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Shelter Working Group Coordination meeting 22 November 2017

17:00 pm, Ministry of Housing (Roseau opposite financial center 1st floor)

1. Introduction

Present: DRCS / IFRC, Shelterbox, IsraAid, Samaritans Purse, IOM, ITNAC (Is There Not a Cause), All Hands, UNICEF (Wash), Dominica Charity Foundation.

Excused: Ministry of Housing was excused for this meeting but available by telephone

2. Assessments

Ministry of Housing / UNDP

- Ministry of Housing Damage assessment is ongoing. Currently approximately 11,500 houses assessed. **At this stage** (about 40% of the data) the division of damage is given in the table and compared with the PDC extrapolated data from aerial imagery from Copernicus, which is currently used as the basis for the shelter response:

Ministry of housing			Copernicus extrapolated			Difference
Green (0-25% damage)	30%	7,826	No / slightly damaged	11%	2,597	5,229
Yellow (25- 50% damage)	29%	7,565	Moderately damaged	28%	7,255	310
Orange (50-75% damage)	22%	5,739	Severely damaged	39%	10,272	-4,533
Red (>75% damage)	19%	4,956	Completely destroyed	23%	5,961	-1,005
	100%	26,085		100%	26,085	

- The first preliminary conclusion is that there are less severely damaged houses than estimated before in favor of more houses with limited damage. Which is a positive indication for the planned response.
- The high number of completely destroyed houses seems to be rather consistent.

Caritas / CRS:

- Caritas is conducting a household assessment. Currently they assessed more than 1,000 households in the South East of Dominica. Area's involved are house damage, wash, and economic situation.
- The assessment (summary) will be share as soon as it is available.

DRCS / IFRC

- A few assessments are conducted focusing on different type of interventions ie (unconditional) Cash support, NFI support and shelter repairs.
- The assessment (summary) are usually published on their website.

IOM

- IOM started the 3rd round of DTM, visiting all the collective centers. In addition a spot check survey on the situation in host families is planned. Will be published through the usual channels.
- The construction teams are assessing the damage of the houses of vulnerable families as part of the ongoing repair works.
- IOM support the vulnerability assessment of the Ministry of Social services with data entry capacity.



Samaritans Purse

- Household assessments are ongoing in preparation of the house emergency repair program

IsraAID:

- IsraAID assesses houses around collective centers, with the purpose to support voluntary relocation of the people in the collective centers. In a tailored approach the people are supported with NFI's or instant house repairs.

3. NFI / shelter Distributions

- Update of reported distributions will be shared next meeting, because the information manager just arrived. Please update, when not already done!
- Shelterbox has 255 tents in the region which could be a suitable solution for people in collective centers or provision of more privacy in / around host families. The government has so far not endorsed bringing in these tents. Shelterbox will explore the opportunities to bring them in the coming days, otherwise the shipment will be cancelled and the tents put in contingency stock.

4. Verification of the planned areas for shelter / house repair and transitional solutions

- Most organizations have given more or less detailed indication of the geographical area they intend to work in
- UNDP will base their plans on the ongoing house damage assessment. The plan will be developed in collaboration with the government.
- It is not clear where the government is planning to erect the announced Pre-fab houses. For the humanitarian agencies this information is required to determine the need and place for transitional shelter and tent solutions.
 - AP: The coordinator will address this location and planning of prefabs with the ministry of housing

5. Procurement & import duties

- All organizations are in the process of asking for quotations for construction materials with suppliers in and outside Dominica.
- The procurement expert of IOM arrives in country on the 24th of November and will also lead the combined procurement initiative.
- The Shelter WFG coordination team has produced in collaboration with the ministry of finance a guidance note on the waiver of import duties for construction materials, announced by the Government of Dominica.

Concession for commercial and non-commercial imports in Dominica				
	Import duty	Environmental Surcharge	Customs Service Charge	Value Added Tax
NORMAL Times (after 19-04-2018) <i>During waiver period (19-10-2017 – 19-04-2018)</i>	Varies per product 5% to 30%	1.5%	4%	15%
Regular commercial and non commercial imports	Applied <i>Waived</i>	Applied <i>Applied</i>	Applied <i>Applied</i>	Applied <i>Waived</i>
Donations to approved Charitable organizations	Waived <i>Waived</i>	Waived <i>Waived</i>	Waived <i>Waived</i>	Waived <i>Waived</i>
Purchase by charitable organizations	Waived <i>Waived</i>	Applied <i>Applied</i>	Applied <i>Applied</i>	Applied <i>Waived</i>
Imports by diplomats or regional and International Organisations	Waived <i>Waived</i>	Waived <i>Waived</i>	Waived <i>Waived</i>	Waived <i>Waived</i>



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- The waiver period started on 19-10-2017 and will be valid for 6 months till 19-04-2018
- For more information about import duties in Dominica contact: Nandalawrence@hotmail.com from the ministry of Finance.

6. Transitional shelter designs

- Samaritans Purse, Caritas/ CRS and IOM are all working on a design for a transitional shelter solutions, to bridge the gap between current displacement/ totally destroyed house and a durable housing solution.
- A separate Technical working group will be organized the coming week to coordinate this approach.
- UNDP asked for a similar approach for permanent housing solutions.

7. Any Other Business

- Ministry of Planning has asked UNDP to verify the revised building standards.

Next meeting:

- The time of the next shelter WG meeting will be discussed between the chairs of the meeting and announced per mail