

**Minutes of Shelter Cluster Meeting  
Council of the South, Tyre 14:00 P.M, 26 October 2007**

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**Meeting Agenda:**

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

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS

The shelter cluster meeting hosted at the CoS offices in Tyre was chaired by **UN-HABITAT** and **CoS** represented by Mr. Fadl El Rahi.

## 2. UPDATE ON SHELTER CLUSTER ACTIVITIES

- § **NRC** briefed attendants on the progress of the shelter repair – waterproofing project funded by ECHO. The project, which has reached a total of 37 villages, is currently in the final stages of implementation where exit interviews and overall evaluation is on-going. **NRC** added that three villages are still pending and may be covered depending on funds availability: Chihine, Zabqine and Deir Qanoun El Nahr.
- § While the ECHO funded project would terminate by the end of 2007, **NRC** informed that another waterproofing project would start in early 2008 with funding made available by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway to implement. This project would reach additional 325 households.
- § In addition, **NRC** informed that the compiled database on beneficiaries is currently utilized by several organizations. **NRC** is referring vulnerable cases to concerned INGOs, such as “People in Need” organization, which has provided US\$ 18,000 to contribute to the treatment of landmine victims. **UN-HABITAT** recommended that **NRC** shares database with UNRC in order to make available the database to all concerned organizations.
- § **ACTED** informed that the OFDA funded waterproofing program is progressing and has reached to date 58% out of the total number of beneficiaries, and 38% of the total budget was spent. **ACTED** gave a briefing on villages covered detailed as follows:

Village	Status
Ü Deir Sirian Ü Qabrikha Ü Ghandourieh Ü Adshit el Qseir	Phasing out
Ü Tallousa Ü Froun	On-going
Ü Borj Qalaoui	Identification of beneficiaries
Ü Markaba Ü Majdel Silim	To be assessed

- § With regards to **ACTED** project in cooperation with **UN-HABITAT**, the agency informed that while the technical office in Taibe (covering the union of municipalities of Jabal Aamel) is now operational the office in Aitaroun (covering the union of

municipalities of Bint Jbeil) is in the process of establishment and recruitment of personnel is on going.

- § **UN-HABITAT** briefed attendants on the progress of the three shelter reconstruction projects in Southern Lebanon. As part of the Cyprusaid and Dutch co-funded projects, UN-HABITAT is covering 21 villages and 4,000 families. The ECHO funded shelter reconstruction project (mobile technical offices), which is implemented in cooperation with DRC, is currently operational in Southern Lebanon, while preparations are underway in Bekaa region. Villages currently covered in Southern Lebanon include: Zaoutar Al Gharbieh, Froun and Beit Leef. Other cluster villages under assessment include: cluster (1): Boustane, Yarine, Dhaira, Jebbain, (cluster 2): Mansouri, Biyout Essiyad and Biyada.
- § **CoS** drew the attention of **UN-HABITAT** on Siddqine Village where 300 affected families received the first payment for housing compensation. **CoS** stressed that **UN-HABITAT** should consider assisting these cases in the reconstruction process of the totally destroyed houses. Attendants were informed that HFHL was already working in this village.

### **3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & NEXT MEETING**

- § **UN-HABITAT** informed that **UNRC** has recruited a consultant in order to develop the concept paper on Shelter theme. Agencies would be contacted accordingly to provide required information.
- § **CoS** inquired about funding availability to assist in the last stages of construction of a Children disabled Center in Tyre.
- § **NRC** raised the issue of absence of agencies representatives in the monthly cluster meeting, mainly HFHL which is active in Southern Lebanon.
- § After no other business was discussed, the next **Beirut Cluster** meeting was set for **Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, 2007 at 10:00 A.M in the CoS offices in Beirut**. The **Tyre Cluster meeting** is scheduled on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2007 at 14:00** in UN-HABITAT offices in Tyre (Municipality of Tyre Building).

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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 Center 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

### Cos Offices In South Lebanon:

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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	
<b>First Category: Minor Repairs (No Structural Damage)</b>					
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
<b>Second Category: Major Repairs (Structural Damage)</b>					
Homes Partially Destroyed	LL 10 Mill	LL 2 Mill	LL 12 Million	Up To 36 Million	LL 48 Million
<b>Third Category: Total Reconstruction</b>					
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.