



## Durable Solutions Technical Working Group (DSTWG) – Summary of Meeting Meeting 14

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### Overview and Agenda

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- December Meeting Recap and Action Points
- General DSTWG Update
- ABC Update
- Presentation by the NCCI and discussion 1: discussion on the linkage between the humanitarian and durable solutions
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### Recap an Action Points from Nov 2021 DSTWG Meeting



- The key action point was for the DSTWG to follow up with the IIC to share the list of frequently asked questions and prepared messages on DS (Nov 2021, DSTWG #13). This required inputs from DSTWG members
- For this 19 Jan DSTWG #14 meeting, the members were again presented with the following as per the below i.e., i) definition of DS, ii) list of key messages, and iii) members to share info IIC:
  - a definition of DS that would capture well what this is about
  - list of key messages that can be used by operators to give responses
  - members share information to IIC + beneficiaries referred to them via their system
    - example: a female-headed household upon return to their area of origin realises that their house has serious damage – order of cat 2-
    - example: a (public/private) shallow well in a small rural hamlet needs repair after it was damaged as it serves an xx number of HHs
- Hence, what are the members' thoughts on a clear DS definition, the key messages for operator responses and the info sharing with the IIC?

### Remarks, Discussion and Q&A

- **IOM:** regarding sharing of information with the IIC: a standardized answer may be challenging to provide since if we do provide key messages that are very agency-specific, understandably for that agency their program may be geographically bound and therefore limited to a specific area. Hence it may be wise to work on agency-specific, sector-related, geographically bound key messages
- **ICCG/ OCHA:** essential is to understand what info the IIC needs. For example: what is meant by IIC to share service mapping (and with whom)? Essentially, this could just be taken from the POAs if that is what is needed. Since IIC are not technical experts that would be able to define to look at






an activity and where that fits within this objective. Hence, a service mapping through activities that are in the POAs might be more helpful

- **ICCG/ OCHA continued:** From an analysis of communication, what people like to know is: current IDPs look for information about what is going on in their areas of origin. That is the kind of message that would be helpful and if the ABCs could help craft these, we could then finalise these in this setting and share with the IIC.
- **ABC Mosul/ Sinjar:** To support this activity, note not all information is available in the mapping which would help us - and the referrals or the sharing information for services, especially when it comes to individual cases.
- **ABC Mosul/ Sinjar continued:** A critical point, still missing, is the targeting or eligibility criteria. If someone calls to get information, what is in the POA will not provide that information. Ex: we try to work in Mosul on how to link referral service mapping to a Community Resource Centre (CRC) run by IOM. they have service mapping and do referrals, so we work on that and can provide information. Important to note: an individual referral is different from a community referral or community coordination where we flag a need in a certain community or population
-  **DSTWG co-Chairs:** What is meant with eligibility criteria: is that the same as vulnerability criteria?
- **ABC Mosul continued:** Targeting criteria based on vulnerability. Sometimes that is part of it for example a female or single women-led household. That might be a vulnerability around eligibility in developing targeting. Helping women with cash assistance, for example, will be part of the targeting. There're different ways to do that. Different organizations have different explanations, although related they are not the same.
-  **DSTWG co-Chairs:** Once we have received all further inputs and consolidated, we will share them with the members.

## DSTWG Updates

- **ABC East Anbar:** A call for expression of interest to become a focal point will be sent as ACTED will withdraw from the role.
- **ToRs for DSTWG and ABC:** DSTF to review and endorse at the next DSTF meeting on 31 January.
- **ToR for DSTWG Housing and HLP sub-group:** Comments received from members regarding the closed membership, the focus of the objectives of the sub-group, duration of the ToR.

## Remarks, Discussion and Q&A

- **IOM – Can you explain the background information on the limited membership?**  12 active members are the ones to take responsibilities to engage in technical work (e.g. development of technical guidelines, strategy). Other interested actors will be able to join the discussion and coordination as the sub-group will organise regular meetings.
- **ICCG/ OCHA – If the forum focuses on the provision of technical advice and guidance and not on the coordination, how does the sub-group match the needs?**  Sub-group works with HLP partners as well as ABC groups which will lead the area-level coordination over activities.
- **IOM – Is it a good idea to push all the coordination to ABC? How to ensure coordination in non-ABC present areas? Who is facilitating the coordination at the national level?**  The sub-group certainly coordinate with ABC groups as it is described under ToR. In addition, technical guidance and guidelines will be developed and shared at the national level.

- **CICL** – ToR makes sense now. There might be more commonalities among different ABCs and PoAs on technical aspects and it would be nice to start the coordination once they are identified.
- **UNHCR** – **Isn't 6 months too short? Maybe 12 months duration is better to ensure good results?**  
☞ Duration of 6 months does not mean that it will stop in 6 months but will be reviewed in 6 months to see if the objectives are achieved.
- **IOM** – **Maybe we do not need to wait until 6 months to decide the duration of this sub-group?**
- **DS advisor for RC/HC** – In response to the duration, the initial focus of this sub-group is to develop technical guidance which assists the implementation of relevant programmes. The strategic decisions should be developed after having technical guidance in coordination with DSTF and DSTWG. Coordination is to be made initially at the ABC level.

» Unanimously agreed that the ToR for this sub-group is endorsed.

- **Sunni endowment update:** Allocation of 50 billion IQD. 11 committees established to cover Ninewa, West Anbar, Diyala, Erbil, Dohuk, Sulaimaniyah (refer to PPT for more details) but pending for Kirkuk and Sinjar.

