NATIONAL SHELTER CLUSTER MEETING

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MEETING NOTES

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Introductions

The Cluster Coordinator, Mr. Timothy Mutunga, after a round of introduction welcomed all members in attendance to the cluster's third quarter meeting and expressed regret that some members were not able to attend the meeting due to the security situation in town following the terrorist attack a few days ago. He also apologized for the failure of the cluster to hold consistent quarterly meetings, and attributed this to the staffing gaps that existed in the cluster's secretariat, and the focus that was placed on drought response.

1. Follow up from the previous cluster meeting of 05/06/ 2017

- **Mailing list:** Whereas the cluster members, as per minute number 4 of the previous meeting, had resolved to use Mailchimp to manage the cluster's mailing list, it has been noted that most members do not receive the cluster's mails sent through Mailchimp. It was therefore resolved that the cluster will revert to the Excel based mailing list. However, the option of subscribing through cluster's webpage still exists.

- **LBC training:** Regarding the local building culture training highlighted in minute number 2 of the previous meeting, UNHABITAT sought clarification on the status of the training planned by the cluster. The training has faced challenges including security, budget constraints, and focus on drought response. However, the Cluster coordinator reported that the plan is still at the top of the cluster's agenda, and Craterre is still ready to conduct the training. The date of the training will be communicated by the next cluster meeting.

- **Infrastructure Mapping:** Regarding the infrastructure mapping as recorded in minute number 3 of the previous meeting, the shelter cluster has been working closely with CCCM on developing a harmonized tool for site level information collection. CCCM, in collaboration with the 7 active clusters in Somalia has since come up with the detailed site assessment tool (DSA). This tool collects a lot of information, some of it similar to what the infrastructure tool was collecting, and a lot more for other clusters. This activity is a core function of the CCCM cluster. Many sites have been mapped and the data is available here: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/vunha8wrggwihym/AABfXW-4UCMh8yLDKMguJYm_a?dl=0

  However, the shelter cluster is still keen on continuing with infrastructure mapping (albeit using a minimized version of the previous tool) since the DSA omits some very critical information like the exact locations of the various infrastructures, which has some protection implication to the residents of the settlements. The shelter cluster is also still involved in the settlement planning, and would need to know how services are distributed, and how people are using them.

  The key challenge is that there is not an organization that has specific funding for infrastructure mapping. However, considering that this the exercise is supposed to be lighter, it would be important to map out all settlements that we target, with the available funding.

2. General cluster updates

- Shelter Cluster will continue to focus on the current drought response, at least until the end of the year.

- The cluster will also provide the fourth quarter priorities before the end of the week to the Humanitarian Coordinator, through OCHA, just in case they are any different from the current response. Partners are asked to provide inputs.

- The SC is in the middle of developing the humanitarian needs overview, with the humanitarian response planning (2018) to those needs being launched next week. The cluster will reach out either to the SAG or to the members for inputs to the document.

- The funding to the cluster has increased substantially compared to the situation at the first half of the year.

- The cluster secretariat is fully staffed now, and is looking to engage members and regional coordinators to look at emerging issues in the field.

3. Upcoming SHF allocation – Focus areas

- Discussions are being finalized about the 2nd standard SHF allocation 2017 and a call for proposals from HFU should come by the end of the week. 13M USD will be shared among all the clusters.

- Integration will be a core element of the allocation. The shelter cluster has already reached out to CCCM and protection cluster to look at integration among the three sectors. Cluster members are requested to integrate their proposals along these sectors. The more integrated a project is, the more likely it would be considered for funding. Partners are asked to work very closely with the cluster coordinator for guidance on integration.

- Areas with high malnutrition levels have been prioritized for the integrated approach, therefore all sectors have been asked focus activities in those areas. These include Mogadishu IDP, Afgoye IDPs, Baidoa IDPs, Dhuusamareeb and Galkayo.

- A third of the fund will be directed to "gap-filling", i.e. to areas that have not received any support this year, even though they do not fall under the category of high malnutrition. In this regard, shelter cluster will consider Dollow IDPs for shelter specific intervention.

- Cluster specific criteria for scoring will be shared with partners once the allocation paper has been circulated by OCHA, and will form the basis of the joint cluster review committee's decisions.

