

## Durable Solutions Technical Working Group (DSTWG) – Summary of Meeting

### Meeting 9 – August 4, 2021

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Attendees: UNHCR, UNDP, Mercy Corps Iraq, Al Tadamun, UNICEF, IOM, WFP, OCHA, UNMAS, Oxfam, FAO, NCCI, UNHABITAT, Protection Cluster, SEDO, CLCI, TCC,

### Overview and Agenda

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### Overview of July Meeting AP

- ABC contact list: Shared the link. An updated version as of 2 August is available and the link will be shared with the meeting minutes.
- NGO engagement: The meeting is rescheduled to September

### General DSTWG Update

- UNSDCF signing ceremony in September
- The Government has set up a new committee linked to the National Plan for Getting the IDPs back to their Liberated Areas called **the Supreme Committee for relief and support of displaced**, headed by the Minister of Migration and Displacement (MoMD)
- The coordination of linkages between UN-led and governmental-led efforts will take place through the Supreme Committee for Relief and Support of displaced nationally, and through the Durable Solutions Plans of Actions in the 7 ABC locations locally
- Interest from the Government to establish an ABC group in Mosul
- Additional ABC Focal Point (FP) for Hawiga ABC Group and replacement of FPs in Sinjar and East Anbar
- DSTWG commenced the development of guidance notes of the expansion of ABC coverage

### ABC Update

- Data collection tools (kobo and excel sheets) have been shared with partners to collect DS interventions
- Same tools were shared in Arabic by NCCI and will be shared with Cluster Coordinators and members this week
- ABC FPs are using the tools to incorporate interventions of partners in PoA

#### Reminders of ABC process leading to POAs:

1. Prep by focal points and members - identify key issues, priorities, potential to support, based on available data, assessments, map out key stakeholders to engage
2. Local authority engagement - once proposition of approach ready, can be put forward to key government counterpart
3. Consult other local and international actors for inputs
4. Organise roundtable (local authority) and feedback sessions (ABC and non-ABC members as well as the affected populations and communities)

5. Further consultations and assessments as required
6. Drafting of plan
7. Plan to be shared for inputs, review
8. Finalisation, implementation, monitoring and follow-up.

**Current Status of Area Based Coordination (ABC) Groups:** All ABC Roundtables are complete. Consultation continues with government and extended partners on an ad hoc and bi-lateral basis, PoA drafting has commenced in 5 ABCs (Sinjar, SAD, Ba’aj, Hawija, and Diyala)

**Q: How will the new ABC locations be selected, there was mention of Mosul?**

*A: We have started drafting criteria for the ABC location selection as well as the FP selection process. Some of the considerations involved are: government request/support for such an area, needs of IDPs in the area, presence of partners, Access and security, etc. We will have a full draft of the criteria for both available to present/share for feedback by the Sept. 1 meeting.*

**Q: How can we propose new focus (priority area) within an ABC?**

*A: As part of the Activity List information gathering process for the PoA, the KOBO tool has the option to agree with the initial priority location selection, or indicate alternative locations for consideration. The priority locations will change and grow on a regular basis (6 months/1 year). Furthermore, as more areas are selected over time, we anticipate that each governorate will also include more cities, etc. There should be a natural expansion if the mechanism grows as it should.*

**Q: Prior to starting new ABCs has a stock taking process happened. As the PoAs of the current pilot ABCs are not completed, how can we start new ABCs without looking at how these went?**

*A: To start, the selection of Mosul as the new ABC is not fully settled, but it is a key area that will allow us to move forward. It takes a few months to get an ABC up and running, we don’t want to delay progress by waiting for all of the PoAs to be completed. An additional point to keep in mind is that at each step (1-8), once complete we do have a lessons learned exercise or debrief with relevant participants and stakeholders to see how we can do things better. This first round of ABCs were pilot areas, and we very much want to learn and refine and streamline processes for greater ease moving forward. While no large process has occurred we are trying to regularly learn. It is through this process that we know we need clear criteria for the selection of ABC locations and focal points – having done a review- and recognizing things can be better.*

## POA Update

- Feedback session in Arabic (Gov, partners and communities): September  
\*Simultaneous translation can be provided for the virtual feedback session in Arabic for national and local NGO
- Partner contributions to PoA: August
- All Draft PoA Feedback with DSTWG and DSTF members: September
- Translation into Arabic: October-November

## Plan of Action Template Content (Example of Sinjar Provided)

1. Overview/Executive Summary
  - Provides an overview of the displacement situation in the location, using DTM/REACH/partner data
2. Guiding Principles and Purpose
  - Reaffirms guiding principles and objectives outlined in the Iraq Durable Solutions Strategy and Operational Framework
3. Situation and Context
  - Provides analysis on the displacement context, barriers to DS, and insights into the existing and planned approaches
4. Implementation Plan



- This section has been divided into two. In the POA document itself, we provide a summarized overview of the ongoing and planned activities taking place in the area, divided by the 8 Strategic Objectives (SO) outlined in the Operational and Strategic Framework. This section provides an overview that is divided by sub-district, which also allows us to see the budget allocated to each SO per sub-district
  - The second section is a more comprehensive and detailed activity list which will be in the annex of the document. It will list completed, ongoing, and planned activities per Strategic Objectives, along with a brief summary of activities for each SO.
5. Inter-area coordination
    - This section will outline coordination that is needed to facilitate movements, approvals, or to make arrangements for local integration documentation
  6. Government Roles and Responsibilities
    - This section outlines the roles and responsibilities of the different government entities responsible for implementing the plan. It hasn't been completed yet for the Sinjar draft zero as we are awaiting further discussions from ABC groups with government authorities, following up on their roundtable discussions.
  7. Monitoring and Tracking
    - This section outlines the periodic monitoring of the implementation of the plan, linking back to the objectives and targets outlined in the implementation plan. The Durable Solutions Monitoring Framework will be used to measure the impact of this plan, and specific monitoring indicators were developed for each strategic objective at both outcome and output level

**Q: For the activity lists do you prefer the information being submitted on KOBO or the Excel?**

**A:** We prefer inputs to be submitted via KOBO, however, if that is not possible, don't hesitate to fill out the excel sheet and then include any additional comments and questions in the body of the e-mail.

## A.O.B

**Update from IOM:** Stabilisation Taskforce has tasked GIZ to offer secretariat support to the newly formed Prevention of Radicalisation, Extremism and Violence Working Group (PREV WG). The WG is an interagency and inter-governmental working group and under the chairmanship of the Embassy of the Netherlands and the Directorate of Non-Governmental Organisations (DNGO). The first PREV WG meeting will convene on the 8th of August in Baghdad and in the presence of a number of state members of the international coalition to defeat ISIS and representatives of the Iraqi government, including members of the Compensation Committee and the Martyrs Foundation. The PREV WG is a technical coordination platform between the government of Iraq and international partners to support the Iraqi national efforts to prevent radicalisation, extremism and violence.

**Q: Can we get an updated on M&A Sub-working group?**

**A:** There isn't much to update since the last meeting. Thorough review done by chairs/co-chairs of the draft framework, which will be incorporated and shared with the sub-group for final endorsement and reviews before being finalized. After POAs are finalized, the M&A framework will be a reference for reporting on activities in the POAs. Important to note that the framework will monitor DS broadly, and not solely focus on ABCs.

**Note:** Minutes of the Meeting and Slides will also be shared as attachments, so those of you having access issues on Teams will have the necessary documents.

## Action Points:



DSTWG to circulate the Arabic version of the DS Strategic and Operational Framework as well as the ABC contact list.