

DSTWG Update

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DSTWVG & ABC

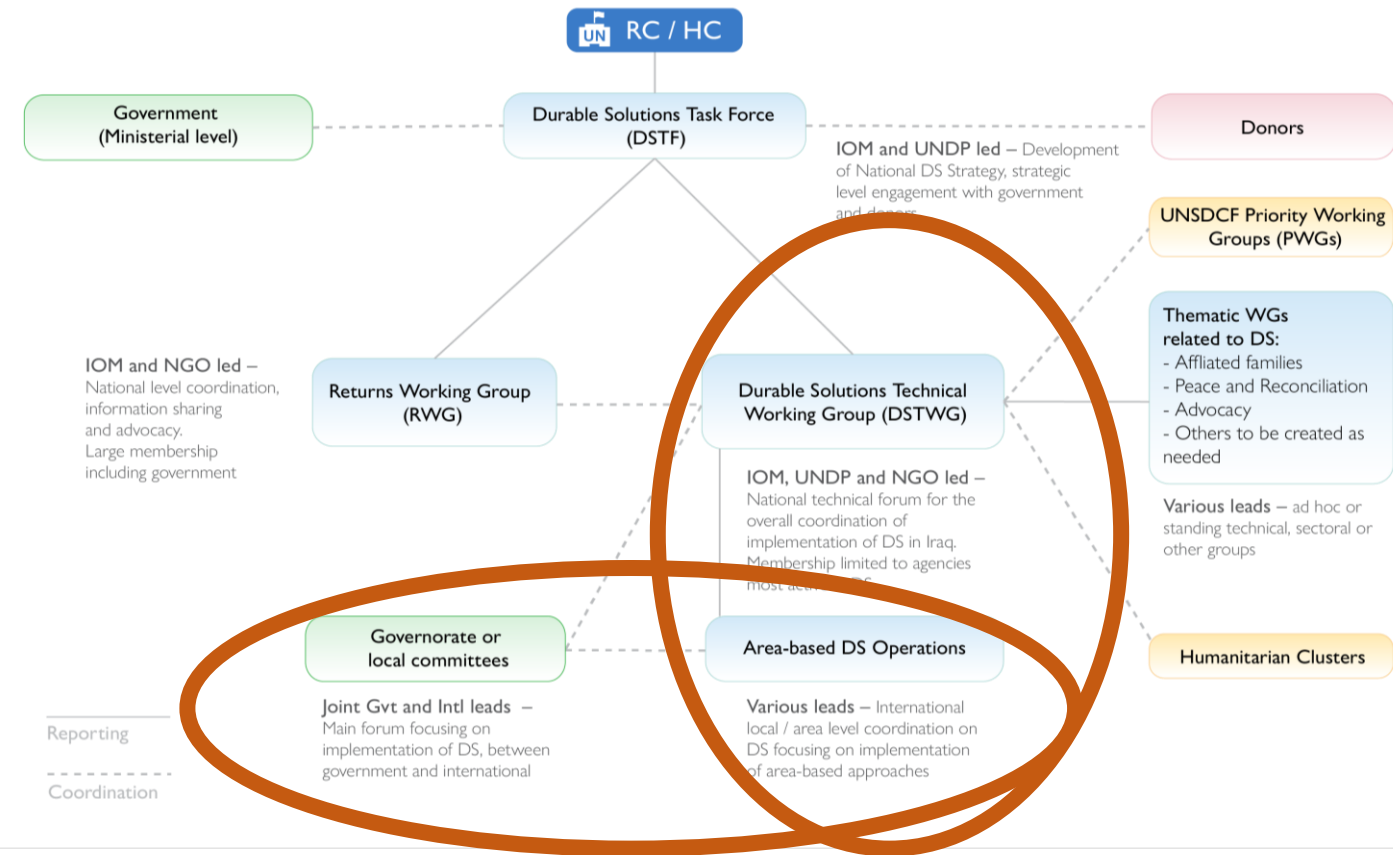


Recap: DSTWG

Overseeing and supporting area-level DS approaches

- Technical body supporting the operationalization of DS
- Development of an operational framework for DS
- Develop tools, guidelines, provide technical support
- Creating a platform for the sharing of good practices and lessons learned
- Provide support to and backstop ABCs (outreach, planning, coordination and liaison), and serve as a platform of information exchange for ABC groups

