INTER AGENCY SHELTER CLUSTER ASSESSMENTS

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Introduction

Most clusters (including shelter) use to inform sectoral planning without a capacity to effectively collect, analyze and use key information.

Such information gaps were (and are) a major shortcoming in the Humanitarian Reform, directly impacting humanitarian effectiveness.

The shortcomings were mainly due to 2 reasons:

- Lack of capacity (human, tools and methodology) in clusters
- Interagency information collection not a priority for operational agencies (notably NGOs)
REACH through its partnership with the Global Shelter Cluster, and with the support of DG ECHO, contribute to the above gaps:

- **Provision of dedicated resources** to facilitate interagency data collection and analysis as a cluster. Availability of resources promote the engagement of other agencies

- **Promote the cluster’s capacity** to develop data gathering and analysis tools and capitalize on lessons learnt of deployments

The **first deployment** of REACH was in the summer 2010 in Kyrgyzstan, in partnership with the UNHCR-led shelter cluster.

Following the success of the Kgz intervention, it was decided to replicate and expand the **partnership with the GSC. ECHO** provided the first institutional funding to facilitate this.
Overview of GSC REACH deployments

- **Natural disasters** (IFRC cluster lead): Completed in Philippines (2), Peru
- **Complex disasters** (UNHCR cluster lead): Completed CAR, Somalia (2) and Mali
Case Study #1 Sudden Onset Natural Disaster

Philippines – Typhoon Bopha – December 2012
Philippines Typhoon Bopha

- On 4th of December, Typhoon Bopha (locally known as Pablo) hits the Philippines.
- Heaviest hit are Davao Oriental and Compostela Valley of Mindanao island in the South
  - 268,738 families or 1,152,789 individuals were affected across all regions, 46,831 totally destroyed houses
- On Jan 5th the GSC calls REACH to lead and facilitate a shelter assessment in order to inform revised flash appeal. The REACH team leader arrives in Manila on Jan 6th, joined by GIS/DB focal person on Jan 7th in Davao City
Philippines: Key outputs

- Interagency field assessment (3 agencies) conducted between Dec 10th – Dec 21st in Davao Oriental and Compostela Valley
  - 48 volunteers; 3056 household questionnaires
  - Use of remote sensing supporting assessments
  - 3 agencies, universities contributing to field level assessment

- Two fact sheet made in course of assessment. First draft of assessment report ready on Dec 31st, feeding directly into revised flash appeal of Shelter cluster

- Static maps and interactive web-maps visualized findings
Case Study #2
Protracted Complex Emergency

Somalia – September to November 2012
Somalia Shelter Sector Review

Somalia Shelter Cluster requested a support from REACH in order to carry out a comprehensive, nation wide, shelter cluster sector review.

The purpose of this sector review was to help the cluster in prioritizing needs and intervention over the next three years and to use validated and impartial information to fundraise for shelter interventions.

The overall field data collection process took three weeks to be set up (by involving more than 10 agencies and NGOs in the process) and was completed by mid-october.
Somalia Shelter Sector Review

- Extensive use of remote sensing for settlements expansion trends and shelter counts
- 1 Global Shelter Sector Review report
- 7 Fact Sheets produced, one for each assessment location with more detailed data
- 20 maps and 1 interactive web-map produced
- Shelter Sector review presented by the Shelter Cluster Coordinator early January
- Shelter Cluster reports have been diffused at inter cluster and HCR level
Thank You

Questions?

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