

**Draft Minutes of
Joint Shelter and Water & Sanitation Coordination Meeting
Banda Aceh, 6 March 2006 (15.00 – 17.00)**

Co-Chair: Ibu Chairani (PU), Dara Johnston (UNICEF), Wim Stolte (BRR), Hotma Sirait (BRR)
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Minute taker: Alastair Morrison (BRR) & Ari Rahayu Hadinoto, UNICEF
Venue: Meeting Room, Provincial Public Works, Banda Aceh.

Summary

The proposal by UNICEF, based on earlier discussions with PU and BRR, to have joint district level WatSan and Shelter meetings was unopposed by the participants, and generally agreed to be a positive development in the coordination of the reconstruction process.

UN Habitat is presented a survey on the provision of different types of water & sanitation facilities in 3 districts.

GTZ presented a participatory village planning concept on how community members involvement on planning and reconstruction process of their villages can lead to a more acceptable and appropriate solution.

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Situation Report on Watsan in Resettlement Areas
3. Village Planning Concept
4. Sustainable Water & Sanitation
5. Conclusion

1. Introduction

Wim Stolte (BRR) introduced the meeting by explaining why shelter and watsan needed to be better integrated. There have been a number of cases where houses have been built and no basic services such as water and sanitation are provided; as a result communities are reluctant to move into their new homes. There are also discrepancies in the number of residents, the number of houses and the total amount of infrastructure offered by all the different NGOs.

For example, in some villages there can be more water connections proposed than there are houses; or more houses are being offered than there are people.

It is important that NGOs co-ordinate their works with local government, which will be supported henceforth by BRR, whose watsan team will be visiting the west coast 9th –13th March 2006.

Dara Johnston (UNICEF) made a presentation (attached) which outlined the proposal that the WatSan and Shelter district meetings could be coordinated. A secretariat has been proposed, supported by UNICEF, consisting of BRR & Public Works (PU) staff to assist the district authorities to participate in these meetings. The important point is to

- Have constructive meetings which the participants feel are useful
- Allow the district authorities to know what's going on and be able to assist the reconstruction process
- Avoid overlaps and identify gaps in the provision of services;

The general consensus of the meeting was that the idea to have joint WatSan and Shelter meetings was acceptable, and many NGO participants stated that they thought it was a very good idea. No participant voiced opposition to the idea.

2. Situation Report on Watsan in Resettlement Areas

UN-Habitat presented a draft report of the survey on the provision of different types of water and sanitation facilities in 3 Districts (Aceh Besar, Pidie & Aceh Barat). The presentation showed the percentage of homes in each district that were supplied with toilets, water supply, and on-site washing facilities. The report will be completed for the next 2 months. Presentation is attached.

3. Village Planning Concept

Dr Ulrich Klingshirn (GTZ) gave a presentation, attached, on GTZs work in 30 villages, explaining their participatory village planning concept and how community members were involved throughout the planning and reconstruction process in their villages. Plans and models of the new village layout are developed, with the villagers planning how their new community will be laid out.

4. Sustainable Water and Sanitation

Norman vant Hoff (from USAID's Environmental Services Program) gave a talk on sustainable water and sanitation techniques available, urging attendees to consider sanitation and drainage issues when designing their programs. He was concerned at the widespread and sometimes inappropriate design of septic tanks, which were in fact only cesspits.

5. Conclusions

UNICEF requested the district level meetings to provide contact details, to put on the UNIMS/BRR website.

Ibu Chairani summed up the meeting by reminding delegates how important it was to coordinate the provision of infrastructure to act in the best interests of residents and avoid unnecessary program delays

Next meeting:

These will be held on a rotating basis:
Rural/Aceh Besar issues – March 20th
Urban/Banda Aceh issues – April 3rd
Provincial WatSan issues – April 17th

Issues that cannot be resolved at the district levels can be brought to the provincial meetings where more technical support will be available

The meeting concluded at 17 hours. The next meeting, on Rural/Aceh Besar WatSan issues will be on March 20th, 2006 at 15:00 in the Provincial Public Works meeting room.