



RWG Meeting - DS Update

20 December 2022



DSTWG Update

- NPC/DS Workshops 4-12 December: Good participation and engagement from authorities and ABC members. In Anbar, more authorities than ABC members.
- ABC Mosul Membership Applications: 1 application received. Endorsement by DSTWG of the membership of Non-Violent Peaceforce to replace OCHA.
- Draft Humanitarian Transition Strategy (Option 2) was shared with HCT and clusters by OCHA.



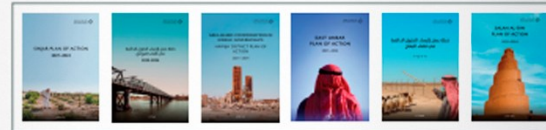
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BACKGROUND & RE-CAP: THE IRAQ DURABLE SOLUTIONS ARCHITECTURE

The Iraq Durable Solutions architecture is spearheaded by the Durable Solutions Task Force (DSTF), a senior steering committee consisting of UN agencies, donor representatives and NGOs, providing overall strategic direction of the mechanism and engaging in high-level discussions with the national government. To facilitate the varying levels of coordination required to achieve DS outcomes, the DSTF is supported by two additional national-level groups, the Returns Working Group (RWG) and the Durable Solutions Technical Working Group (DSTWG). The RWG, with open membership, has been brought under the DS umbrella, offering a wider platform for information exchange and updates on DS interventions and plans. The DSTWG is a smaller operational & technical platform to design durable solutions tools, programmes and approaches, acting as the main vehicle for steering the operationalization of DS plans in Iraq. The group has been expanded to 30 seats, occupied by representatives from stakeholders including UN, INGOs, INGOs, working groups, clusters and other entities, as an outcome of a nomination and voting process.

Localized DS planning and implementation is guided by the DSTWG through 8 area-based coordination (ABC) Groups. Groups are steered by focal points, assigned from operational actors in the area, and include any partner who are active in supporting DS interventions for a defined area. The ABCs link closely with the government at local level, via new and existing committees, in recognition of the leading role of authorities.

One and a half years after its establishment, the DS Mechanism in Iraq has in the beginning of 2022: (1) an established architecture (see above), (2) eight area-based coordination mechanisms (ABCs) coordinating more than 1,500 projects implemented by 59 partners worth approximately 500 million USD, (3) eight area-based plans of action covering the eight ABC targeted areas, (4) a DS Strategic and Operational Framework, (5) an analysis of needs and current response covering around 600 villages/towns across Iraq, (6) a strategy and guidelines on how to conduct coordination under the ABCs, (7) a specific Priority Working Group under the UNSDCF including a funding mechanism.



