

DSTWG

Monitoring and Analysis Sub-Group

Terms of Reference

Background

The Durable Solutions Technical Working Group (DSTWG) was set up at the end of November 2020 under the overall leadership of the Durable Solutions Task Force (DSTF). The DSTWG is a small action-oriented technical body responsible for providing guidelines, tools, frameworks and overall direction for the development and operationalisation of durable solutions plans of action (POAs) at the area-level, in locations where area-level DS groups are activated. To ensure harmonisation of approaches and adherence to best practice, area level groups, with the support and guidance of DSTWG, will lead on the development of POAs in line with objectives, frameworks and approaches set out by the DSTWG. For more information, see ToRs for the DSTWG and Area level groups [here](#)

Monitoring and Analysis Group

In support of DSTWG objectives, where relevant, and as agreed by the members of the DSTWG, time-bound, task-oriented groups will be established when the development of tools and guidelines requires focused discussions and specific technical skills or knowledge. These groups also ensure inclusion of additional actors, who are not necessarily members of the DSTWG, to build on a wider pool of expertise, avoid duplication with existing work and ensure linkages with other groups working on similar tasks and activities. The need for a dedicated, group for Monitoring and Analysis has been identified, to develop tools, indicators and approaches for identifying targets, and tracking progress, towards achieving durable solutions in Iraq. This will further support response mapping, gap analysis, prioritisation and result measurement. In 2022, the sub-group built on the DSTWG operational framework objectives and developed a monitoring framework, including targets and corresponding indicators, for measuring progress towards durable solutions in Iraq, in line with IASC Durable Solutions Criteria, to be used as a reference for data collection initiatives that take place across multiple locations for a wide range of partners

Objectives

1. Support area-level groups through the development of monitoring approaches, at the area, level to support the tracking of progress towards targets set out in plans of action
2. Building on agreed indicators, develop guidelines and analysis frameworks to support the harmonisation of approaches and increase the overall comparability of information gathered and analysed through area-level data collection exercises
3. Facilitate the joint analysis of available data to achieve consensus on key findings, gaps, and prioritisation, in order to ensure evidence-based Durable Solutions planning and response monitoring in Iraq, upon request
4. Serve as a forum for the sharing of information assets, products, and services
5. Encourage the inclusion of cross-cutting issues (e.g., age, gender, disability) in needs assessment and information management tools.

6. Facilitate capacity building and technical support for local and national actors, including organisations and government authorities, on information, data assets, tools, and standards and practices, upon request

Tasks

- Support Area Based Coordination (ABC) mechanisms by developing monitoring and reporting templates as well as guidelines
- Upon need, map out existing assessments, and corresponding indicators, which contribute to measuring progress towards one or more durable solution to identify common or similar indicators as a basis for further development
- Review existing tools, and where relevant, develop new tools for assessing and measuring the indicators developed, with the view to inform wider data collection exercises that take place across multiple locations
- Develop a corresponding analysis framework or guidelines to support partners
- Promote and guide the harmonisation of approaches, and adoption of tools, for measuring achievements towards durable solutions as well as monitoring durable solutions, such as returns, local integration of relocation, to increase the comparability of information and create a reference for future monitoring and analysis.
- Upon need, develop templates and guidelines for reporting and measuring gaps, which can be adopted by area-level groups, and can be aggregated at the country level
- Upon need, provide presentations and training on the monitoring framework and tools to other DSTWG members, clusters and individual organisations.

Chair

The group will be co-chaired by at least one member of the DSTWG and at least one NGO (IMPACT/REACH Initiatives and IOM, as of October 2022). The chairs will be responsible for convening meetings, summarising outcomes and reporting and feedback to and from the DSTWG.

Members

- Key stakeholders with information management, assessment and/or analysis responsibilities are expected to nominate a coordinator/analyst and/or an IMO to represent in a coordinated manner on a regular basis.
- Prospective members can express an interest or will be invited based on specific technical expertise in durable solutions, in particular members with expertise and skills in assessments, analysis, reporting and tool development, with specific interest or focus on durable solutions.
- Members commit to support the implementation of the jointly agreed work plan, including through provision of technical inputs and guidance in support of coordinated information management processes and/or analysis capacity in support of coordinated assessments and joint analysis processes.
- Other actors can be invited to attend on an ad-hoc basis if/when needed.
- Members are expected to be active participants and ensure consistency in attendance. Membership may be reviewed after 3 months.