Cebu Shelter Cluster Meeting minutes

Location: PDRRMO, Cebu City 
June 2nd 2014, from 10:30 to 12:00 am 

Chair: Shelter Cluster Coordinator – Roaming (Birgit Vaes)

AGENCIES IN ATTENDANCE:
Government: Task Force Paglig-on, PSWDO Cebu


00. FOLLOW-UP OF ACTION POINTS PREVIOUS MEETING

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01. ACTIONPOINTS FOLLOW UP

1.1 Two focal points were appointed:
- Bantayan Island: Islamic Relief Worldwide
  - Syed Mudassar Shah - Program Manager - mudassar.shah@irworldwide.org - 0915 845 4914
- North Cebu: ActionAid
  - Nasir Uddin - nasir.uddin@actionaid.org – 0905 461 2060
  - Amar Jyoti - amar.nayak@actionaid.org

The TOR for these focal points are in annex to the meeting minutes.
1.2 TESDA training
No agencies in the Province of Cebu are planning to utilize TESDA for training purpose. However, DSWDs ESA project (See point 5) will be in need for technical assistance. Currently the Tesda training is not following the 8 key messages as produced by SC. However, there is a need to adapt the Tesda training to the BBS and DRR messages. Build Change is assisting TESDA on national level to adapt their training curriculum, this message needs to filter down to the provincial and municipality level to ensure the incorporation of BBS and DRR messages.

1.3 Communication with Communities (CwC) & Accountability to Affected Population (AAP)
One approach should be implemented for all interventions. In Panay Island an AAP working group is set up, including 15 national and international organizations discussing the best approach to AAP. Actions undertaken are: weekly radio show, weekly newspaper advertisement, focus group discussion, hotline, info desk on barangay level, shelter repair working group on barangay level, suggestion boxes, IEC materials on selection criteria, BBS messages...

Since agencies are wondering on how and to whom to distribute the 8 key BBS messages it is of utmost importance that AAP initiatives start as soon as possible

Action Aid has already a CwC approach. Since Action Aid is the focal point in North Cebu they could organize a meeting in the North regarding AAP to discuss how the 8 key messages could be shared with the communities. The same initiative could be done by IRW for Bantayan Island.

A training on the 8 key messages is very helpful for the understanding of these messages. In annex a report on the training that was implemented by Pagtambayaong Foundation Inc. (PFI) and supported by Caritas and SC. This system of training could be very helpful to be implemented for the DSWD ESA project.

02. APPROVED 8 KEY MESSAGES ON BUILD BACK SAVER
The 8 key messages were approved by the SAG and adopted by the Government of the Philippines as national policy. The translation is currently ongoing and will be finalized the first week of June. The English version was already shared with all partners and can be found on www.sheltercluster.org.

The technical team is currently working on messages related to:
- Technical information sheets for materials
- Bamboo and wood technical specifications
- Concrete and confined masonry structures

DSWD, MSWD and the municipality engineers will be informed by TF Paglig-on regarding the 8 key messages now they are approved by SAG.

Build change mentioned a rumor about new minimum standards for houses introduced by DPWH. However, nobody so far has heard anything about this initiative. http://www.dpwh.gov.ph/

03. APPROVED RECOVERY GUIDELINES
The Recovery Guidelines were approved by the SAG and adopted by the Government of the Philippines as national policy. However, the detailed information sheets on the 9 shelter solutions as mentioned in the document still need to be finalized as the Government would like to discuss a few items. They want to confirm that they can be linked up with international guidelines and ensure equity between the government and the national and international assistance programs. A link to this document was shared with all SC members and can be found on www.sheltercluster.org
04. HOUSING LAND AND PROPERTY ISSUES
An update was given on the latest developments in HLP. The SC HLP advisor is in country and will be invited to Cebu to lead a meeting to update the SC members and all involved Government bodies, to discuss the Governments plans in relation to resettlement, and status of the zoning ordinance.

The HLP advisor is currently working on tenure guidelines, which will incorporate and item on what should be included in a legal tenure document. The SC will not design such a document as such since this is a legal binding document. However, SC will seek assistance from other agencies in other regions who are already utilizing such a document, the results will be shared with all members.

The SC shared a flyer that was made in Tacloban by the mayor and UN-Habitat to inform the affected population regarding issues related to the NBZ and the solutions that are being provided. The SC has proposed to develop a similar flyer for Cebu. (This flyer is attached)

Task Force Paglig-on mentioned that they will redefine the guidelines for the “no build” zones and the need for relocating people, a risk/hazard assessment has to be done by MGB and families need to be re-identified. Since many mayors are trying to relocate all people living from the current zone defined as “no build” there is an urgent need to get updated information to all mayors.