DS Coordination Mechanism



Recap: (DS) ABC Groups

Leading area-level DS approaches

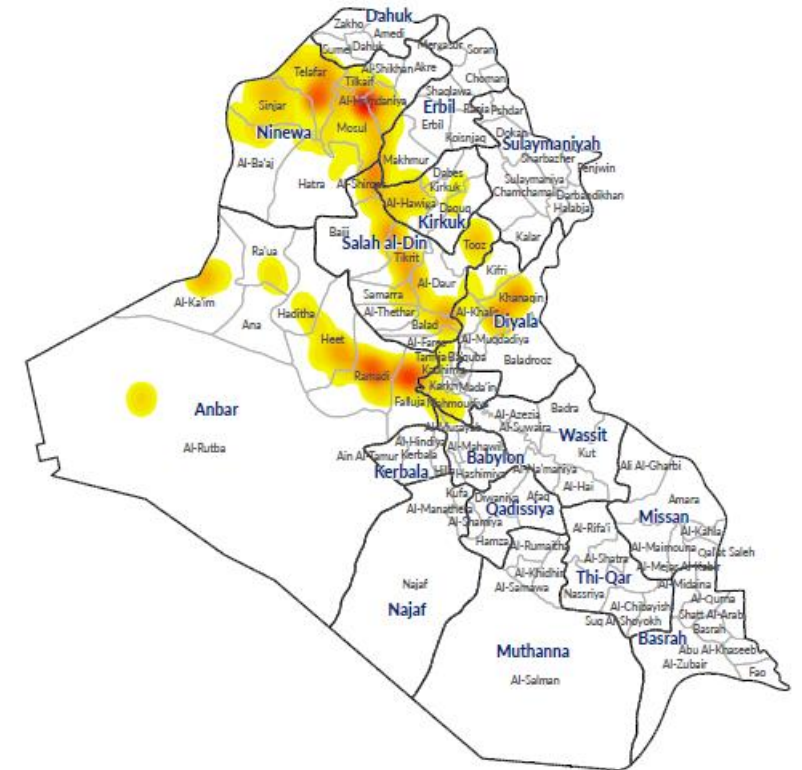
- Firstly, DS focused – not general coordination groups
- Small, core, planning bodies (approx. 5-7 members, and 2 focal points,) who will also be expected to link with other working groups and actors
- Members from area, committed to contributing to the development of the plan, good knowledge of the context, from the ‘spectrum of actors’
- Members and focal points were identified through nominations, direct outreach
- Members and focal points represent a wider group of actors, not just their organization
- These groups will develop, implement and monitor DS plans of action



Recap: Selection of Areas

Target Areas. Area-level planning, triggered when a combination of the following criteria is met

- Actors available/willing to support and lead durable solutions area-level planning and implementation
- Evidence base of needs e.g., high ranking in DTM Return Index within the defined area
- Willingness/commitment of authorities to support and participate within the area
- Access/feasibility to respond with interventions ‘across spectrum’ of Humanitarian, development, stabilization and peace-building actors for the specific area





Plans of Action (POAs)