SINJAR Sinjar POA – English Sinjar POA – Arabic	MOSUL Mosul POA – English Mosul POA – Arabic	HAWIJA Hawija POA – English Hawija POA – Arabic	EAST ANBAR (in design process)	BAKA Baka POA – English Baka POA – Arabic	SALAH AL-DIN (in design process)
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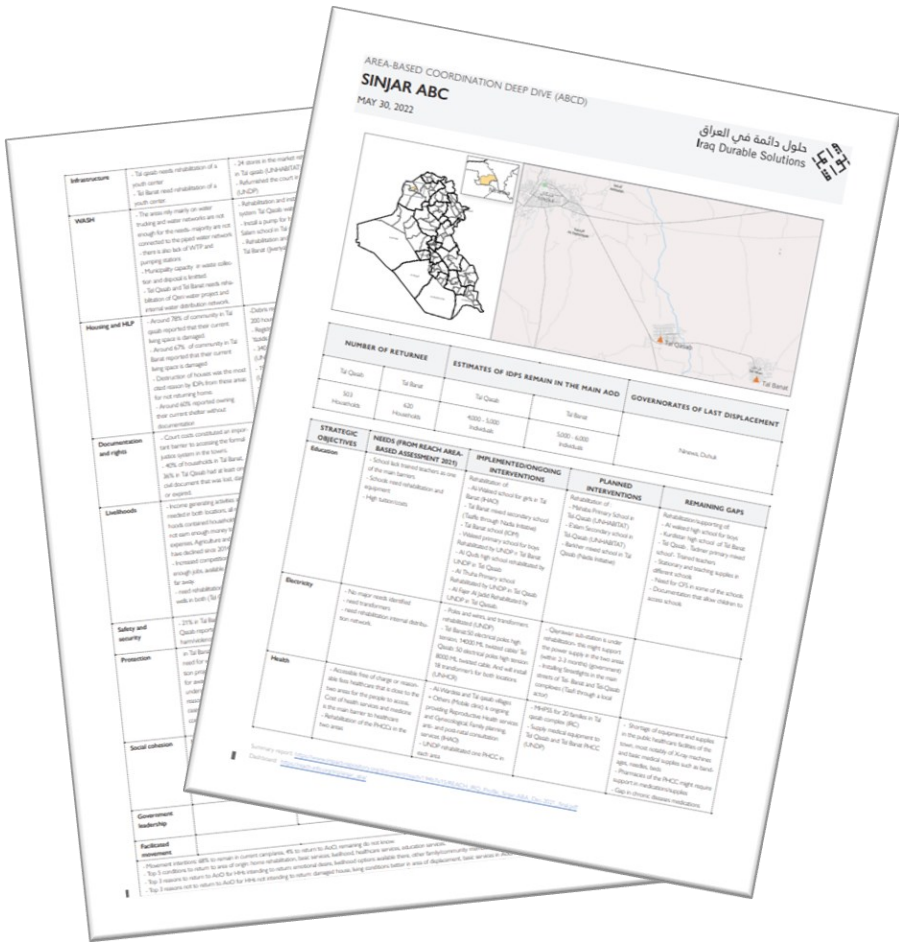
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- DSTWG TORs and ABC TORs were endorsed by the DSTF on 5 April
- DSTWG conducted bilateral discussions with the Iraq IASC, 8 clusters and 3 subclusters to support the humanitarian transition process. Members unanimously agreed that DSTWG co-chairs and support group as well as IQM to prepare for review and input by the DSTWG members.
- DSTWG invited to present on the cluster discussions and proposals at the June HCT-Donor Retreat
- ABC focal points completed a survey to identify the challenges face. The survey showed that human resources and funding are the main challenges (time allocated and actual time spent and lack of funding for activities contributing to DS for NGOs). To increase the level of support for ABC focal points, following endorsement by DSTF, National DSTWG released a call for applications for a 3rd focal point position in all ABC groups which had 2 focal points. Each ABC group now has 3 focal points, with a blend of NGOs and UN agencies leading the groups.
- Following the recommendations of the HCT and endorsement of the DSTF ABCs opened for new members. The call for new members received a high response, with the number of ABC members increased, totaling the overall implementing partners under the ABCs from 59 to 71. For example, ABC Mosul increased from 18 to 43 members, ABC Sinjar increased from 16 to 28 members, and ABC East Anbar increased from 13 to 24 members. The opening of the ABC groups also notably increased the NGO representation across the ABC groups, with the addition of many local NGOs due to their local expertise to be shared with the ABC groups.
- ABC Groups have finalized ABC Coordination in Practice (deep-dive) documents for the following locations, highlighting community-based sectoral needs, current response as well as gaps as a basis for future joint planning: Tai Barut and Tai Quab (ABC Sinjar), Al-Garma (ABC E Anbar), Risala/Sakar Complexes (ABC Ba'a), Smail (ABC Diyala), Al Sinyas (ABC SAD), Al-Murra (Hawija ABC). All finalized deep-dive documents can be accessed via this link, then navigating to the relevant ABC group.



Sinjar ABC: Tai Quab & Tai Barut May 2022 English link Arabic link	Ba'a ABC: Sakar, Risala and Hardsinya Aug 2022 English link Arabic link	Salah al-Din ABC: Baq, Al-Sinyas July 2022 English link Arabic link	East Anbar ABC: Al-Garma, Al-Khamsat and Al-Sir Aug 2022 English link Arabic link	East Anbar ABC: Al-Sajjaniyah, Hay Jind and Hay Al-Shuhada September 2022 English link Arabic link
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ABC Update- Overview of Deep-dives



Recently completed deep-dives:

Al-Fallujah (East Anbar ABC); Al-Garma (East Anbar ABC); Baiji (SAD ABC); Baiji (SAD ABC); Riyadh Center (Kirkuk ABC)

Ongoing & upcoming deep-dives:

- Mosul: Markaz Mosul, Al Harmaat, Muwali Village, Hay Tanak
- West Anbar: Markaz Ana, Al-Rayhana & Al-Sagra
- Kirkuk: Hudh6 village.
- Ba'aj, Al-Ba'aj, Rambousi
- Sinjar: Sinuni, Hattin, Al-Qadesiya, Al-Yarmouk, Al Andalous, Al-Uroba

ABC Update – PoA Revision

- **PoA Revision:** Meeting with ABC Members on data collection took place on 6 November, regarding the revision of the Kobo link.
- **Updating of Activities:** Based on the members' feedback during the Data Collection Session, Kobo has been under modification. The new version of Kobo was rolled out last week.
- ABCs Activities' Tracking tool has been developed (MS Forms). Respective ABC secretariat is in charge to report activities on monthly basis, the first week of each new month.