

## Shelter Cluster: Strategic Advisory Group meeting notes, Held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2008 Yangon

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Organizations represented at this meeting		
UN Habitat CARE DFID	IFRC UNDP	Merlin Oxfam

### Administration

- 1 Welcome and introductions
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- 2 Changes to the agenda
  - No changes to the agenda proposed.
- 3 Review of the meeting notes from the July 10 meeting
  - Meeting notes accepted

### Operations

- 4 Terms of reference:
  - The final terms of reference were shared with the group
  - Accepted and to be posted to the website
- General observations and reporting within the group regarding current GoUM strategies including the type of shelter, use of private companies and subsidies for timber
- It is agreed the cluster is unable to complement the current GoUM strategy at this stage
- Humanitarian parameters for shelter were presented to the SAG for discussion
- All points were addressed at length with adjustments suggested
- The cluster lead is to incorporate these suggestions and release the parameters in draft form to the TWIG meeting to be held tomorrow

### TWIG

- 5 Shelter Design
  - The TWIG is to meet tomorrow at the Traders Hotel to continue discussions with the GoUM regarding the parameters for shelter design
  - The humanitarian parameters are to be issued and provide direction for this meeting

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- 6 Community Buildings
  - The purpose of the community building approach by agencies needs to be clearly defined
  - It was agreed that these buildings should not be seen as cyclone shelters
  - The group was informed about the potential for a design competition for these shelters.
  - It was agreed the cluster would need to be careful regarding the criteria, judging responsibilities and outcomes of such a competition to ensure it remains appropriate.
  - UN Habitat to share the criteria at the next SAG
  - IFRC delegate and UN Habitat will take the lead role in community building discussions
  - A ToR will be required for any community building TWIG that may be developed from further discussions
  - Draft ToRs are still required for the Shelter Design and Technical Principles TWIGs (CARE – Shelter Design, UN Habitat – Technical Principles)
  
- 7 Strategic Framework
  - Due to lack of IT support for the HIC website the coordination team was unable to set up a specific email group
  - The SAG will therefore continue to communicate and address issues through standard email
  
- 8 AOB
  - There has been no update from OCHA regarding CERF funding however some notification is expected over the next week
  - A self recovery figure for use by the coordination team remains a challenge with minimal interest from agencies for common assessment
  - CARE provided an assessment form that may be augmented to assist in the capture of information.
  - Save the Children not present in the meeting, cluster lead to approach and request assessment form as promised in the last meeting
  - Due to length of meeting further discussions delayed until the next meeting

### Next Meeting

12:30am Thursday 24 July  
Inwe Room, Level 3, Traders Hotel