In regards to relocation Task Force Paglig-on mentioned that more effort needs to be put in preventing Agencies to build slums. It is not only about the design of houses, since for concrete houses the national building code needs to be followed, it is also about the steps that need to be followed for the set-up of relocation areas.

Since Northern Cebu and some islands are declared Wilderness/Timberland, land titles don’t exist in this area, families are currently utilizing their tax declaration form instead to prove that they are living on that land.

05. ROUND TABLE
A table capturing all activities ongoing on barangay level will be shared with all partners. All partners are kindly asked to check this template and make the necessary changes IN YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS. The corrected table will be shared will all SC members and being used to develop the barangay level table and the attached maps. (instructions and table will be send in separate email)

DSWD is going to implement the ESA project in Cebu: repair assistance of 5,000 to 10,000 PHP for partially damaged houses and core house assistance of 50,000 to 70,000 PHP for totally damaged houses.

For the implementation of this project the OMNIBUS Guidelines will be utilized.

Meeting Ms Grace Subong – Reginal Director of DSWD Region VII.

- For the beneficiary selection the DAFAC cards will be utilized.
- Social workers from the LGU have prepared proposals for assistance, these proposals were validated by regional DSWD and forwarded to National level for approval.
- Currently, the approval process is ongoing. However, to be able to receive assistance for rehabilitation efforts the funds of 2013 need to be cleared. Six municipalities (Madridejos, Santa Fe, Tabuelan, Sogod, Catmon, Tuburan) had funding left from 2013 and these funds have been currently released or will be released in the near future. The numbers of supported families are added to the barangay level table.
- Additionally to this program the selected families will be supported with Cash for work for +/- 15 days for the construction of their house.
The funds will be released to the LGUs and they will release the funds to the beneficiaries. However, the current discussion is whether they would give cash or materials. Currently, DSWD is in favor of given cash for several reasons: can be implemented faster, lessons learned from Bohol where the packages given were not according to the BBS messages and from low quality.

Before the funds can be released, social preparedness and community consultation needs to be done. These meetings could be used to bring the 8 BBS key messages to the families. The trainings could be done through Tesda or assistance from NGOs and INGOs could be sought. This training is of utmost importance to ensure that families will BBS.

A material quality control system also needs to be put in place.

DSWD is planning to introduce the Grievance mechanism that was put in place in Bohol, since they are very satisfied with the outcomes of that system.

06. NEXT MEETING

The next SC intervention will be the “technical clinic” and a meeting regarding HLP issues. We try to organize this in the third week of June.

The next shelter cluster meeting in Cebu will be held on Monday July 7th 2014, at 10:30 in PDRRMO, Cebu City

8th Municipal Coordination Meeting
Location: Daan Bantayan, Municipality Hall

May 31st 2014, from 10:00 to 12:00 am

AGENCIES IN ATTENDANCE:
-Shelter Cluster, Wash Cluster, Philippine Red Cross, Pagtambayayong Foundation inc. , Oxfam, Mactan Shangrila,Rafi, Daan Bantayan LGU, Neda, Phildra.

1. Municipal Mayor of Daan Bantayan

- 21,500 out of 13,550 received shelter kits
- 15 coastal barangays are identified for relocation
- first relocation site is only 5,400 sq.m2 (Habitat for Humanity in partnership with French Philippine United Association)
- second site 1.3 hectares (Habitat for Humanity and French Red Cross)
- third relocation site 2 hectares
  - 1 hectare is proposed lot to Gawad Kalinga with partnership of group of Doctors, Cemex and others
  - 1 hectare is proposed lot for Taiwan Red Cross/PRC

2. Philippine Red Cross

- PRC/IFRC is targeting to build 4,000 Core Shelter for the Whole Cebu, Implementing PASSA and trained 32 volunteers for Shelter, with latrines and livelihood
- FRECH RED CROSS - 128 target houses for resettlement
- JAPANESE RED CROSS - 500 shelters? depends on the assessment
- TAIWAN RED CROSS - 270 HH for resettlement
3. RAFI
   - school rehabilitation still ongoing

4. Pagtambayayong Foundation Incorporated
   - almost done on their Phase 1 project and now moving to phase 2 sphere standard 13 sq.m2 in Daan bantayan; Barangay Maya, Agojo, Bitoon, Paypay.

5. National Housing Authority
   - intend to pledge 3,000 HH in Bantayan? and San Remegio? (information came from the Mayor of Daan bantayan)

REMARKS
Many relocation sites are planned in the North of Cebu, however in general there are some issues with standards.
If national policy and/or the building code are not applied for these sites, future inhabitants will be occupying houses that will endanger their position and expose them to hazards similar to the ones they are facing in the current hazard zones.

Emphasis should be given to:
   - Land areas allocated per families;
   - Quality of construction and materials (following the building code);
   - Septic waste solutions are not up to standards.