

Durable Solutions Technical Working Group (DSTWG) – Summary of Meeting 19 on 8th, June 2022

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Overview and Agenda

- Action Points from May
- General DSTWG Update (incl. monitoring framework, focal point survey)
- REACH – MCNA budget breakdown
- DS Discussion (Transition bilateral meetings feedback)
- A.O.B.

Action Points from May 2022

- DSTWG supports FPs induction to new members (ongoing) underlining criticality of dedicated members
- DSTWG to share MCNA additional budget with DSTF (done): DSTF approved and UNDP provide funds
- DSTWG to lead bilateral discussions with (sub-) cluster coordinators (done). Meetings held (13 clusters)
- DSTWG to prepare a transition doc. & recommendations/TPs for HCT retreat, TAG or donors (ongoing)

General DSTWG Update and sub-Group updates

General updates:

- ABC focal points: DSTF supports having 3rd FP across ABCs. Call has gone out to members of each ABV
- Focal point review: core points of review presented (time allotted to DS work, capacity/funding needed)

DSTWG sub-Group updates: (by sub-group co-chairs)

Housing & HLP

- Guidelines were finalized on compensation schemes for property applications and the applicable law to 2022. Guidelines give a DS-related perspective and how to apply a compensation claim to reach a durable solution. Guidelines now outline and streamline the process to partners, IDPs and will be submitted for review to the sub-group by mid-June and further with DSTWG

Social Cohesion:

- Returns from Al-Hol (150 families + 30 families from Turkey). TCC Sub-group focus how roll out global framework, structure it UN-wide, advice Gov on design/roll-out rehabilitation & reintegration policies
- Sub-group is also waiting for NGO members to be nominated (NCCI-led) by end-June;
- IOM/UNDP in sub-group agreed to strengthen social cohesion in DS and recruit an SC-expert. TORs to distributed amongst DSTWG and UNDP to find a suitable candidate

Facilitated Movement

- Presentations given on facilitated return toolkit at GP2.0 webinar on operational approaches to return and DS-programming and discussions on donor-funding for the approaches, opportunities, challenges
- Operational update IOM's program re informal site-context: facilitated movement took place, 127 HHs departed AAF and a 2nd round will follow. Total number in AAF is around 340 HHs

Monitoring & Assessment

- Monitoring framework at final stage of output-level indicators. Final comments output level indicators by Jun 19th thereafter framework will be finalized;
- Next steps: i) develop guideline for output level indicators; ii) develop reporting format for DS actors and iii) plan training for DS actors on monitoring framework.

Remarks, Discussions and Q&A

Mohamed: how do we do reporting under the DS monitoring framework and under UNSDCF?

REACH: We are still figuring out the details of the monitoring framework, the guidelines of how the reporting on the various indicators will go so hopefully by the next DSTWG we come with more details

ABC focal points: DSTF supports having 3 focal points across each ABC. Call has gone out for those ABCs with 2 focal points and for Kirkuk which had two vacancies open up in May.

Focal point survey: focal point survey was conducted to identify challenges and needs

Focal Point Survey

Core points:

- (slide 1): Out of 8 ABCs, 6 ABCs responded, covering 4 governorates. Responses were from 4 UN agencies and 3 INGOs. No responses from Kirkuk and Ba'aj. Overall, ten responses were received due to two FPs covering two areas ie ABC Mosul + Sinjar and ABC SAD + West Anbar. IOM/UNDP have FPs covering 2 ABCs each.
- (slide 2): Reviewing POsA is the most time-consuming task for ABC focal points
- "Deep-dive analysis per target location" is the second most time-consuming task.
- Updating the activity lists and analysis comes third.
- Gov. engagement, Community consultations, and Bilateral meetings are equally ranked at fourth.
- Majority of the focal points indicate that they spend more than allocated 30% of their time of ABC work, and the actual time spent on ABC tasks is 50%.
- (slide 4): Most significant needs indicated by FPs for optimal ABC coordination and to fulfill group tasks are **funding** and **human resources at ABC level** (3rd FP; IM/data collection; member engagement)

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IOM: What will be the next steps in terms of funding?

DSTWG co-chairs (Response): At DSTF discussion has started around resources needs, incl funding and DSTWG continues to flag and raise the issue at the DSTF-level for a decision to be made.

WFP: This is related to transition process, if additional coordination tasks will be passed to the ABCs, this may increase work-load. Hence a dedicated fund for DS would be one way to facilitate the work on DS at national and ABC level

Discussion: Transition – bilateral discussion guidelines and DSTWG Options and Considerations (summary)

Bilateral discussion guidelines:

National:

- Determine how/what of humanitarian functions & expertise integrate in DS structures
- Cluster transition plans would be determining the way forward
- Transition of humanitarian structures in DSTWG helps to:
 - Ensure tech capacities & implementation are leverage to contribute to achieving DS
 - Retain tech expertise + continuity for residual hum needs + links with long-term programming
 - Enable tech engagement with Gov for capacity building and institutions strengthening

Sub-National:

- Integrate some cluster key functions in ABCs (option). Areas uncovered remain un-addressed;
- Governorate-level transitional forum with an area-level focus (option). POAs for hotspot areas
- Clarity needed on what roles/responsibilities be handed over (consideration) how reconcile with ABCs
- Resource needs for work of the ABCs – full-time focal points, IM support

Bilateral Discussion Summary (took place 22-31 May, 2 tables, in presentation)