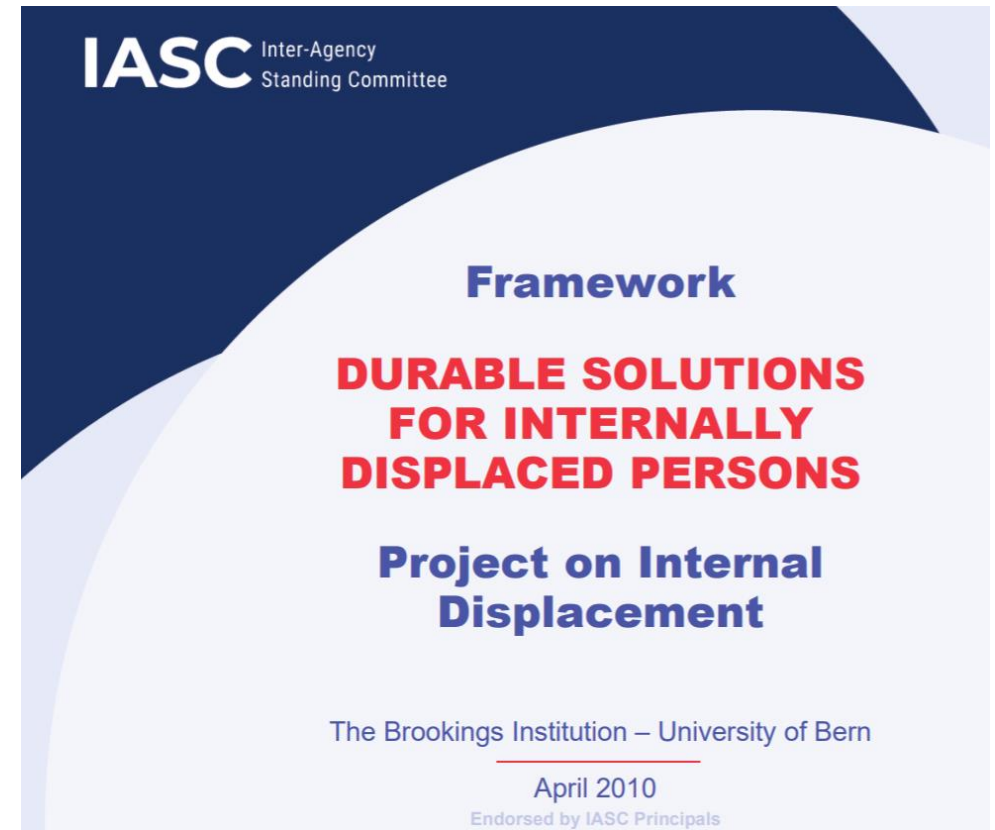
What is a DS Plan of Action?

- The summary of the approach, objectives, activities and targets
- Includes:
 - Context overview – e.g. details of displacement, obstacles, challenges and needs at area-level
 - Priority locations and groups
 - Suggested response approaches in line with the operational framework and strategy that has been developed – e.g. how will the responses differ for locations of displacement vs return, what are the priority activities
 - Break down of activities, focal points, targets, timeline
 - Monitoring indicators and tracking progress

However, not just any plan, should be centered around DS objectives, and developed according to principles and approaches outlined by IASC and international frameworks...

Three Key Principles that inform the planning approach

- **The primary responsibility to provide durable solutions for IDPs needs to be assumed by the national authorities.** International humanitarian and development actors have complementary roles
= **Government Lead and Ownership**
- Right of IDPs to make an informed, voluntary choice of which solution to pursue and to **participate in the planning and management of durable solutions**
= **Community Engagement**
- Populations and communities that (re-)integrate IDPs and whose needs may be comparable, **must not be neglected in comparison to the displaced**
= **Area-based Approach, not just individual**

