

Cluster/Sector Leads Meeting, 30 January 2009

Participants List Attached

Cluster/Sector Leads met to discuss preparations for the 'Gaza Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan based on a Damage and Needs Assessment'.

Jahal de Meritens, Coordinator of the Global Cluster Working Group on Early Recovery (CWGER), updated the group on the assessment and report writing process. The Palestinian National Authorities (PNA) are leading the process, with technical support from the UN and partners. At the request of the Prime Minister, and as agreed by the UN Secretary General, the UN will support the process.

In terms of timelines, the 'Conference on the Reconstruction of Gaza' is provisionally scheduled for 2 March in Cairo. A working deadline, to be discussed and agreed with the PNA, for finalization of the Gaza Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan is 17 February. A flow chart indicating the role of cluster leads and sector and sub-sector drafters, setting out the process between now and 17 February, was presented during the meeting.

Cluster/Sector Leads expressed concerns about the process of preparing the document, including:

- tight timelines, and the need to begin working on the document immediately on the back of the recently finalized Flash Appeal;
- limited resources of the ground to gather additional early recovery-related data, and in Jerusalem to dedicate drafters to the process;
- the data collected by some sectors covers only humanitarian needs, not early recovery;
- confusion about roles and responsibilities regarding data gathering, analysis and drafting;
- links between the early recovery planning process and the PRDP; and
- political issues complicating the early recovery planning and implementation process.

Cluster Leads will ultimately have to decide on the extent of their engagement in the process. UNDP, as Early Recovery Cluster Lead, will step in to plug gaps as needed.

Sector Focal Points for the five sectoral chapters of the report were suggested as follows: : 1) Social Sector: UNICEF; 2) Economy: World Bank; 3) Infrastructure: EC; 4) Natural Resources and the Environment: UNEP; 5) Governance, Protection and Security Impacts: UNDP. The Sector Focal Points above should work with clusters to identify the agencies/individuals with responsibility to draft the sub-sector chapters of the report.

Next steps:

Action	By Whom
Circulate an assessment tracking sheet in order to collect information on early recovery-relevant assessments completed to date, information gaps, further assessment plans, and time needed to complete assessments.	UNDP
Complete and return above assessment tracking sheet	Cluster/Sector Leads
Circulate 1 to 2-pager for the needs assessment and planning process, including roles and responsibilities, timelines, etc.	UNDP
Circulate chapter report template and parameters to sector focal points.	UNDP, in consultation with Ministry of Planning

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