- Majority of clusters are not intending to handover specific roles to the DS mechanism i.e. the clusters Assessment & Information Management (AIM) Working Group, CCCM, Cash WG, Child Protection, Education, Emergency Livelihoods, Food Security, GBV, Mine Action and WASH (details in presentation)
- The clusters, Health, Shelter & NFI, Protection may handover certain functions to DS (view table)

Discussion points:

National-level DSTWG



- Expand sub-groups for those requesting ex. SO5 Doc. & Rights be led by UNHCR.
- Amend sub-group TORs: for housing & HLP, content, and duration to facilitate Shelter & NFI
- Dedicated IM support: needed for national mapping of activities. This would include non-ABC

Sub-national level ABCs

- Expand ABC coverage: this has been done before, depending on need ex. Hawiga became Kirkuk
- Expand ABC membership: allow cluster/sector representation at ABC level i.e FP/Sector representation
- Fund/support fund-raising: significant need for fully dedicated FPs and funding in general for NGOs

Recommendations – Clusters and OCHA

- Maintain linkages as much as possible even for clusters who are not handing over to DS coordination
- Resolutions of the “access issue”
- Pressing and unresolved issues
- Participation of Government at DSTF, DSTF and ABC level
- Timeframe on area-level meetings between Clusters/OCHA and ABCs

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WFP: We may need to consider the issue regarding the number of ABCs, need structuring regarding no. of ABCs per Governorate or set up sub-ABCs at hotspots, save for certain areas it might not be advisable to establish ABCs in each and every district

DSTWG co-chairs: We are all opting for a lean structure for the area based coordination mechanism

OCHA: main transition is to Gov. It has funds, capacity and is no longer overwhelmed by a hum. crisis. That is the main message and from the clusters it raises the question what DS can offer in terms of support at national level or operational coordination in the field. The HCT is on Tue 14 Jun and question is if DS wants to present.

DSTWG co-chair: We would like to present at the HCT. From DS-side our view is “what do the Clusters need” and how can we support their needs for a smooth transition inline with the DS objective. If the handover is to Government, we support this and if they need flexibility from our side we can work this out

IOM: discussed between IOM, OCHA and RC was how DSTWG could present its key findings, recommendations, and proposal from DS-side re the transition. Also, it would be good to hear re the sub-groups that apart from sharing expertise, light coordination can be undertaken at sub-group level (mapping at nat. level of actors in non-ABC covered areas, sector/thematic and harmonization of approaches. ABCs were created to have special focus on hot-spot areas with high needs and multiple actors this required a “granular” coordination. If now the ABCs are expanded (coverage), this granular coordination and understanding of needs will likely be diluted.

NCCI: re Gov capacity and engagement: we are discussing synergies between clusters and durable solutions but if we talk about area-level planning and coordination, how will this be done we need to look into the lack of coordination between the levels of Gov and Ministries. This has been raised repeatedly but not been tackled yet and hope that this Gov engagement can be discussed in context of transition & unclarity re OCHA and UN-led coordination

Discussion Points Continued:

Recommendations for Clusters and OCHA

- Maintain linkages with clusters/sectors that are not handing over DS coordination
- Resolutions – of the “access” issue

Pressing and unresolved issues

- Gov participation into DSTF, DSTWG and ABC-level
- Timeframe on area-level meetings between clusters/OCHA and ABCs

Remarks, Discussions and Q&A

IOM: At national level DS strategy what is the level of engagement on what is going on in the UN/humanitarian system as they are the ones who own the investment budget although there is unclarity who decides: both Federal and Governorate level state that they make the decisions



DSTWG co-chairs: we will park this question and will seek an answer and respond in the next upcoming DSTWG

WFP: It will be good to see how we can align/merge UN + National structures around DS and then mainstream

OCHA: What DSTWG has in mind re linkages. Regarding “access” this is not the right forum, and terms of area-level meetings between clusters and ABCs, I wonder what exactly is being referred to here

DSTWG co-chairs: Re linkages this refers to the discussions with clusters. The majority of the clusters indicated the need for operational linkages with the DS coordination structure. The best examples are from CCCM and Emergency livelihoods. EL has mapped out priority locations and activities that are being implemented by EL partners which can be connected with longer term livelihood activities being implemented by recovery or development partners in the ABCs.

CCCM: thinking beyond participation/membership, we need to think more critically about operational linkages, sharing information, and identifying case-loads amidst humanitarian and ABC structures for example the

informal sites case-load where CCCM shares info to enhance collaboration & partnership between CCCM & DS

IOM: It would be good from DSTWG-side to understand the way forward i.e. presenting the findings at the HCT as well as the recommendations and a proposal/options by DS for national/sub-national levels.

NCCI: On the 2-pager, is this shared for feedback or has this been passed?

AOB

- Yoko, the DSTWG co-chair will be moving on and was thanked for the dedication and hard work she has done re DS and co-leading the DSTWG forum.
- Yoko (DSTWG co-chair, IOM), Wael (WFP) and Claudia (UNHCR) all expressed that they are moving on and thanked the cooperation and friendship and of being part of the DSTWG forum
- Minutes of this meeting, Presentation and date for the upcoming DSTWG session in July will be shared asap

Action Points

- DSTWG co-chairs will prepare a presentation around the transition from DS-side and present at HCT
- DSTWG co-chairs will look into question on engagement at National level re what is going on at the UN and humanitarian system
- DSTWG co-chairs to share final notes of bilateral meetings with clusters.