



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

Meeting 7 – June 2, 2021

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Attendees: IOM, Shelter/HLP cluster, REACH Initiative, OCHA, CCI, OXFAM, Al Tadhmun, Oxfam, UNDP, NRC, WFP

Overview and Agenda

1. Introduction of New Co-Chairs
2. Review of Action Points from April 22, 2021
3. Cooperation Framework Updates
4. Status Update on each ABC
5. Status Update on each Technical Sub-Group
6. AOB

Action Points

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.
2. Contacts for ABC focal points to be re-shared – as interest was expressed to support some groups.
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.

Review of Action Points from April 22

1. National DSTWG to share information on UNSCDF with members. Updates will take place at DSTF level but relevant for DSTWG alike. *To ensure final documents, rather than incomplete drafts are shared, will share the final CF documents when ready. Should be by the end of June.*
2. M&A sub group to arrange meeting on new framework and outline linkages to CF *Took place, we will get more on this in M&A Update*
3. Facilitated movements will share tool kit for final inputs *A bit of delay in this process, however, will share once it is ready*
4. Final operational framework to be shared with group once finalized by DSTWG. *Still with the design team, though the document is finalised and should be shared very soon.*
5. Partners interested in participating in discussions around social cohesion/peacebuilding sub group work stream to reach out to ensure TCC includes in invites and discussions. *This did happen, and participants attended TCC and have been given an opportunity to share feedback.*

Cooperation Framework (UNSCDF)

- Initial 4 strategic priorities were created in 2019
 - Achieving social cohesion, Protection and Inclusion
 - Growing the Economy for all
 - Promoting effective, inclusive and efficient institutions and services
 - Promoting natural resources and disaster risks management and climate change resilience
 - NEW: DS pillar is added as priority 5
- Priority Working Group (PWG) 5 (co-chaired by UNDP/IOM, synonymous with DSTF) to add activities for DS JWP. Criteria to define an activity as a specific DS activity for the UNSCDF (as opposed to social cohesion or livelihoods activity) have been developed by National DSTWG in close cooperation with DSTWG Monitoring & Analysis Sub-WG (whose work on defining DS monitoring approach have to be inter-linked to this).

- Since April, developed and submitted **Alignment Table** that link the DS mechanism to the Iraqi national gov't priorities, **Narrative Section** (theory of change, partnership sections, key interventions, risk and risk management); **Joint work plan** for PWG 5; **M&E Plan** (submitted end of May); results Matrix (submitted end of May)
- 13 June Big Cooperation Workshop in Baghdad

Discussion – Q & A

- Memberstated that they have not seen themselves on the mailing list of the DSTWG – was clarified that this may have been a misunderstanding between ABC and DSTWG mailing lists as they should be on the DSTWG list. To be checked.
- Question of whether NGOs can attend the validation workshop for the CF – was noted that this is a UN led framework, with the workshop planned to discuss the UN framework with the government.

ABC Updates

- **Review of the ABC Processes:** Formation to Plans of Action. Preparation by focal points and members (identify key issues, priorities, potential to support, based on available data, assessments, stakeholder mapping); Local authority engagement, once proposition of approach read, can be put forward to key government counterparts; Consult other local and international actors for inputs; organize roundtable (Where we are for most now); Further consultation and assessments as required; Drafting plan of action; share plan for inputs and review; Finalisation, implementation, monitoring and follow-up
- **Noted that ABCs are supported by national level counterparts** to provide strategic direction and guidance. Including by Mohamed, Precillar, Maanasa and Ismael for now. Updates provided by national level support teams.
- **East Anbar & West Anbar:** Both groups are planning to conduct outreach sessions (with non-ABC members and local organizations) in the middle of June. Both are also planning roundtable meetings at the local government level – to discuss gaps, priority areas, etc. Both areas have mapped needs and activities. Internal delays have deferred external consultations, however, we are entering critical phase where external engagement will be crucial.
 - East: Some priority areas identified for further discussion- Husai, Sobaihat, Al Shuhadaa, Al Tash, Al-Khairat, Saqlawiya, Hamira, Jazzirat al-Raadi, Low-cost shelter complex
 - West: Haqlaniyah, Heet, Qaim Centre, Rummanah, T1 Station, Rayhana, Al Saqra, Barwana, Al-Forat, Dolab
 - Q: OCHA How did you decide on the priority locations? What is the process?
 - A: Mixture of criteria – initial assessments of needs, member feedback, data – but plan is to discuss this with government, communities etc -i.e. it is the outcome of a consultative process, supposed to be tailored to each area, rather than based on scientific criteria e.g. only return index data or some other measure – should be a combination of factors including the presence of actors who can actually respond, given the action oriented nature of intended plans. We can clarify this better in the plans themselves for each area.
- **Ba'aj & Sinjar:** Both groups have close linkages. Both have finished a joint roundtable with local government authorities on 26th May. The purpose of the roundtable is to do a deep dive on priority locations, needs, and key stakeholders to engage with the government. It was a one day roundtable at the University of Mosul. 18 of 30 invited people, including governor, attended. In Sinjar, Qayrawan was selected as a priority area. In Ba'aj we need to further define priority areas, or a wider approach. The next steps will be to do outreach with broader stakeholders.
 - Reflection based on the roundtable, we have learned that a half day would be better than 1 day. Need to be realistic about the expected output. Need to do bi-laterals with government before the roundtable to ensure that key decision makers are there. Gov't actors said they needed more engagement and support from national level in Baghdad.
- **Hawija:** Bilateral discussions ongoing, while the initial outreach meeting completed. Roundtable planned on 30 June.

