

Shelter/NFI Sector Samos Working Group ToR

Background

Refugee and migrant inflows have continued during 2016 on Samos. The number of total arrivals from 1 January 2016 to 28 June 2016 is 12.622 PoCs. The average daily arrivals on Samos during 2016 is 70 PoCs (1 Jan 2016 – 28 June 2016). The vast majority come from the world's top ten refugee-producing countries, primarily from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq. By the end of June 2016 (28 June 2016) the total population at the RIC is 1.418 PoCs with accommodation capacity being 636.

PoCs who arrived after 20 March on Samos, are kept in RIC facilities until they are registered and processed, with restricted freedom of movement. Some humanitarian actors suspended activities inside the RIC. Provision of NFIs continued through volunteer groups working in cooperation with authorities. Recently, actors have started to re-engage with the provision of NFIs within the RIC. Provision of NFIs to shelters outside the RIC has been undertaken by UNHCR, SP, MSF and volunteer groups.

Objective

To ensure all People of Concern (PoCs) on Samos receive adequate shelter solutions and appropriate Non Food Items (NFIs) for the duration of their stay in the island. This will be achieved by:

- ✓ Define strategies and minimum standards to guide and support agencies active in the overall humanitarian effort responding to the needs of the PoCs on Samos.
- ✓ Support and enhance the informal/local volunteer input.
- ✓ Coordinate with government agencies and all other sectors to ensure a coordinated response to benefit the PoCs.

Geographical Coverage

Samos Island, Greece

Membership

- ✓ UNHCR to Coordinate Shelter NFI Working Group (WG)
- ✓ Relevant government agencies.
- ✓ Local & international humanitarian organisations, including UN, International and national non-governmental organisations & local and international volunteers groups.

Shelter/NFIs sector Tasks and Responsibilities

- ✓ Advocate for fair and equitable humanitarian responses for all PoCs.
- ✓ Standardise and cooperate with other WGs to oversee implementation of minimum standards for NFIs and shelter needs.
- ✓ Identify culturally and contextually appropriate shelter solutions.

- ✓ Liaise with Cash Based Initiatives to identify best practice in NFI identification and distribution.
- ✓ Identify gaps in the needs of the PoCs and coordinate means to best prioritise and address them.
- ✓ Prepare reference guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- ✓ Support sector level preparedness and response capacity assessment including contingency if necessary as appropriate within local and national preparedness and response capacity assessment.
- ✓ Feed into local level initiatives to assess needs.

Coordinator responsibilities

- ✓ Ensure appropriate coordination with partners in an inclusive and transparent manner, ensure decisions are taken in a participatory way and follow up on key decisions and action points.
- ✓ Promote the integration of gender into planning, policies and guidelines.
- ✓ Act as focal point for inquiries on the Shelter and NFI sector response plans and operations and represent the sector within inter-sector and inter-agency coordination meetings as well as in other humanitarian platforms.
- ✓ Encourage the use of common needs assessment and monitoring tools, and ensure timely and accurate reporting by all partners and sectors.