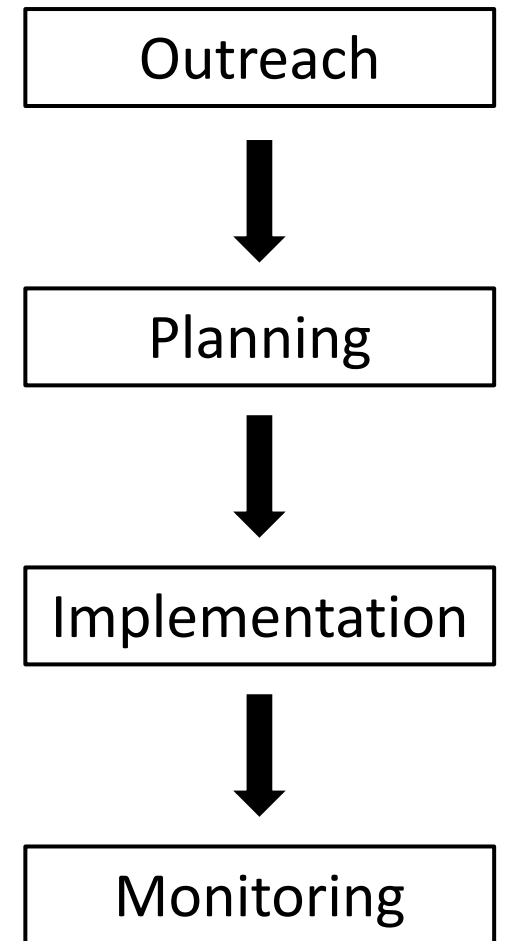




How are plans developed?

Area-level planning guidelines in brief

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 e.g. governor, mayor (depending on area) for joint agreement to kick off process, identify additional stakeholders for a roundtable consultation
3. Consult other local and international actors for inputs into the approach, priority areas, groups etc
4. Organise roundtable – which includes sensitisation towards DS, key government counterparts and representatives of the group
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.



Who develops, implements & monitors the POA

1. **ABC Focal points:** To lead and actively drive the development of the plan
2. **Government actors:** To work hand-in-hand with area level groups to drive the process, lead and ensure engagement of different government entities and authorities, including commitments by authorities to support implementation
3. **Members:** To actively contribute to, and participate in the development of, the plan—e.g. not simply attend meetings but volunteer to take on specific tasks, contribute actively to all processes (e.g. filling in mapping of stakeholders, offering venues for meetings, timely sharing of information about own activities)
4. **DSTWG Area-level Focal Points & DSO:** **Backstopping and Attendance of all area-level meetings** (min 2 people, one person who will support with plan of action drafting and linkages with government and national level as well as technical support, and second for area-level support for secretariat support)
5. **DSTWG National Focal Points:** **Provision of guidance and support**, providing clarity on strategic direction, timelines, etc.
6. **Extended partners who are engaged:** **Expected to provide inputs, commitment of activities**, suggested priorities, expertise, etc. (will be approached through outreach by groups)





DSTWG work-to-date

1. Operational and Strategic Framework

Soon to be
finalised

- General background and purpose of the strategy
- Outlines core principles e.g. government ownership
- Provides a situation overview with data from various sources
- Breakdown of priority groups:
 - IDPs in camps
 - IDPs out of camps
 - Returnees
- Outline of the general DS mechanism and expectations of area-based groups to develop plans of action
- Outlines the main strategic objectives and associated activities
- Notes the monitoring approach

1. Operational Framework: Objectives



Strategic Objective

IDPs, returnees and other displacement-affected populations are supported to pursue and ultimately achieve a voluntary, safe and dignified durable solution to their displacement through return, local integration or settlement elsewhere in Iraq.

Specific Objectives

SO1 - Government leadership: National and local authorities lead the development and implementation of effective and inclusive strategies to support durable solutions to displacement in Iraq for all displacement affected people

SO2 - Housing and HLP: Displacement affected populations have access to housing and security of tenure

SO3 - Livelihoods: Displacement affected populations have access to sustainable livelihoods and income

SO4 - Basic Services: Displacement affected populations have equitable access to basic services (school, health, electricity and water)

SO5 - Documentation and Rights: Displacement affected populations have access to personal and other civil documentation and have equal access to justice.

SO6 - Social Cohesion: Displacement affected populations are able to live together peacefully and in safety, with inter-communal trust strengthened.

