- IOM also conducted an intentions survey in all open sites to collect information on the living conditions of households, reasons impeding their return to their area of origin and conditions that would facilitate their return.
- Both products are available in the link below:  
<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/dominica/document/dtm-dominica-narrative-report-round-2>

#### 3. Operational plan re-opening schools and support collective centers

##### a. Update on the status of the return or Relocation of People from Schools used as Collective Centers by Mr. Jules – Manager of housing division in the Ministry of Housing (MoH)

- Mr. Jules appreciated the presence of humanitarian community. The GoDom has received some materials from partners, from other governments and also from humanitarians.
- Most urgent need is now moving people out of collective centres, in particular schools.
- The major concern is vulnerable groups.
- The process will start in Portsmouth secondary school and Roosevelt primary school, as the Minister of housing is a parliamentary representative in the Cottage constituency where the secondary school is located.
- The MoH is aware that systematic transition will take from 2 to 6 weeks and the Minister wants to start ASAP, as they argue not having that time.
- Materials are to be shipped into Portsmouth today (10<sup>th</sup> Nov.) to begin some repairs/rebuild, treating individuals whose home require repair of roof.
- For rental households – some lands are being identified to build transitional shelters. The GoDom is willing to partner with humanitarian partners to get materials to begin construction of these T-Shelters.

- The troops from Belize will be deployed to Dominica Grammar School (in Roseau). They already conducted an assessment since there are two buildings used as temporary classrooms damaged. The approach is to move the households out.

#### Questions/ Observations:

DFID: Are people in Portsmouth priority because of population or because of politics? Both. Mr. Jules highlighted the urgency for addressing the needs of families in schools due the high number of IDPs in vulnerable conditions and the importance of reopening the schools.

IOM: Is there any plan to address the needs of rental families? The Ministry of Social Services is better equipped to answer this question.

After Erica 2015, two communities were displaced. Both were able to receive support from the Government and benefit from rental subsidy programs.

Now, given that it is the entire country, that is unknown.

#### Actions:

- Portsmouth: Roosevelt primary school and Secondary school
  - o IOM will conduct a registration exercise in both schools and will share the information with the local authorities and Samaritan Purse (shelter focal point in Portsmouth) for the reconstruction process. Local authority should be there during the exercise in Portsmouth to deal with any issues related to land.
  - o Need for the identification of temporary shelter solutions for most vulnerable families in the schools: Officer Mr Greg Francois might be available to support relocation efforts.
- Rousseau: Grammar school
  - o IFRC will carry out NFI distribution and cash assessment.
- Other schools: East and South East
  - o IsraAid is looking into 3 collective centers in La plaine, Morne Jaune and Petite Savanne.
  - o Shelterbox will provide 116 tents to ISRA Aid. 250 more tents required with 300 water jerrycans, blankets, other NFIs, including 300 solar lamps and more blankets

#### **4. Other updates:**

- a. Habitat for Humanity is conducting an assessment with focus on Reconstruction and Recovery. Habitat strength is housing and technical support. Habitat sees gaps in technical support and may look into placing engineers in Housing Ministry to support technical capacity with design (i.e. rain water harvesting systems).
- b. Other initiatives of the GoDom.

- Point Michel area (south) – The government has acquired land, roads and utilities. Offer of purchase for sale. Conditions of sale transaction is within months. When payments are not done, lands can be repossessed.
- Modular housing. About 1,000 houses. Kalinago territory (East) will receive 10. There is also a prototype developed by the Ministry housing, with timber or timber and concrete. Construction of quite number of houses.
  - c. Most of the vulnerable population in collective centres are elderly, above 70 years. There is a national caretaker program called “Yes we care” that many elderlies benefit from. It’s important to explore whether the system is functioning properly for displaced persons as conditions for elders in collective centres are very poor.

## **5. Next meeting**

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