Minutes of Meeting | Shelter and Housing  
SDM Nanda Nagari Office | 19th March 2020

1. We are now in the second phase of rehabilitation and have moved ahead from relief provision in the North East Delhi. This is the first thematic meeting on Housing, and we are transitioning from relief provision and compensation.

2. North East Delhi Housing Damage: The basic assessment of the current status of housing is that the residents wish to come back to home, the residents need the house to be cleaned, repaired, repainted, along with a basic rehabilitation assistance.

3. According to Human Welfare Foundation - There are 5% houses with structural damage, which are not safe to be reused.

4. SEEDS did a technical assessment, in alignment with categories of Compensation (Major/Minor Damage), assessed 30-35 buildings in Shiv Vihar, Structural Damage is defined as where load bearing units are damaged. The organization is of the view that if a model of repair and rebuilding is proposed for Shiv Vihar, this can be a model for other buildings in the area.

5. The objective of the exercise is to be “Building back better”.

6. We should come up with guidelines to communicate with masons and builders to ensure the housing process. Waqf board architects are already in the process of reconstruction and their architects need to be communicated the guidelines. There should be some homogeneity in the kind of housing structure we are proposing, as far as possible.

7. The cost of the housing should be sufficient so as not to compromise on quality.

8. The group needs to brainstorm off-line, so that we can accordingly come up with the guidelines and mobilize resources.

9. HWF has a basic idea on costing for housing:
   - Slabs damage: RC Slabs (5 lakh per floor) or Stone Tiles (3.5 lakh per floor) (60-70% damaged), 40% damage can be taken up in 2.5 lakhs
   - 40% houses paint damage etc. in 1.5 lakhs

10. We do not have to achieve luxury - but focus is on safety and dignity. We have an opportunity to improving housing standards in the area and communicate it to the local contractors.

11. From the Government, there is no more funding that can go towards the housing effort. We need organizations which need to fund us to take up housing as well.

12. Delhi Government will take the role of aligning coordination of major stakeholders in housing and divide areas (Jamiyat, HWF, SEEDS, WAQF), so that there is no area conflict in home design.

13. Helping Hands has identified 20 individuals who can mobilize resources and could connect them with organizations working in Housing. A consolidated database needs to be
shared with team, so that it can be shared with donors to raise resources. More streamlining efforts are needed to coordinate efforts on ground, much like food supplies.

14. Delhi Government will help out with survey assessment of housing damage by HWF. We are finishing the first round of verifications, and will be releasing the data shortly.

15. Support from Delhi Government may be required in clearing debris from houses and streets. In all cases where assessments have been done, burnt cars and debris (inside and outside homes) have been removed in Shiv Vihar. We will ensure this continues.

16. The Delhi Government will not directly get involved in further rehabilitation, we will rebuild the area, and work from a long-term urban development position, and not work on the individual cases. This will happen through partner organizations.

17. Once assessment is done, all households are free to clear their debris, we are done with 98% assessments from camps and 50-60% for victims living outside the camps.

18. Electricity, Roads and Water is with the Delhi Government, anything which is of priority in these three verticals in the affected areas, should be flagged to the Delhi Government.

19. Key stakeholders include Waqf, but we have not been able to coordinate dialogue with Jamiyat. We will request them to be a part of the meeting to be coordinated on area wise operations and rebuilding standards.

20. Once our minimum guidelines are made, we can start raising targeted resource request according to the minimum benchmark.

21. We will try to arrange for Waqf to attend the next meeting as well, so that we can take up area-wise allocations, and rebuilding shops as well.

22. We would need minimum guidelines to be prepared before our next meeting, so that we can try and complete this process by the next month. SEEDS can help us with technical guilders and facilitative roles.

23. HWF will arrange for rehabilitation kits of 70 houses which have been looted, the list can be provided by Waqf board as well.

24. Please connect additional organizations who want to work on housing with Nikita (9811218500) or Munish (9810374846)

25. Next meeting is planned on Saturday 21st March 2020 at 3 pm

26. This data CANNOT be shared outside the group, as situation is still sensitive on the field and we do not need to circulate this identification of victims, to put their lives at risk again.