Remarks, Discussion and Q&A

- **ABC Mosul/ Sinjar - Are victims eligible?** ☞ Victims are not supported under this endowment but will double-check with the government and get back to the Focal Point later.
- **ABC Mosul/ Sinjar - Can we have a governorate-level distribution plan?** ☞ DSTWG will get back to the inquiry if the distribution plan at the governorate level can be shared.
- **TCC - Are endowment and the compensation under law 20 are related or entirely different?** ☞ They are different except the case in Muqdadiyah.
- **Risks associated with social cohesion:** New security incidents may affect returnees (further displacement). Can the Social cohesion sub-group map areas under ABC initial locations with high social tensions to collectively promote the importance of social cohesion as well as the high risks of climate change?

Remarks, Discussion and Q&A

- **TCC** – TCC's focus is the return of ISIL affiliation. We could expand the scope of intervention of TCC to the work of the social cohesion sub-group, but it requires the revision of ToR and endorsement by DSTF.
- **WFP** – **Advocacy on the impact of climate change is made through a proper channel. Is there any programmatic and suggestion to advocate such at the ABC level or just policy level?** ☞ No response.
- **Social cohesion sub-group** - UNDP conducted conflict analysis in Muqdadiyah. Social cohesion risk assessments were considered during the PoA development. In March 2021, DSTWG co-chairs and DSTWG co-chairs agreed that TCC will only limit to the development of guidance notes and review of PoAs and there is no official social cohesion sub-group per se. Perhaps it would be good to expand the scope of TCC.
- **ICCG/ OCHA** – If there isn't another group outside of the TCC, and there's obviously political implications also of changing TCC mandates to include the work of sub-group. Considering the scope

of DS coordination mechanism, climate change-induced displacement may not fall under the mandate of the mechanism.

- **ABC Mosul/ Sinjar** – It is important to differentiate security matters and tribal matters as access to such information is key to understand which action is necessary.
- **DSTWG co-chairs and support retreat overview:** Retreat held from 7-9 December. Main focus of the retreat was to conduct an evaluation of the DSTWG performance in 2021 and analysed best practices and lessons learnt. Based on such exercise, a shared vision will be proposed later on followed by the list of priority activities (which are deemed important based on the evaluation and urgent needs). One day DSTWG members + ABC Focal Points retreat is proposed on 28 February.

## ABC Update

### ABC Update:

**ABC Mosul:** At the round table discussion on 13 December, consensus was made to the initial target locations (Markaz Mosul, Hamam Al-Aleel, Al Qayara, Baashiqqa). REACH comprehensive assessments with IDPs and UNDP sectoral assessment with technical directorates in Mosul are underway.

**ABC Diyala:** ABC meeting held on 13 Jan on Community Consultation

**ABC East Anbar:** Community consultation ongoing and an ABC meeting scheduled on 27 Jan to follow up on the consultation.

**ABC West Anbar:** PoA partner feedback will close on 20 January

**ABC Hawiga:** PoA partner feedback will close on 20 January. Joint fact-finding mission scheduled 25 January. Based on the request from the Governor's office in Kirkuk, geographical expansion will be accommodated to cover Daquq and Dabes districts.

**ABC Sinjar:** Next in-person ABC meeting is planned in Erbil.

**ABC Ba'aj:** PoA finalization stage

**ABC Salah-al Din:** PoA finalization stage

PoA status update and the list of initial target locations are available in the PPT for reference.

## Presentation by NCCI and Discussion 1

- 'The Aid Response to Camp Closure Affected Populations' was presented by NCCI. The content is based on the briefing note issued in July 2021 and emphasised the need for short-term (humanitarian) support if they do not have immediate access to services as well as social cohesion support (some evidence on a gap between humanitarian and durable solutions has been identified at the field level).
- Noted that the DS principles and ABC Plans of Action recognise the smooth transition from humanitarian to durable solutions. However, it needs to be reflected at the field level (operations).

### Remarks, Discussion and Q&A

- **DS advisor for RC/HC** – 39% in Salah-al Din and 33% in Sinjar are considered as a humanitarian response under the respective PoAs. It is important (1) for ABC groups to conduct follow up coordination (connecting short-term response to mid to long-term responses) and (2) partners to share return information in advance with DS partners to prepare.

- **OCHA/ ICCG** – In the last ICCG meeting, it was discussed the importance of better linkages among different coordination systems.
- **IOM** – In addition to the area-based coordination, it is also important to have similar coordination at the national level for better prioritisation, advocacy and joint planning.
- **DS advisor for RC/HC** – DSTWG is working on the enhanced coordination tools which will be shared with ABC and DSTWG members soon for a better reference system at the ABC level to identify gaps (especially the transition needs from humanitarian to durable solutions and development). It also requires close coordination with Clusters.
- **CCI** – It might be interesting to organise a discussion on the transition between DSTWG and ICCG.

## Discussion 2: Shared vision and work plan

- A proposed shared vision was presented: **Strengthen the capacity of the Government and national actors through provision of technical expertise in addressing protracted displacement and contribute to displacement-affected populations to achieve durable solutions through a field-based durable solution response system**
- DSTWG members were requested to provide feedback via email to DSTWG co-chairs.

### Remarks, Discussion and Q&A

- **IOM** – It is difficult to comment on the work plan without a strategy. It would be interesting to discuss strategies and objectives first before developing priorities and a work plan. It would also be interesting to have a thematic work plan rather than a process-oriented one.

## AOB

- N/A

## Action Points

- IIC: DSTWG to prepare a list of ongoing activities per ABC group
- DSTWG retreat: DSTWG co-chairs to plan for the retreat
- DSTWG Shared vision and work plan: Members will provide feedback via email to DSTWG co-chairs