- **Diyala:** ABC meeting in Diyala planned on 8 June (invitation to be shared in the coming days). Roundtable planned 15 June.
- **SAD:** Bilateral discussions ongoing, while the initial outreach meeting completed. Roundtable planned for second half of June. Explanation of Phase 1-3 – ask Ismael to input details.

Key issues: with planning for years to come- we have information shared through partners, however, there are huge gaps in our information as many partners did not fill out the location mapping. The plans of action should be looking forward around to 3 years. We will be using them as a tool on how to move forward with specific actions. We also have challenges with ABCs – some focal points and members are extremely busy/unable to engage. In future, we would want to better select and brief focal points and members and would appreciate if organizations part of the DSTWG who have colleagues in ABCs could check in with those individuals to see whether they're finding it challenging. Some of them have expressed that they were assigned to join ABCs by their management but otherwise do not feel they have the capacity.

Q: How is the response of the local government with ABCs?

- A: In Anbar's it's very early, they have only met once, but that meeting was quite positive. In Sinjar, we met with them bilaterally quite early, and they seemed interested and engaged. High level of cooperation and receptive to the focal points. General, authorities seem very bought into the DS conversations, however, each ABC must deal with local dynamics. We have had a few questions from local gov't one how we work, why do we need this? They feel restricted to have to do all their work within the given budget. The dynamic between Baghdad and local government need some work and we are working to loop them together. A lot of things are yet to be seen, especially when it comes to their ability to advocate for things that we as an international community cannot further.

Update on Sub Technical Groups

Monitoring and Analysis Sub-Group (REACH & IOM)

- Developed a broad analysis framework with a compendium of DS outcomes which need to be aligned to SO from OP Framework – have shared with members to try to develop a common set of indicators, it is an ongoing process. We have a meeting tomorrow to discuss this issue, and will then approach ABCs to ensure that the overall framework works for them.

Q: OCHA: Can you clarify how this framework connects with the UNSCDF? How will we actually monitor? Who would validate the mechanism and framework?

A: The CF is a UN framework and one part of the picture – the M&A sub group is developing a wider framework which includes the CF indicators but goes beyond this. As to who validates, this can be discussed with the RC/HC but we still have many consultations to finalise the components, beyond the members of the M&A group. There is a lot of work to be done and questions to be answered in the coming weeks/months, including on reporting.

- HLP/Shelter Sub-Group (UN HABITAT & Shelter/HLP Cluster)
- TOR has been drafted. However, next steps (validation) have been stalled as we have not received interested co-chair. We will do bilateral to try to further this process. Consider this a call for focal points and members.
- **Action Point.** Please let us know if you would like to be engaged in this process within the next two weeks.

Social Cohesion Sub-Group (TCC UNDP)

The note on social cohesion and peacebuilding was shared with DSTWG and TCC for comments. Currently being incorporated by TCC, with the final version to be shared when ready.

- Facilitated Movement - tool kit will be shared soon after some delays.