

Durable Solutions Technical Working Group (DSTWG) – Summary of Meeting #27 on 8 February 2023

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Members attended: UNDP, IOM, UNHCR, REACH, ICRC, NCCI, OCHA, NRC, RCO Office, DSO

Overview and Agenda

- Tour de Table
- Action Points from the January Meeting
- DSTWG General Updates
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 - Subgroup Updates
 - ABC Groups General Update
- Discussion on DSTWG Priority 8: enhance understanding of DS Pathways
 - Local Integration
- A.O.B.

January 2023 Meeting Recap and Action Points

- Recirculated the DSTWG 2023 Workplan for inputs from Members ([completed](#))
- Sharing of concept note on private sector engagement ([completed](#))
- Sharing of CCHN Peer workshop, negotiating return and other pathways ([shared](#)).

DSTWG General Updates

DSTWG Update

- Draft Humanitarian Transition Strategy (Option 2) shared by OCHA to clusters and agencies for inputs (final comment document shared by OCHA on 31 January 2023)
- Joint Transition Paper Roadmap (Option 6), a first draft was prepared by Lisa Monaghan and shared with the DSRSG/RC/HC awaiting feedback for the next steps

Meetings

- STDM is a pro-poor, participatory, and affordable land tool for mapping, registering, and capturing people to land relationships along the continuum of land rights.
 - Main points: relationship PWG5 vis-a-vis DSTF; Plan of RC for Gov involvement in DS coordination
 - Mosul Focal Point NP Endorsement
- RWG Meeting held on January 31st 2023

Support to RC Office from ASG Robert Piper's Office and OCHA

- Sebastian Einsidel (OCHA - NY)
- William Chemaly (UN Special Advisor Office on Solutions for IDPs – Geneva)
- Both will look into existing DS and Humanitarian coordination platforms, strategies, and plans on how to make a harmonized alignment among these while considering Gov priorities for the protracted IDPs

Comments

(OCHA): Humanitarian Transition Plan was slated to be published by Feb 1 however with the arrival of the support to the RCO by staff Robert Pipers' team and OCHA both will review and provide advice on the Plan where needed and how best to link it to the durable solutions structure. The document will be restructured slightly, maintaining all content and it will be tabled and discussed at the upcoming HCT on 15 Feb 2023.

(DS Advisor): Once the support from Robert Pipers' Team and OCHA have reviewed all forums, strategies, and plans they will advise the RC and we will provide feedback on the way forward

(UNDP): there seem to be two scenarios i) Governorate-level coordination and ABC-level coordination: is there already some consensus forming around one of these scenarios? Response (DS Advisor): this is not only a decision made by the RC hence once the UNCT has heard and discussed these two scenarios there will be clarity on way forward



Results of Kobo Data

Total Estimated Budget for ABC Areas

- Estimated budget of 2.5B USD for work that contributes to DS programming
- Allocation of budget depends on the Governorate: Sinjar has been allocated a relatively large budget amount in comparison to other Governorates hence budget allocation varies

Total Estimated Budget for Non-ABC Areas

- Estimated budget of 96.8M USD for work to contribute to DS programming
- Both Ninewa and Erbil have the significantly highest share of estimated budgets 52.8M and 42.9M USD respectively
- Of importance to note is the relatively small amount allocated for DS-related activity in Dohuk whereas it is one of the larger Governorates which has a significant number of protracted IDPs still residing in camps.

Total Number of Activities per sector for ABC Areas

- Livelihoods followed by WASH and Social Cohesion are the core focus re activities. Gradually the number of activities for other sectors, apart from Livelihoods, will continue to go down

DS Subgroup Updates

Sustainable Livelihoods Subgroup

- Subgroup had its first meeting on 30th of Jan 2023 with the following agenda
 - Concise presentation on DS by DSTWG co-chair
 - Finetuning and finalization of the objectives of the Subgroup by interim subgroup chair Iraq Cash Forum
 - Discuss the responsibilities of the Subgroup (co-)Chairs and initiate their election (ongoing)
 - Agreement as a Subgroup to meet once per month – last Mon of each month
 - Cash forum has an interest in the mapping of activities, plans of action, cash-programming

Monitoring and Assessment Subgroup

- Concise update on progress in modifying the objectives and membership of the Subgroup
 - Initial focus on creating the M&A framework, but will now be broadened including the functions of the assessment and information management working group
 - Update Subgroup's **TORs** and share with the DSTWG meeting and initiate a call for membership
 - Facilitate joint **analysis** of data to achieve consensus on key findings, gaps, and priorities to ensure evidence-based DS planning and response monitoring in Iraq
 - Serve as a forum for **sharing** information assets, products and services
 - Encourage inclusion of cross-cutting issues (e.g. age, gender, disability) in needs assessment and information management needs
 - Facilitate **capacity building** and **technical support** for local/national actors, including organizations and Gov authorities on information, data assets, tools, and standards and practices, upon request
 - **Key stakeholders with IM, 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
 - Members commit to support implementation of the **jointly agreed work plan**, incl through the provision of technical inputs & guidance in support of coordinated information management processes and/or analysis capacity in support of coordinated assessment and joint analysis
 - **Other actors can be invited** on an ad-hoc basis if/when needed

