

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

Meeting 10 – 1 September 2021

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Members: REACH, UNICEF, IOM, OCHA, UNDP, TCC, DRC, NCCI, UNHCR, Cash Consortium, Oxfam

Overview and Agenda

1. August Meeting Action Points
2. General DSTWG Update
3. ABC Mosul: Selection of ABC Focal Points and Members
4. WFP Presentation
5. AOB

Review of August Action Points

1. ABC Activity Lists: Shared with Extended Partners and thank you.
2. Arabic Version of DS Framework- Pending.

Key DSTWG Updates

- Introduction of Rene Dierkx, UNDP fulltime co-chair.
- Sub-Groups.
- General Updates -Mosul ABC and ABC General Update.

Update on Sub Technical Groups

HLP/Shelter Sub-Group

- Five organizations have now applied to be members of the sub-group. An attempt to re-launch the group will be made in September/October.

Monitoring and Analysis Sub-Group

- Finalizing outcome level indicator which will be based on the POAs.
- Comments have been received from the DSTWG chairs and feedback will be shared with the chairs.
- Jesse (REACH) has replaced Elysia as Co-Chair

Facilitated Return Movements Sub-Group

- Initial discussions have been held on guidance on activities in non-camp settings. Meeting to be held next week.

Social Cohesion Sub-Group

- TCC priority issues:
 - Repatriation of the families from NE Syria, to date 93 families are in Jeddah 1 and GOI has proposed a 3 month period in the camp, following that return of the families to areas of origin. The 3-month period has lapsed for the families who arrived to J1.
 - Government, including MOMD, is requesting partner support for best practices on disengagement.

- Situations in South Mosul and Salah-Al-Din after evictions of families from Ganous, Shirqat and Debaga.
- Sinjar PoA has been circulated with TCC members who, as per initial agreement in March, will review the documents through a social cohesion lens

General Updates

General PoA Progress

- Sinjar: Draft 1 finalized and shared for extended partner review and input via a google link and document. Input has already started coming in and the deadline 9th of September 2021.
- West Anbar, Diyala, SAD: All at drafting stage to be finalised end of next week and will then be shared for DTM support.
- Ba'aj and Hawija: Draft 0 process started.
- E.Anbar: Draft 0 currently with DTM for input.
- W.Anbar: Draft 0 starting next week.

Initial target locations have been identified for all the 7 ABC areas (See presentation).

WFP is supporting with infographics.

List of glossaries has been developed to ensure consistency across the PoAs.

ABC Mosul

- Five (5) applications have been received for the Focal Point positions
- 30 applications have been received for membership.
- Initially the ABC will have 15 total organizations. Focal Points will be selected at the strategic level (DSTF and RC/HC) and the INGO Focal Point and Membership will selected by the DSTWG in accordance with application selection criteria and all will be informed by early next week. It is anticipated that ABC membership will become open after the roundtable stage of the ABC processes.
- Amended draft TORs for the ABCs will be shared by the next meeting.

Discussion – Q & A

- Will the DSTWG input on the amendment of the TORs?
 - Yes, draft TORs will be circulated with the DSTWG for input before finalization.
- Repatriations from Al-Hol, how do organizations provide support and who are the counterparts to engage with?
 - The TCC noted that the movements from Al Hol are always last minute and when they are announced with notice, the movements do not happen as scheduled. Currently the main counterparts are MoMD and security actors who are responsible for security clearance.
- What are the linkages between the ABCs, DSTWG and the DSTF?
 - The focal points and ABC do most of the work related to engagement with authorities and outreach with extended partners through bilateral or group meeting, the ABC focal points also present and attend area level coordination structures and meetings. The national DSTWG chairs and DS Advisor support the ABC groups and attend the meetings. All the ABC activities are shared in the DSTWG meetings and in turn the DSTWG chairs update the DSTF on activities at the ABC level.

- What is the relationship between the ABC Plans of Action and the addition of SP 5 on Durable Solutions to the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF)?
 - SP 5 on Durable Solution has been added to the UNSDCF upon government request to streamline the support of the international community to the “National Plan for Resolving Protracted Displacement”. Criteria, outcomes and outputs of SP 5 have been developed based on the 8 Specific Objectives of the DS Operational Framework which also form the basis for the localized ABC Plans of Actions (PoAs). We are currently also working within the DSTWG M & A Sub-Group to develop a coherent monitoring framework to link reporting, monitoring & evaluation efforts of national and local DS planning.

WFP Presentation – WFP response to displacement and return

Background, rational and challenges

- By February 2021-16 formal camps and 3 informal sites had been closed and surveys and assessments done by WFP found that 27% of camp IDPs had poor or borderline food consumption compared with 41% if out of camp IDPs.
- It is anticipated that the food security situation for out of camp IDPs will worsen and will require government, UN agency and NGOs to respond to these needs.
- Challenges: Complex transitional situation in terms of data collection as 20-30% of the contact details are not accurate making tracing a challenge.

Opportunities

- Need for multi-sectoral response, joint design and implementation of comprehensive packages under durable solutions.

WFP Displacement and Return Response

- Resilience building and livelihood activities in displacement and return areas
- Three main focus areas
 - Lifesaving support with general food distribution (GFD)
 - Livelihoods
 - Social protection

Discussion – Q & A

- Does WFP have any data comparing food insecurity for IDPs, returnees and for other groups such as host community?
 - Yes, it is 27% for in camp IDPs who are borderline and 41% for out of camp IDPs. We could share the information we have with interested.
- Could you please clarify further on food insecurity among IDPs and what this could mean for the HRP WFP activities?
 - WFP provides humanitarian assistance in camps under the regular GFA and for out of camp IDPs we decided to provide 3 months GFA while we assess what kind of livelihood assistance they can be incorporated into. Some IDPs may not be able to participate in livelihood activities for various reasons and for those cases we can extend the GFA beyond the 3 months and also link them with the social security scheme (PDS).
- How robust is the PDS system in Iraq?

- Cannot speak on the PDS system but it is currently not sufficient to support all the needs. WFP is also working with the ministry to digitalize and improve the PD system.
- Commenting on the need for more joint planning and implementation, what referral process is in place to help
 - WFP is open to suggestions, call for proposals for Anbar, Diyala, Salah Al-Din, Kirkuk etc
- Does WFP have any plans to survey or map out the food security needs for other groups other than IDPs, ie returnees and host communities?
 - It should be the ABC groups who do the mapping and take the lead on this.

AOB

- GIZ, PPO and IOM work with category 2 (Social cohesion related obstacles) families in 3 villages ie Imam Gharbi, Jemisa, and Haj Ali.
- On 25 August there was a signing ceremony of the community agreements facilitating the return of category 2 families.
- Proposal to present on this work and the agreement at the next DSTWG meeting.

Action Points:

- DSTWG to circulate draft amended TORs for the ABC groups for comment and review