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Dear Colleagues,

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for attending the housing working group meeting yesterday. We now need to work hard but effective to ensure that the target on housing reconstruction and rehabilitation can be achieved. This letter, therefore, reiterates 10 key points decided in the meeting.

1. Nias requires about 15,000 new houses and between 30,000 and 45,000 housing rehabilitation programmes.
2. Projects on housing reconstruction must finish by June 2007 and housing rehabilitation by December 2007.
3. About 1,900 IDPs households who are still living in SSC are our primary target. 28 March 2006 is the milestone of moving IDPs out of tents. Two options considered are temporary shelter and permanent housing solutions.
4. With our slow progress in 2005 (only 478 houses completed), there is a great need to change approaches in order to accelerate housing projects in Nias in 2006.
5. We have targeted 10,000 new houses to be achieved by the end of 2006. BRR Nias itself will build around 6,000 – 7,000 houses this year.
6. To achieve this target, the integrated 2006 Housing Action Plan of Nias will soon be developed (1 March 2006). This plan will be based on realistic action plans set by agencies in the housing sector. The framework of the Action Plan are (i) the 2006 BRR Nias' Housing Strategy set by BRR Nias (Appendix 1), and (ii) Policies and Programmes of Housing and Settlement Reconstruction developed by BRR Deputy of Housing and Settlement Development (Appendix 2).
7. Each agency engaging in Nias housing programmes must submit their 2005 progress and 2006 action plan no later than 27 February 2007 (the form of action plan is shown in the attached presentation)
8. Nias Housing Board will be established to evaluate the progress of each housing agency and to reallocate resources based on its real implementation capacity. The board will be chaired by BRR Nias and the members of the board is the representatives of housing agencies.
9. Review on the action plan will be done three times this year to ensure that the allocation of resources is done effectively. The first review will be on 1 April 2006, the second will be on 1 July 2006, and the last will be on 1 October 2006
10. The Housing Board will work closely with the Logistics Working Group to ensure that the action plan is well supported by a realistic logistics plan.



I hope that we all can actively involve in moving this process to effectively achieve the 10,000 new housing target by the end of 2006. Thank you for your cooperation and look forward to work closely with you.

Best wishes,

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