



MINUTES OF MEETING | SHELTER SECTOR | 4th APRIL 2020 AT 6 PM

The meeting for Shelter sector group was held on the 4th of April 2020 at 6 pm through Zoom application interface with reference to COVID 19 preparedness and response. Meeting was chaired by Mihir Joshi from SEEDS. Agenda of the meeting and list of members that participated in the meeting is attached in the Annex 1 and 2.

KEY DISCUSSIONS

1. A briefing was done by member organisations about their interventions and ongoing works for COVID 19 response.
2. It was shared that SEEDS is developing guidelines for quarantine and isolation centers.
3. Two issues were raised for the need of infrastructure for primary response and readiness for secondary impact.
4. It was suggested that monthly rental housing can be implemented for the shelter shortage being faced around the nation.
5. Concern was raised for the housing facility of migrant workers, labourers which are moving in masses for support.
6. There is a need to get a set of guidelines for streamlining the response and allocation of isolation venues to take care of the masses.
7. Concern was raised towards the provision of sanitation facilities, care to vulnerable groups like elderly, children in quarantine centres.
8. The ongoing issue of coronavirus spread in Dharawi, Mumbai was discussed to get a solution for its further spread in the area.
9. It was suggested that the State Disaster Response Fund can be allocated for providing need based shelter support (rent, stay provisions etc.) for the migrant population who would need to get back to the destination mega cities/metros to resume their livelihood.
10. There was concern that in case there is a larger outbreak the shelter sector would have an important role especially for safeguarding homeless, migrant workers.
11. A concern was raised of using large spaces being used by various states as quarantine centres e.g. schools, sports centres, community centres etc.), also there would be a need for guidelines to sanitize these spaces after usage so that they can resume their existing functions immediately.
12. Major gaps in the availability of sanitation facilities, food support, transportation facilities at the quarantine centres was discussed.
13. It was suggested that guidelines for CSOs for response and preparedness from Sphere India could also be made available.
14. Concern was raised for the availability of shelters for the migrant workers, labourers even after lockdown opens up as they may face land shortage, shortfall on their return.
15. A need for design and guidelines for the sanitation equipment, wash basins etc was discussed.
16. A shelter sector task group was suggested to be formed for drafting COVID 19 action plan and also for drafting of advocacy notes.

KEY ACTIONS

1. CSOs need to focus on non pharmaceutical solutions along with provision of safety materials and gears.
2. Sphere India should develop a one pager guideline for CSOs, frontline workers and volunteers.
3. SEEDS will be sharing design for sanitation equipments, basins.
4. A task group comprising Praveen Paul from Habitat for Humanity, Mihir from SEEDS, Wasi from Care India and Blesson from World Vision India was formed to develop an action plan and points for advocacy under the shelter sector.



ANNEX 1-AGENDA

1. Preparedness and Response to COVID-19 of:
 - a. Member organizations
 - b. Government
2. Identify gaps in response and avenues for collaboration with Government
3. Advocacy inputs for the Government and other stakeholders

ANNEX 2- LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

S.NO	NAME	ORGANISATION
1.	Mihir	SEEDS
2.	Balaji	World Vision
3.	Wasi	Care India
4.	Justin	HFH
5.	Praveen	HFH
6.	Vaibhav	SOS
7.	Kapil	SOS
8.	Preeti	SOS
9.	Shekhar	SOS
10.	Sudarshan	SOS
11.	Santosh	SOS
12.	Ganesan	SOS
13.	Tapan	SOS
14.	Paritosh	Sphere India
15.	Eilia	Sphere India
16.	Vaibhav	Sphere India