

‘Inception Report of NFIs distribution in Mohmand Agency’

Background of the situation

Ghalinai: UN agencies are concerned about the soaring figure of 1,750 conflict affected families in Mohmand Agency, Fata. This figure is likely to go up to 5,000 families according to the Fata Disaster Management Authority (FDMA), SSTD has learnt.

As the military operation continues in Mohmand Agency, UN states that the newly displaced population mainly consists of women, children and elderly. The displacement period is expected to continue for up to two months in the region.

UN agencies have scaled up their efforts in the province, working with limited resources for the conflict affected IDPs. Two camps have been established inside Mohmand Agency. So far, UNHCR has provided 650 tents against the current requirement of 1,000, out of which 372 tents have been installed in Nahqai Camp while 370 at Danishkol, with the help of FDMA. In addition 1,025 non-food item kits have also been distributed at both camps.

Although there is cooked food served at both camps by FDMA and political administration through local partners, FDMA has informed that stocks are not enough for the increasing figure.

FDMA also states that it's not just food but nutrition assistance which is also needed. WFP in collaboration with UNICEF is scaling up its initial emergency response and is distributing urgent nutrition commodities.

To cater to the needs of children UNICEF has started distribution of high energy biscuits for children up to five years; however total stocks of biscuits available can only last a month for 2,000 families.

Objectives and scope of the evaluation

Before commencement of the distribution among the IDPs, SSTD staff has well assessed the area in order to reach out the most vulnerable and deserving. Local community and other stakeholders were taken into confidence to identify and provide authentic data. To be specific to the problems of IDPs, relevant organizations e.g. FDMA, camp administration and Political agent was also taken on board to evaluate the area as per the needs of the project.

Objective of the assessment was to identify the direst need of the community and also to know the importance of NFIs distribution and involve the affected community to know their basic problems for further intervention.

Description of proposed methodology

SSTD will issue token to the camp inhabitants for the provision of winterized NFIs. Token will be only issued among the IDPs who have fled the area to avoid military action. SSTD staff reviewed the area and identified potential beneficiaries for the package well before the commencement of distribution to reach out the most vulnerable and affected.

Data Collection Tools

Preformatted Performa was filled which was provided by the donor agency and which has list of all the relevant data required for the donor. Field staff visited camp on regular basis to keep them up to date and get the pertaining information. In this regard meetings with PA, FDMA and other line agencies are also vital to avoid the duplication of activity therefore the same data is also shared with these departments. Informal and formal surveys, direct and participatory observation, community interviews, focus groups, expert opinion, case studies, and literature search are the tools for mustering data.

Organization of the review/evaluation

Different stakeholders were taken on board for the purpose of assessment to carry out in the Naqhai camp Mohmand agency. Regular meetings at camp are attended by the SSTD field staff to get themselves familiar with the environment of camp and the inhabitants.

Key informants and Agencies

Key informants and agencies are at the camp are:

- FDMA
- PA
- APA
- Camp supervisor
- IPs

Key evaluation questions

A set of questions were prepared before starting assessment for the evaluation of area and beneficiaries that was meant to obtain maximum knowledge about the situation. Besides collecting the names and NIC numbers, the key evaluation questions were:

- Occupation of the interviewees
- Other sources of livelihood
- Family size
- Problems that are confronted
- Opinions of beneficiaries regarding problems
- Possible solution
- Remedies

Issues to be studied

Key issue of targeted community is that they want their package should be given to anyone who holds the NIC of registered person. As most of the men are busy in either cultivating their lands or gone for the labourer work in the nearby areas to earn some money therefore most of the registered beneficiaries couldn't get their package because of the non-availability of the registered person.

During the assessment of the camp, SSTD staff also observed many problems in the camp that has to be addresses. These problems are:

- No electricity available at the camp
- Water provide to the inhabitants is not up to mark
- Proper sanitation required at camp
- Breast feeding corners for lactating women

Work plan

Start of the project: Staff is hired and HR section of SSTD has taken the following steps:

Staff Hiring:

- CVs collected for the vacancies
- Short listing of the suitable candidates for the interview.
- Shortlisted candidates interviewed.
- Contract signed and job description handed over to the selected candidate.
- Hiring memo issued by the employer.

Staff member briefed about his/her duties and office rules & regulations.

Community Interaction:

- Project supervisory staff will hold meetings with the camp's management and take them into confidence for the upcoming activity.
- Project supervisory staff will hold meetings with the Political Administration and authorities concerned regarding the forthcoming intervention in the target area.
- Project implementation strategy is shared and discussed with the Political Administration and authorities concerned.
- Security issues will be discussed with the administration for safe and sound distribution.
- SSTD's participation will be mandatory at camps level/cluster meetings to keep itself updated about the situation in the area.
- SSTD has good relations with the affected community for the optimum result of the project.
- Assessment was carried out to identify the most vulnerable families
- Relevant information of each beneficiary will be noted in pre formatted Performa
- Beneficiaries' information will also be kept in soft form for further sharing with relevant offices.
- Based on assessment, list of beneficiaries will be prepared in summarized form.
- Gender wise segregated data will be maintained
- Identified beneficiaries will be registered and token will be issued to them.
- The same will be presented upon the collection of NFI kit.

Procurement and transportation

Before procurement SSTD staff reviewed the market and collected different quotation from the suppliers. These quotations were then evaluated and comparative statement was formed to know which would be the most reasonable supplier. SSTD staff then on mutual consent selected the suppliers.

After the procurement of goods, all the NIFs were brought to the warehouse of SSTD in Peshawar. A team of logistics staff then transported the NIFs to our Mohmand warehouse for further distribution among the IDPs.

Monitoring Plan

SSTD M&E department have evaluated the monitoring plan to properly carry out project activities with each and every person performing his/her respective duty.

Reporting

Project is intended to have three reports which include inception report, progress report and project completion report. These reports will be shared with donor agency and line agencies accordingly which will not only reflect the project but will also be reflecting the other issues that need to solve.

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