



Durable Solutions Technical Working Group (DSTWG) – Summary of Meeting Meeting 18

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Members: OCHA, ICCG, TCC, IOM, WFP, UNHCR, Protection Cluster, ICRC, CLCI, M&A sub-group, DSTWG support, NCCI, OXFAM, ABC SAD, ABC West Anbar, ABC Mosul, ABC Sinjar, ABC Ba'aj

Overview and Agenda

- Action Points from April
- General DSTWG and DSTWG sub-group Update
- ABC Update
- REACH – MCNA budget breakdown
- DS Discussion (Transition, DSTWG-ABC needs analysis)
- A.O.B.

Action Points from March 2022

- TCC to suggest the third question on social cohesion to be added to MCNA.
 - Revision of social cohesion questions/indicators for integration of MCNA questions in DS M & A Framework provided
- REACH to finalise the questions as well as the areas of coverage and share them with the DSTWG members before the next DSTWG meeting in May.
 - To be presented in detail in this meeting
- DSTWG members to participate in the ICCG meeting on 21 April on the transition discussion.
 - To be presented in his meeting

General DSTWG Update and DSTWG sub-Group updates

East Anbar ABC Focal Point

- Mercy Hands is selected as the third focal point

ICCG meeting and transition discussion (discussed under DS discussion)

- DSTWG co-chairs presented with 4 volunteer members
- Agreed to have a series of meetings
- Prepared questions for TAG
- Clusters and sub-clusters working on risk analysis
- Predicted: No more ICCG after Dec 2022
- Clusters which will transform to sectors include gov counterparts
- Requires more in-depth discussion
- Workshop with ICCG members?

Remarks, Discussions and Q&A

OCHA: Clusters are working towards the deactivation at the national and sub-national levels. It is required to discuss in detail what kind of coordination can be handed over to the DS coordination mechanism with consideration that their coordination system is different from the one for the humanitarian system. Remaining questions are: Can cluster coordinators be members of ABC Groups? Considering the limited geographical coverage of ABC groups (not present in KRI), how can coordination continue in a governorate where there is no ABC group?

Call for new ABC members

- 60+ ABC membership applications received

DSTWG sub-Group updates:

Housing & HLP

- Two meetings in April with the Shelter and CCCM clusters) to discuss the new guidelines for the integration of informal sites in urban areas.
- Another meeting next week to agree on the final content of the guideline.

Monitoring & Assessment

- Received the last inputs in the monitoring framework and in the process of incorporation

Social Cohesion:

- Revision of social cohesion questions/indicators for integration of MCNA questions
- First meeting of the NES / Iraq
- Presentation to NCCI members to join the TCC
- IOM: under recruitment to reinforce social cohesion expertise dedicated to supporting the DSTWG

Facilitated Movement

- No update.

ABC Update

ABC Update:

Kirkuk	Met with Governor to discuss the role, cooperation and selection of deep-dive villages. 5 new members were accepted.
Sinjar	ABC deep dive coordination: Tel Banat/Tel Qasab. Template shared for design/further circulation
Ba'aj	New Intersos FP in-country and briefed on Ba'aj ABC. Deep Dive, 5 locations underway
Mosul	PoA under proof-reading; deep-dive is currently being planned
Diyala	Deep dive conducted. Next meeting- 9 May. Consolidating community consultation
East Anbar	Coordination-in-practice session (deep dive conducted, 27 Apr) on Al Garma District
West Anbar	Coordination-in-practice (deep dive) conducted on 26 Apr on Ana (Al-Sagra & Rayhana)
SAD	Coordination in practice (deep dive coordination) conducted on 28 April

All ABC groups are finalising the review of membership applications.

Remarks, Discussions and Q&A

DSTWG members unanimously agreed that all ABC groups have 3 focal points and new focal points will be selected from the current respective ABC members.

REACH: Budget and coverage for MCNA

- REACH presented a detailed budget for conducting additional 3 DS-related questions to approximately 1,300 host community members.
- Proposed geographical coverages are 10 districts (Erbil, Sumail, Sinjar, Al-Fallujah, Baquba, Tooz Khurmato, Al Rutba, Al-Baaj, Al-Hawiga, and Al-Hatra (pending security)).

Remarks, Discussions and Q&A

ABC West Anbar: Suggest replacing Al Rutba with Al Ka'im due to the recent insecurity.



REACH: REACH will discuss with their security team to see if it is feasible to go ahead with Al Rutba or not.

