



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

Meeting 8 – July 7, 2021

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Attendees: UNHCR, UNDP, Mercy Corps Iraq, Al Tadhmun, ICRC, UNICEF, IOM, WFP, NRC, OCHA, UNMAS, Oxfam, FAO, CCI

Overview and Agenda

1. Tour de Table
2. Endorsement of June MoM
3. General DSTWG Update
4. Sub-Group Update
5. ABC Update
6. PoA Update
7. Update on Strategic Priority 5 on Durable Solutions & UNSDCF
8. A.O.B

Endorsement of June MoM

1. Please reach out to Ismael or Muslim (UN Habitat) in the next two weeks if you are interested in supporting/engaging with the Shelter/HLP sub-group. – **UNDP and NRC have volunteered to co-chair this sub-group and received interest from IOM to join but we would require more partners to participate in Sub-Group, so it is being tabled for now. IOM indicated that from September, they may be able to offer co-chairing capacity. We will reopen this discussion in the Fall.**
2. Contacts for ABC focal points to be re-shared – as interest was expressed to support some groups. – **Shared by Zulfiye after last meeting**
3. Request for organisations who have ABC focal points or members to reach out to those individuals and seek feedback – confirming they are still able to support, highlighting any specific feedback. – **NGO co-lead has reached out to NGO FPs organizations seeking feedback on the process.**

General DSTWG Update

- National DSTWG will be taking a more active role in drafting POAs, in order to ensure they're done in a reasonable timeline.
 - Hope that all 7 will have a complete first draft by August 31st, then to be shared for feedback with ABC members and extended partners.
- Working closely with M&A subgroup to ensure that the Monitoring Framework is completed
 - A lot of questions are currently being dealt with, such as who will be reporting, and how often reporting will take place.
- NGO engagement: There has been a concerted effort to do more outreach with senior management of NGOs, so we have been engaging with them in meetings with NCCI/NGO DSTWG members
 - In late July/early August, there will be an open meeting for NGOs where we will discuss how ABCs function, the roles and responsibilities of focal points, how they can nominate themselves to become a part of potential new ABCs, whether they need to reconfigure their current roles within ABCs.
- DSTWG co-chairs are currently planning to develop a national DSTWG workplan until the end of 2021 beyond work associated with the sub-groups and ABCs.



- Zero draft of PoA Sinjar has been drafted and will be shared with DSTWG members during the August meeting. It'll be a live document, so we'll still take onboard comments when we present it. The rest of PoA will be also developed by September.

Sub-Group Update

- Facilitated Movement
 - Toolkit has been shared with DSTWG members and is now finalized. Currently going through final editing, and can be presented when it's ready for publication
- Monitoring & Assessment
 - 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
- Shelter/HLP (*discussed during first part of the meeting*)
- Social Cohesion
 - TCC Guidance note has been received and discussed
 - Discussions have taken place surrounding how this document will be used, and it was agreed that it's a good background document for now. As we expand on some annexes, it will be more useful in a practical sense
 - National DSTWG priority is to ensure to engage social cohesion expertise at ABC level and reflect it in the POAs

ABC Update

Reminder 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
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 Groups:

- **East Anbar** and **West Anbar** are having their roundtable discussions with government authorities this week, where they will engage with the government in a technical discussion about priority locations, priority areas, etc. This is crucial as government input is critical for the POAs, which is the culmination of a government-led process



- **Hawija, SAD, Diyala** all plan to have their roundtable discussions next week (12 and 13 July)
- **Sinjar** and **Ba'aj** have already had their roundtable discussions, and are now planning outreach sessions with external partners to ensure that the ABC process is inclusive of partners outside of ABC groups
 - Drafting of POAs has already started for Sinjar, with a zero draft completed by National DSTWG and has been shared with ABC groups

Q: Are there concerns regarding the willingness of the local governments to engage with the ABC process?

- A: We can provide more definite answers after respective ABC groups hold their roundtable discussions, but as of now they have been receptive. Other concerns include timelines, and the complexities surrounding launching 7 groups at once, but the receptiveness of government has not been an issue yet.
- A: One issue which arose from Sinjar is regarding what local government can do themselves and what needs input from national level. There are budget constraints at a local level so there's some over-reliance on international actors to do the work that national authorities normally do

Q: Priority locations should be a very key component of roundtable discussions. Has this been taken into account?

- A: Priority locations are indeed very crucial, and one of the key issues we're facing is the lack of information from members/partners regarding micro-level details and why they want the areas to be included as priority locations. This information from partners will be important to strengthen POAs. Important to note that these "priority areas" are initial target areas, the scope of the ABC may expand or contract as needs and circumstances change.

Q: Will draft POAs be translated into Arabic in order to get inputs from Arabic-speakers?

- A: We've had a conversation with NCCI about this and understand how important it is for POAs to be accessible. We agreed that the draft POAs won't be translated, but we will do a verbal presentation in Arabic on the content of the POAs as this is a more time-efficient way to get inputs on context/priority areas. We will then translate the final document to Arabic

POA Update

Plan of Action Template Content Table

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 for 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
 - We are sending out an email out to national/international NGOs (through NCCI) for organizations to fill out the activity list, in order to make sure that all activities are included. This is to make sure that their DS work is reflected, and to ensure we are representing a diverse set of actors

Q: If we have a 2022 HRP, some areas where ABCs are present will be a priority district for the cluster. So it's important to share POAs when they're finalized with clear information about which areas will be prioritized by ABCs and clusters, to ensure there is no overlap

- A: OCHA is an observing member in each ABC group so they are aware of the process and won't be surprised

Strategic Priority 5 on Durable Solutions & UNSDCF

- During our last meeting, we presented the addition of 5th Strategic Priority on DS
 - The criteria regarding what constitutes a DS activity has been developed with the M&A sub-group, to guide agencies to self-select
 - SP5 was a request from the government and is also a process that is government-owned and led
 - We linked the work on SP5 with the government's national plan to resolve protracted displacement, as well as the SDGs and Iraq's 2030 vision
 - Outputs are linked with the DS Strategic and Operational Framework
- Overview of funding breakdown provided
 - UN agencies require **\$1.8 billion** in programming for Durable Solutions, with the majority for Basic Services

- At ABC level, we're pushing to discuss further funding mechanisms beyond the Cooperation Framework which is a bilateral structure between the government and the UN.

Q: Many participants/UN agencies already have their budget built in other priority areas that contribute to DS. Does this lead to a risk of duplication?

- A: We've set out clear criteria about what constitutes a DS activity, and what falls under the other SPs. The amount of \$1.8 billion is specifically for DS programming

Q&A/A.O.B

Q: Who should we contact for the archived DSTWG documents on MS Teams?

- A: At the end of the meeting, we'll send out the MoM with a link to the Teams archive. Please reach out if you continue to face issues
- A: We're also in the process of making a Iraq DS website, where we'll upload key documents