

Minutes of Shelter Cluster Meeting
ACTED Nabatiyeh Office, at 14:00 P.M, 04 January 2008

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Meeting Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Update on Shelter Cluster Activities
3. Any Other issues& next meeting

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The shelter cluster meeting took place in **ACTED Nabatiyeh** office on Friday 4 January 2008.

2. UPDATE ON SHELTER CLUSTER ACTIVITIES

- § **NRC** informed that the ECHO funded waterproofing project is terminated. The agency is currently in the planning stages to implement another project funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The project duration is six months with a total budget amounting to around US\$ 600,000. It would reach around 325 housing units in villages such as: Chihine, Zibqine, Deir Qanoun El Nahr and Bestiyat.
- § As a follow up to the shelter working group presentation delivered during the UNRC general coordination meeting, **NRC** informed that the agency is considering to keep on implementing project covering the shelter sector providing that needs are thoroughly assessed.
- § **ACTED** waterproofing project (OFDA fund) is in the final stages. The agency is also undertaking assessments to design new proposals covering the shelter sector.
- § **UN-HABITAT** updated attendants on the two on-going shelter reconstruction programs. With regards to the Dutch funded project implemented in the three unions of municipalities (UoM) of Tyre, Jabal Aamel and Bint Jbeil and in cooperation with ACTED, Beit Bil Jnoub and AUB, progress is summarized as follows:

Union of Municipalities	Number of housing units	
	Design for totally destroyed houses	Supervision of reconstruction works
UoM of Tyre	196	165
UoM of Jabal Aamel	27	107
UoM of Bint Jbeil	8	57
Total	231	329
GRAND TOTAL	560	

With regards to the ECHO funded project “Mobile Units for Shelter Reconstruction in Southern Lebanon and Bekaa”, implemented in cooperation with DRC, a total number of 428 housing units were reached until end of December 2007 in Baalbak and 11 villages in southern Lebanon: Froun, Beit Lif, Bafliye, Zawtar el Gharbiyeh, Kafra, Chihine, Qalaway, Boustane, Yarine, Majdelzoun and Harouf.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & NEXT MEETING

- § **UN-HABITAT** informed that the consultant who was hired by UNRC to develop a concept paper on the shelter working group activities is in the final stages of compilation of gathered information. Participants opened a discussion on the importance of this paper to draw lessons and identify gaps and unmet needs in the shelter sector. **UN-HABITAT** proposed that a consultative meeting can be organized in order to validate the findings of the paper and to identify shelter working group future areas of focus. It was agreed that **UN-HABITAT** would develop a draft proposal for the consultative meeting and to share it with relevant agencies.
- § After no other business was discussed, the next **Tyre Cluster meeting** was scheduled on **Friday 1st of February 2008** at **14:00 P.M** in **NRC offices in Tyre - Housh**.

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ANNEX A: Acronyms and abbreviations

ACTED	Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development
BBJ	Beit Bil Jnoub
CARITAS	Catholic relief, development and social service organization
CDR	Council of Development and Reconstruction Lebanon
CFD	Central Funds for the Displaced
CoS	Council of The South (Lebanese Government)
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
DART	Disaster Assistance Response Team
DCA	Danish Church Aid
DIG	Development Innovations Group
DRC	Danish Refugee Council
GoL	Government of Lebanon
HFHL	Habitat For Humanity Lebanon
HPM	UN Habitat Programme Manager
HRC	High Relief Commission
IOCC	International Orthodox Christian Charities
IOM	International Organization for Migration
JEB	Jihad El Binaa
JEN	Japanese Emergency NGO
LFHR	Lebanese Foundation for Human Rights
NFI	Non Food Items
NPA	Norwegian People's Aid
NRC	Norwegian Refugee Council
PAI	Partner Aid International
PIN	People In Need
RI	Relief International
SDC	Switzerland's agency for Development and Cooperation
UN Habitat	United Nations Program For Human Settlements

UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNJLC	United Nations Joint Logistics Centre
UNRC	United Nations Resident Coordinator
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
YMCA	Young Men Christian Association

ANNEX B: Miscellaneous Information

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ANNEX C: Government of Lebanon

Compensation Payment Installments Mechanism in South Lebanon

- 1) Compensation payments are made in accordance with the damage assessments conducted by the CoS engineers and verified by Khatib & Alami (an Engineering consulting company appointed by the prime minister's office for compilation and verification of damage assessments in all of Lebanon). The damage assessments cover only structural damage of the homes and do not cover furniture and personal items or equipment. Furniture compensation is 20% of the Damage Assessment.
- 2) After verification, the payment values are then requested from The High Relief Commission (HRC) who in turn issue compensation checks addressed directly to the beneficiaries through the ministry of finance and the checks are later sent to CoS who distribute the checks among the villages.
- 3) All compensation payments above LL 12 Million are distributed in two instalments, and cover three categories of damage assessments: (Refer to Table Below)
 - i. Payment for Repairs of Homes without Structural Damage
 - ii. Payment for Repairs of Homes partially destroyed
 - iii. Payment for Reconstruction of destroyed homes
- 4) After receiving the first payment, the beneficiary has to repair enough to cover the first instalment amount, after which the beneficiary will apply for the second instalment. CoS will then send engineers to overlook the repairs and deduct the repairs from their checklist to ensure that the first instalment is covered.
- 5) After reassessment is made CoS will send requests for second instalment checks to HRC which will in turn send a payment order to the ministry of finance for payment and the second instalment checks are then distributed through CoS.

Description of the Three Damage Categories	First Installment			Second Installment	Total Payments Ceiling
	Repair Works	Furniture	First Payment Ceiling	Repair Works and Furniture	
First Category: Minor Repairs (No Structural Damage)					
Homes with Minor repairs Less than LL 5 Million	LL 200,000 --> LL 5 Mill	N/A	LL 5 Million	N/A	LL 5 Million
Homes with Repair Works Up To LL 10 Million	LL 5 Mill --> LL 10 Mill	Add 20%	LL 12 Million	N/A	LL 12 Million
Homes with Repair Works Above LL 10 Million	LL 10 Mill	LL 2 Mill	LL 12 Million	Up to 24 Million	LL 36 Million
Second Category: Major Repairs (Structural Damage)					
Homes Partially Destroyed	LL 10 Mill	LL 2 Mill	LL 12 Million	Up To 36 Million	LL 48 Million
Third Category: Total Reconstruction					
Homes Totally Destroyed	LL 25 Mill	LL 5 Mill	LL 30 Million	Up to 30 Million	LL 60 Million

The above information was received from Council of The South in the Shelter Cluster Meeting held in CoS offices on 02-Nov-2006 In Tyre.