Discussion: Transition, DSTWG Options and Considerations (Presentation by IOM)

- IOM has internal reflections on the transition and presented some suggestions/ options to move forward (how practically some of the cluster coordination can be handed over to the DS coordination mechanism).
- Suggestions to discuss if DSTWG can take over some of the 4Ws mapping at the national level, plan an exit strategy and ensure knowledge transition.
- **(Proposal at the National level)** Depending on the cluster transition plan, suggest seeing which clusters can contribute to 8 strategic objectives of the Iraq DS strategic and operational Framework and see if there is a need to create DSTWG sub-groups.
- **(Proposal at the Sub-national level)** Considering that we still need to clarify the types of technical coordination will be handed over to ABC groups, (1) ABC groups can integrate some key functions of clusters where they already exist, and (2) ABC groups can organise the governorate level “transitional” forum with an area-level focus (POAs for Hotspot Areas) prioritization based on need and partner presence.
- Proposed way forward – for discussion
 - A workshop between DSTWG and Clusters
 - Resource planning, mapping of scenarios based on resources
 - Bilateral engagement with cluster lead agencies re-sub-groups
 - Sharing of outcome of discussions with the DSTF and TAG

Remarks, Discussions and Q&A

- OCHA:** Welcomed the practical suggestions. Access structure can be taken out from the transition discussion in this forum as it is being discussed separately. Mapping of the coordination is already available and will be shared. HCT + Donor workshop is tentatively scheduled for 1 June. Suggest that some volunteers from DSTWG + co-chairs would engage with cluster and sub-cluster coordinators bilaterally on links between clusters and DSTWG sub-groups and which coordination functions can be handed over, rather than in one workshop.
- Protection Cluster:** Discussion on the financial resources should be continued as some of the services provided by the clusters require dedicated resources. There is a need to look at the government engagement as we need to consider exit strategy beyond 2024 (end of UNSDCF).
- IOM:** Acknowledge the point on the access structure and the mapping. It is important to identify which coordination functions can be handed over to the DS coordination mechanism (especially ABC groups) and analyse which one of them fits into the DS coordination purpose.
- NCCI:** What kind of coordination functions cannot be handed over to ABC groups? **OCHA:** Cluster system is built at the international level while the DS coordination mechanism is at the area level. Therefore, it may not a good idea to hand over all the cluster services to ABC groups as they won't have the same capacity, resources or mandate as the clusters.
- WFP:** It is important to map what kind of government capacity is available to take over some of the cluster services/ functions.
- CLCI:** It might as well to establish a temporary structure to engage the government as a transitional phase. Is the UNSDCF fund accessible for NGOs? Options to look at the funding question and lessons learnt from the Horn of Africa given that Iraq Development fund is not open to NGOs. **DSTWG co-chair:** The UNSDCF funds are for UN agencies, but NGOs can access them indirectly as implementing partners. Flag the access to funding for NGOs to DSTF and TAG.



- IOM:** Understanding the importance of avoiding duplication between clusters and the DS coordination mechanism, IOM suggested creating some thematic DSTWG sub-groups which contribute to 8 DS objectives, especially to retain some technical knowledge of clusters.
- OCHA:** Clusters have developed roadmaps and risk analysis, engaged with the government and have built capacities of the government. Their main aim is to hand over to the government, but they are also thinking of the types of technical coordination expertise to be handed over to the DS coordination mechanism. There is also a need to think about how the DS coordination mechanism continues working on the durable solutions after the cluster system halt as it relies on some of the activities under the humanitarian system (eg. MCNA).

DSTWG members unanimously agreed that DSTWG co-chairs and support group as well as IOM to prepare a document on the practical elements of the transition that can be handed over to DSTWG/ABCs, for review and input by the DSTWG members. The DSTWG co-chairs and support group together with a few DSTWG member volunteers will conduct bilateral discussions with the cluster and sub-cluster coordinators to discuss the proposal.

AOB

- Nothing to report.

Action Points

- DSTWG co-chairs and support group to support ABC FPs to conduct induction to new ABC members.
- DSTWG co-chairs to share the MCNA additional budget with the DSTF co-chairs before the next DSTF meeting.
- DSTWG co-chairs and IOM will prepare a document on the transition proposal.
- DSTWG co-chairs and support group to lead the bilateral discussions with cluster and sub-cluster coordinators. DSTWG co-chairs shall ensure that the discussions are practical and realistic. The results of these bilateral discussions could be presented at the HCT + Donor workshop in June or TAG meeting.