

CCCM Cluster Meeting Minutes DUDBC, Kathmandu

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ACTION POINTS

1. DTM Round 3 report to be shared.
2. DUDBC's DDG to share the summary of the recent GoN assessment report on landslide vulnerability to CCCM cluster.
3. Agencies interested in site management and district focal point positions in the priority districts are requested to discuss with relevant hub coordinators. Proposals developed following these discussions are to be submitted to NepalEQCCCM@iom.int.
4. The cluster to send out invitation for Kathmandu Valley CCCM meeting planned for next Thursday, 23rd July,

Summary:

1. **Introduction:** Introduction of all present at the meeting and apology on behalf of the CCCM Cluster Coordinator for being unable to chair the meeting today.
2. **Challenges and Concerns:**

After almost three months of the EQ, and we are increasingly hearing about tension between host communities and those living in displacement sites – this is often manifested in sharing of water resources.

 - In Rasuwa, OM Nepal reported that while there are generally plenty of toilets and washrooms available in the camps, there is a shortage of water for these facilities to be used properly. Landlords and general public are getting angry at them for the water they are using.
 - There have also been reports of host communities blocking access to water source and latrines in order to push the people away from displacement sites.
 - The local police office at Chuchhepati camp site (Kathmandu) prevented construction of open space within the site in order to reduce adding facilities to the IDPs residing in this particular site and attracting more people.
3. **Updates on Displacement Tracking Matrix and Return Intention survey:**

Data collection for round 3 of DTM and the Return intention survey has been completed on 12 July. Information for 284 sites received for assessments at the start of the round. 208 sites were assessed as they were within the DTM criteria for the assessment (more than 20HHs), of these, 107 Sites have been closed, with 102 sites active, hosting 10,679 households with 57,461 persons.

 - Kathmandu continues to host the largest population living in displacement sites (2,862 households with 16,138 persons), while Bhaktapur, Gorkha, Sindhupalchok and Nuwakot are hosting over 1,000 households each,

- The majority of those living in displacement sites are living in makeshift shelters (61%) or tents (24%). 53% of the IDP sites are on private land
- 17% of the sites have no vehicular access at the time of the assessment.
- 23% of IDP sites have no women participating in the site management committees,
- 21% of the IDP sites in Kathmandu Valley stated that the majority of their residents are from Sindhupalchok.
- However, 45% of sites are located within 10 minutes of their place of origin, which may largely contribute to the fast changing dynamics of displacement as people return quickly but may re-enter displacement sites when an aftershock occurs.
- The main Shelter/NFIs need remain CGIs - increase from 30% as 1st priority need in round 2, to 52% in round 3. Also increased is the need for blankets being placed as 1st priority (from 4% to 11%)

A draft 1-page summary of results from the Return Intention Survey for EQ affected districts was shared.

- Over 1,700 households in 102 sites have been surveyed for their return intentions.
- 35% of the families surveyed have expressed the intention to return to their place of origin or habitual residence, 52% of those surveyed said that they intend to return immediately after the monsoon. 27% of those surveyed also said that they do not know where they will be returning to.
- 74% said the main factor preventing return is damaged and destroyed houses. 69% also said that they will be waiting for external assistance to support reconstruction and particularly from Government and/or NGOs.

4. Latest Update on Government – planned Temporary Relocation / Evacuation :

- While nothing official has been issued from the national government, the planning process has been allocated to the DDRC which results in each district having different reaction and planning process.
- In Dolakha, a relocation committee has been formed to carry out the initial assessment and planning activities.
- In Gorkha, a working group was also formed to assess the population remaining in high-risk areas as well as possible land for the proposed movement. The assessment found that 1,749 households in high-risk areas have already moved into a safer place, A budget of \$470,000 was proposed for improvement of the facilities in these existing displacement sites in Gorkha that include WASH, land rental, transport as well management cost. Additional 917 households have been identified for immediate movement once technical assessment is completed by the working group.
- The response from the communities in each districts are also different, while there have been resistance in some communities (Dolakha); in Rasuwa the communities have been requesting the CDO for land to permanently resettle their villages from high-risk areas.
- It is suspected that some of the target population for temporary relocation / evacuation have already left their place of origin, however the number of likely scenario remains rather unclear. Joint assessments with district-level authorities have been proposed to assess need of the target population.
- 3 documents have been shared with cluster partners in this regards including:

- i. The letter from RC/HC dated 8th July – while recognising the need to support some communities to evacuate or temporary relocation from high-risk areas, the letter asks for further clarification on the plan, official request for assistance at the national level, and to raise protection concerns associated with such activities.
- ii. Operational Guidance for Agencies Receiving Requests to provide assistance to population evacuated / temporary relocated from high-risk areas - developed by jointly CCCM, Protection and Shelter Cluster Coordinators on behalf of the inter-cluster coordination group in Nepal for the earthquake-affected areas. This document highlights areas in which a pre-condition should be in place prior to committing to provide assistance to evacuate or temporary relocation communities. It also provides ways to verify these pre-conditions.
- iii. The cluster would like to advise partners that these guidelines are drafted based on IASC Guiding Principles on Internal Displacements, and that it is also our responsibilities to advocate for these standards to be adhered to.
- iv. Rapid Population Assessment Tool - for use in joint need assessment - in Nepali and English – from the Assessment Working Group. The team will be out in the various districts this week to support the use of this tool.

The DDG of the DUDBC (CCCM Cluster Lead) made the following remarks on DTM presentations and on the agenda of temporary relocation / evacuation:

- Base on DTM round 3 data, there are indications that IDPs are returning to their place of origin or even to other areas. This is also an indication of returning of normalcy in situation after the EQ.
- The return intention survey clearly showed that there is greater need to promote awareness on safer constructions (96% apparently do not have the necessary trainings)
- The intention survey also indicates that majority of the people (65%) either do not know if they will return to their original place or they simply cannot do so due to various reasons,
- The DDG noted that the activities carried-out within displacement sites should not be a pull-factor for people who are slowly returning to their own place of origin. Making particular reference of the Kathmandu valley IDP sites, he requested to take maximum care while delivering services to camp population to make sure that these do not attract more people in to the existing camp sites. He urged agencies to gradually reduce services currently delivered in these sites so that the IDPs start leaving the sites on their own.
- Some of the agencies commented that reduction of services to IDPs until their safe return is against the basic humanitarian principals during emergency and we all have to be conscious about.
- The DDG will share the summary of the recent GoN assessment report on landslide vulnerability to CCCM cluster and could be further shared with interested agencies.

5. Site Management and District Focal Point – call for proposal:

- The recently shared draft CCCM Strategy for site management was further elaborated on site management modalities based on its accessibility and number of IDP households within the sites. Cluster partners were requested to provide their feedback on the draft so that it could be finalized and shared widely.
- Based on round 3 DTM, the cluster will prioritise coordination and site management in the following districts: **Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Gorkha, Nuwakot, Rasuwa, Dhading, and Sindhupalchok**. These districts are currently hosting the largest, and growing displacement sites and thus would also like to request agencies to come forward to support CCCM site management activities and taking lead role within these districts as focal point.
- IOM, in its role as the cluster lead, is calling for proposals to take on the coordination as well as site management activities in these priority districts. Interested agencies are requested to discuss with hub coordinators. Proposals developed following these discussions are to be submitted to NepalEQCCCM@iom.int.
- Being the least funded sector, partnership with agencies with resources and capacity to also consider engaging in CCCM sector as well as support the coordination by being district focal point for the cluster is critical.

6. AOB

- The next Kathmandu Valley CCCM Meeting has been planned for Thursday, 23 July and all relevant agencies working in Kathmandu Valley will be invited to participate.
- IOM Health Team would like to ask for interests from CCCM partners for a training session on Mental Health and Psychosocial Considerations for Site Manager (or Service providers working in displacement sites. This is initially planned as a 2-3 hours sessions with CCCM partners.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 29th July 2015, 12 noon, DUDBC, Kathmandu – **POSTPONED to Wednesday 5th August 2015.**