SO7 - Safety and security: Displacement affected populations feel safer and more secure in their areas of settlement

SO8 - Facilitated Movements: Displaced people in priority displacement sites are supported to pursue their intentions in a safe and dignified manner.



2. Guidelines and Induction for ABC groups

- POA guidelines
- Roundtable Guidelines
- Draft work plan
- Guidelines for first meeting



3. Inductions for ABC Groups

- 11th and 15th – 2 hours
- DSO, DSTWG teams, area focal points and members
- Topics Covered:
 - DS mechanism
 - Expectations and role of ABC groups
 - Plans of action, step by step break down
 - Support available for backstopping
 - Guidelines and frameworks
 - Overview of key DS concepts



4. Technical Sub-Groups

Members extend beyond DSTWG and are technical profiles who have relevant experience/expertise

- Facilitated Voluntary Movements
 - Reviewing tool kit and approach which had been developed for finalization
 - Expanding view to adjust based on lessons learned, and expanding to approaches for informal settlements
 - Capacity building planned for partners who may be able to support with expanding the approach

- Monitoring and Analysis Sub Group
 - Preliminary meeting to discuss scope of work
 - Looking at a number of areas:
 - Overview of 'DS activities', compiling reporting (to be coordinated with IM WG)
 - Development of DS indicators for Iraq that can be used as reference
 - Monitoring progress towards achievement of DS

IASC criteria

Measuring progress towards durable solutions includes an analysis of the below 8 IASC criteria based on a comparison of the displaced and non-displaced populations.

 1.	 2.	 3.	 4.
<p>Long-term safety, security and freedom of movement</p>	<p>Adequate standard of living</p>	<p>Access to livelihoods and employment</p>	<p>Access to effective mechanisms to restore housing, land and property (HLP) or to provide compensation</p>
 5.	 6.	 7.	 8.
<p>Access to and replacement of personal and other documentation</p>	<p>Voluntary reunification with family members separated during displacement</p>	<p>Participation in public affairs</p>	<p>Access to remedies</p>

Priorities Moving Forward

- Supporting the launch of area-based groups/actively engaging in components of activities e.g. roundtables
- Increase awareness of current efforts to better facilitate linkages
- Reviewing areas to be incorporated into scope of DSTWG
- Progress with technical sub groups and additional groups as required

Current Status

Status Check

1. First meetings this week/next week
2. Part of initial meetings will be to identify key stakeholders to engage with, including government, international and local non governmental actors, to support initiation of engagement after initial brainstorming and scoping by group
3. Mapping of key actors will be conducted by area groups, who are familiar with the areas and already engage with many of the active groups - supplemented by NGO representatives, OCHA support, lists referred by working groups or other actors etc

Outreach will be conducted through existing platforms or through separate meetings/workshops that will be convened, in a few weeks





What does that mean for you?

- **You don't need to be in an area-based group to be engaged in the process.** They are small steering/planning bodies, not just representing their organisations but volunteering to support a wider process
- **You will be contacted during the outreach phase,** however, feel free to proactively reach out to focal points of groups (contact will be shared). Noting early stages and initial period needed to prepare and scope approach
- **We will be sharing regular updates** about the progress of groups, also will ensure that representatives from groups will be available in meetings to update



Factors to keep in mind...

- These efforts are new and being developed, ***complexities of nexus approach to be kept in mind...***
- ...however, this is not the start of DS related activities in Iraq. Many activities are on-going. ***We are trying to organize ourselves better, articulate the activities better and increase the focus on this core objective.***
- ***DS is not there to solve all problems***, a big challenge is managing expectations and ensuring we closely stick with principle of government ownership and lead - a lot of misunderstandings about DS e.g. 'Humanitarian vs DS' – important to ensure collective understanding of what we're working towards and the very specific objective of DS which is resolving displacement
- ***However, lot of opportunities.*** Authorities eager to positively engage, wider focus on DS and many actors want to support – high relevance at this point in time