4. HNO/HRP and Cluster Priorities for 2018

- The SC is trying to project the scenario for 2018 in terms of the humanitarian needs. The cluster is looking at the protracted displacement that existed even before the drought. It needs to be factored in that many of the drought displaced see themselves staying in their displaced situation for quite some time, although it is expected that there will be some early returns if this rainy season's harvest is good, picking up after the 2018 gu season. Displacements due to conflicts, floods, and evictions are also taken into consideration in the overview.

- Once the needs overview is finalized, responses will be prepared on the basis of the overview. The cluster will decide how the needs will be responded to.

- Partners will then be asked to submit proposals into the OPS based on this response plan.

- The CRC will then review all the projects and approve those that meet the required threshold for consolidation by OCHA.

- Only those partners who have approved projects in the OPS will be allowed to apply for the pooled funds in 2018.

- The HRP document in the main fundraising tool that the HC and OCHA will use for fundraising.

- The HRP process will be launched in the following week, and partners will be asked in the 1st week of November to develop projects in the OPS

5. Regional coordination and collaboration with other clusters – participation in the CCCM DSA

- The current regional coordinators are working very well. However, there are some gaps in some regions. New partners are requested to volunteer to provide regional coordination in these regions. Ordinarily, international organizations have been preferred since they have funding to afford staff from their activities who could dedicate some of their time to regional cluster coordination role.

- The secretariat will soon send out a list of the areas where gaps exist to partners so that they may send back expression of interest. National organization with capacity to take up these roles are strongly encouraged to also express their interests.

- Partners are requested to work closely with the regional coordinators in the field locations where they work. It is through the regional coordination set up that the secretariat obtain important cluster information. These include: 3w matrix, assessments, emerging issues, government policies, etc.

- Shelter cluster is planning for a meeting/coordination workshop for regional coordinators during the last week of November in Mogadishu

- Through the DSA, CCCM cluster would like to cover all the IDP like settlements in Somalia. Partners are therefore needed to collect this data at site level. Currently, overall, a large chunk of this is covered by REACH, and UNHCR through NRC, leaving, still, many areas not covered yet. Shelter Cluster partners are requested to support in conducting this exercise in case they have the ability and access to IDP sites in the following districts: Borama, Waajid, Ceel Afweyn, Ceerigaabo, Laasqoray, Mahaday, Marka, Afgoye, Caynabo, Taleex, Xudun, Buuhoodle, Gabley. So far, ACF has already shown willingness to conduct DSA in Waajid; while CARE has shown interest in conducting the exercise in Ceerigabo and Caynabo.

6. Updates from the TWG

- The Cluster Coordinator will be reaching out to various persons/organizations leading various technical working groups and update members in the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business

- Since most of the local authorities have indicated that they feel that the majority of the IDPs in the latest waves of displacements will soon return, they do not support provision of assistance that may appear to encourage IDPs to stay longer in IDP settlements. Caution therefore needs to be taken by partners on what the concept of durable solution imply in different locations and contexts. Resilience programing is a good way to provide emergency response with a dimension of durability.

- There is a very nice rental subsidy report by UNHABITAT looking at the rental market for IDPs in Mogadishu being shared within the cluster. It would be great to hear the views if the cluster members.

- There is a protection strategy that is being developed from the Humanitarian Coordinator's office, with the contribution of the cluster. The key challenge is how it shall be mainstreamed in cluster activities. The draft will be shared to most agencies in the following weekend for their comments.

- The cluster will expect partners, in the coming days, to disaggregate beneficiary data in terms of age and gender while sharing 3w data.

- UNHCR met with the Vice President of Puntland, who said emergency shelter must be considered "super" priority in Puntland.

- Permanent shelters are becoming less desirable for durable solutions in Galkayo due to the existence of gate keepers and the lack of legal framework to issue permanent land titles.

- The authorities in Kismayo have issued a new construction design featuring 2 rooms and costing around $3500. Their contention is that the 1 room structure provided by the humanitarian community does not meet the cultural norm. The shelter intends to start engaging the authorities on this because the cluster, from experience, do not think it is sustainable.

- UNHABITAT, through NRC, are working on a prototype that seeks to strike a balance between what the government wants, and cost effectivity, and would be glad to work with the cluster on this.

- UNHCR has expressed some urgent need for NFIs by some IDPs in KM 13, Afgoye road. Any of the partners who have stocks or capacity to respond are requested to liaise with the cluster secretariat. Already DBG are intending to distribute kits for 1000 IDP households in KM 13 in November.