Social Cohesion Subgroup

- Concise update re Social Cohesion Subgroup as per the below:
 - Côme de Nanteuil departing from Iraq and will be replaced by David Arnold and will represent the TTC in the Social Cohesion Subgroup
 - Last TCC meeting was 23rd January 2023 focusing primarily on Al-Hol Returns and Repatriation

- TCC Minutes of Meeting will be shared for members' interest on specific numbers relating to Returns that have been tracked and David Arnold could be best contacted on these numbers.
- Last year's TCC workstreams have since been completed and the information is available re conflict analysis and social cohesion
- Moving forward there will be increased focus in the Subgroup on conflict sensitivity
- Membership of the Subgroup will be reviewed as well under the leadership of David Arnold
- 17th Jan 2023 event in Mosul on CSO engagement under the auspices of the DSTWG with discussion around the DS and its priorities and what it means with the Cluster system de-activating
- 24th Jan 2023 event around Social Cohesion Workshop with inputs from GIZ, and Peace Paradigms on support to local peace agreements and looking at social media approaches, REACH facilitated and with social cohesion moving forward
- Update on the TWG on Al-Hol and its task forces, incl. re-integration: there has been discussion with national actors on a strategic approach to reintegration of Al-Hol returnees as the Gov of Iraq works on a National Reintegration Strategy with UN support and may need to look into closer linkages between the TWG for Al-Hol and DS architecture

Comments:

(IOM): IOM advocates & supports the idea of a stronger liaison and linkage between the TWG and DS architecture

ABC General Updates

Round Table and Community Consultation Update (as part of the revision process)

- Collection of data for all DS activities in Iraq has been finalised both for ABC and Non-ABC Areas), in preparation for the Plan of Action Revision
- POAs are currently undergoing a revision process
 - Kirkuk: Roundtable meeting conducted on 1 February 1st 2023
 - West Anbar: Roundtable scheduled for February 9th 2023
 - East Anbar: Roundtable scheduled for February 13th 2023
 - Salah Al-Din: Roundtable scheduled for February 16th 2023
 - Mosul: Roundtable scheduled for February 21st 2023
 - Baa'j: Roundtable scheduled for TBC
 - Sinjar: Roundtable scheduled for March 2nd 2023
 - Diyala: Roundtable scheduled for TBC

Discussion: Priority 8 Understanding Pathways to Durable Solutions – Local Integration

Decision of the Supreme Committee for the Relief and Support of the Displaced Resolution 888

- Data collection DS activities in Iraq have been finalised (ABC + Non-ABC Areas) in preparation for PoA revision

Instruction to MoMD:

- Assign MoMD to close the files of IDPs who are not willing to return and prefer to remain in areas of displacement and integrate into society in accordance with directions of the Government of Iraq to find appropriate solutions for them
- Database to be created for IDPs wanting to locally integrate
- MoMD has reached out requesting support with the development of SOPs for Local Integration

Comment:

(IOM): It is a good opportunity for local integration while in addition it creates an opportunity to engage MoMD on durable solutions in general, and the various options, including local integration and likewise gives an opportunity to look into this from an interagency perspective due to its far-reaching implications

(NCCI): Could be an advocacy point for us and raise with our local/international NGO partners and get them involved.

(ICRC): We did check (but not specifically) on the willingness of IDPs to move to their areas of return and found there was a percentage that was not keen and wish to stay since they have all facilities they need e.g absence of discrimination.



(DSTWG co-Chair): MoMD proposes a 1.5M Dinar grant for those households that return to their area of origin and a 1M Dinar grant for those that locally integrate

(UNHCR): We think about dignified solutions for the camps and for those that cannot return and desire to locally integrate for instance through a shelter upgrade, and access to public services. For KRG, the issue would be if MoMD would take into consideration federal Iraq or are they also open to local integration in KRI

(DSTWG co-Chair): A decision for local integration in KRI may require close engagement with the Governors and also directives from the KRG this could be well-discussed with MoMD to see if they are open to this. We can initiate a small task team to look further into this theme and plan and facilitate the workshops to develop the SOPs.

AOB

- (IOM): From IOM perspective, we would like to flag the concept of a conflict sensitivity facility, a proposal around conflict sensitivity principles support aimed at the smaller NGOs. With sufficient interest there could be a potential opportunity here to initiate something around conflict sensitivity distinct from social cohesion programming and the TCC angle and provide support to NGOs vis-à-vis Government interaction and how this would fit in the DS structure
- (DSTWG co-Chair): regarding this facility what would this mean, practically? *Response:* (IOM) Similar facilities have been set up in Sudan and South Sudan and what they look like are a facility that is hosted online and is connected to the structures that exist in those countries from small NGOs to larger organizations
- (DSTWG co-Chair): We will keep you updated on the various discussions around PWG5, RC's discussions with MoMD on their engagement in the DS structure, progress with the Option 6 paper and so forth.