

District Co-ordination: WatSan & Shelter

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Background

- UNICEF mandated by UN to coordinate water and sanitation in emergencies & disasters
- UN Habitat coordinate shelter (unique circumstances of tsunami disaster)
- BRR formed in April 2005
- Emergency phase over in June 2005
- Today BRR coordinates WatSan and Shelter with assistance from UNICEF and UN Habitat

Links between WatSan & Shelter

- Provincial links between WatSan & Shelter exist, with common coordinator, BRR, and through dialogue between UNICEF and UN Habitat
- District links exist informally through IOs & NGOs working together, often same agency is doing WatSan and Shelter projects
- Potential for gap exists with no BRR/local government link at district level

Coordination

- Focal point
- Technical Guidance
- Information management

Focal Point

- Acting as focal for all issues and developments in sector
- Ensuring that information and status of the evolving situation are made available through BRR (Rand) and HIC (UNIMS)
- Advising on rehabilitation/recovery strategies

Technical guidance

- Promoting consistency in assessments, strategies and approaches
- Providing standards for delivery of high quality of supplies and services
- Advising on appropriate supplies and equipment
- Advocating for targeting of resources to the most vulnerable populations

Information management

- Collection and dissemination of available information
- Analysis and synthesis of the information and incorporation into UNIMS or Rand databases
- Preparation of sector updates, summaries and reports

Key staff required are:

- Coordinator – leads the coordination process with all partners
- Information manager – setting up and maintaining
 - database of files,
 - reports,
 - maps,
 - documents and
 - Data
- managing electronic information dissemination

Present District WatSan & Shelter Situation

- Present situation in every district is still unclear
- UNICEF and USAID have funded IRD and ESP to conduct assessments at the request of BRR in four districts
- UN Habitat have started assessments in Aceh Besar (next presentation)
- Coordination is needed for WatSan and shelter at district level, combined if possible

Present Situation in Districts

- WatSan coordination groups in most tsunami affected districts
- No formal shelter groups know
- Local district government are not always aware of developments or issues for either sector
- Need for linkages between
 - WatSan
 - Shelter
 - Local government departments
 - District and provincial levels

BRRs and Provincial Depts. Role

- BRR and Public Works intend to provide support to local government departments at district level, to assist all agencies to work closely together to:
 - solve problems,
 - plan interventions,
 - avoid overlaps and
 - identify gaps in needs
- UNICEF has funds to support BRR and PU to provide this support
- The form of this intervention is for all agencies involved to decide.

Banda Aceh WatSan meeting

- Monday 15:00 at PU every two weeks
 - Chaired by BRR and PU
 - Supported by UNICEF and Oxfam
- New format – every six weeks
 - Urban/Banda Aceh and TLC issues – week 2
 - Rural/Aceh Besar issues – week 4
 - Provincial/District Issues – week 6

Provincial/District meeting

- To discuss and resolve issues brought forward by district WatSan meetings
- To allow a forum for district and sub-district issues which can not be resolved at lower levels
- To ensure convergence with shelter and other working groups
- To share information between agencies on new projects and developments

Proposal

- BRR & PU form a steering committee to:
 - Identify individuals from local government who can be change agents and linkages for the IOs and NGO working in WatSan and Shelter
 - Assist those individuals and the WatSan/Shelter group in each district to work together
 - Communicate with provincial level BRR and PU, as well as other departments, issues and problems, to find solutions

District level departments

- Bappeda
- BRR
- PU
- Dinas Kebersihan
- PDAM
- Health (hygiene and environment)

Joint WatSan/Shelter District Meetings

- Joint meeting regularly at district level is more beneficial
 - Same agencies doing both activities
 - Problems and issues are similar
 - Geographic coverage same or overlapping
 - Numbers are small, together agencies can overcome problems

Terima Kasih!

