

Durable Solutions Technical Working Group (DSTWG) – Summary of Meeting #29 on 10 May 2023

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Members attended: NCCI, UNDP, TAD, IOM, ICRC, OCHA, UNMAS, FAO, Save the Children, RCO, PRWG, PIN,

Overview and Agenda

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April 2023 Meeting Recap and Action Points

- DSTWG members invited to joint task team for MOMD workshop-for 2 workshops leading to the development of local integration SOPs ([ongoing](#)). DSTWG members asked to indicate their interest in participating in the workshop.

DSTWG General Updates

DSTF Meeting

- Joint Coordination Forum TOR unanimously endorsed by the DSTF.
- Update provided on Jeddah 5 camp closure.
- Update on DS Compact
 - Draft developed with 13 commitment areas, which has become 12 areas.
 - Data-collection started.
 - Initial consultations and engagement has been positive and constructive.
 - Commitment areas are being reviewed to assess their technical feasibility. This assessment has been reviewed by the RC, who will now engage with the government in the next phase of the compact development.
- Feedback shared on the Joint Coordination Forum with RCO colleagues, with main concerns about the potential overlap and duplication with ABC ToR, the scope of the ToR, and reporting lines with the DSTF. Recommendations from the concept note were also shared.
- Advocacy points were raised by ABCs regarding informal site evictions in Anbar and SAD were discussed during the meeting, to be elevated to the office of the RC.

Subgroup Updates

- Sustainable Livelihoods Subgroup
 - Membership increased from 15 members to 25 members.
 - Top 3 priorities for the subgroup have been identified. To deliver these priorities, technical task forces will be established to cover the priorities.
 - Government to be approached again to ensure their active engagement and involvement with the subgroup.
 - To explore collaborations with relevant coordination platforms at the national level, such as the Social Protection Sector Coordination Committee and the Iraq Cash Forum.

- TCC Subgroup
 - Currently reviewing TORs
 - Will continue to provide support to POA revisions by reviewing documents through a social cohesion lens.
- Monitoring and Analysis Subgroup
 - Continuing to work on reporting platform to be circulated through the ABCs, aiming to have it ready by June.

ABC General Updates

- POA Revisions ongoing, which will serve as a baseline for JCF activity planning.
- Iraq Durable Solutions Newsletter has been completed, and can be accessed via this [link](#).
- All-ABC focal point meeting planned to discuss the endorsed JCF structure.

RWG Update

- Latest meeting took place on Tuesday May 2nd. Discussions included:
 - CCCM Update on J5
 - RWG Field Update (Center South, KRI, Ninewa, Kirkuk)
 - DTM Presentation: Progress towards DS in Iraq – A Pilot Project in Ninewa Governorate.
- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 20th.

Joint Coordination Forum (JCF) – TORs & Structure

- JCF TORs endorsed in the last DSTF meeting following various discussions and valuable inputs.
- GCMs will be transitioned into the JCF, initially in ABC functioning governorates.
- The purpose of having the JCF at the governorate level is to maintain the coordination mechanism in which all humanitarian, stabilization, development, and peacebuilding actors will be brought together with government authorities. This is key, as the forum would be jointly led by the government. This also facilitated the implementation of the durable solutions compact.
- The JCF could present an overlap with the ABCs. Therefore, it was decided that the ABCs will gradually phase out over the course of the next six months.
- DSTWG will provide technical support to the JCFs on issues pertaining to durable solutions.
- The main activities of the JCF would be focusing on resolving implementation issues related to the durable solutions compact, addressing general operational challenges, and sharing information.

Chair and Secretariat

- The JCF will be jointly chaired by two individuals.
 - The first chair will be filled by the governor or their representative.
 - The second chair will be filled by the most senior staff from the UN or NGO side, as per set criteria and expressions of interest.
 - DSO will provide secretariat support.

Membership

- Membership will be open to all involved and active partners in the relevant sectors from the UN/NGO side.
- From the government side, members would be heads of relevant directorates.

Reporting Lines

- The JCF will be accountable to the Supreme Committee, and information will be shared with the DSTWG, DSTWG, and other country-level coordination mechanisms.

Discussion

IOM: What is the plan in terms of follow up on the POAs/deep-dives which have been worked on by the ABCs? Also, could the role of the JCF in being responsible for the practical implementation of the compact be elaborated on?

RCO: ABCs will continue their current revision of the plans of action, and the final version will be handed over to the JCF which will be used as a reference for their work. Once the DS Compact is launched and endorsed, it will be identified how the JCF will take the role for implementation and monitoring issues for the compact.

PIN: What would be the geographical coverage of the JCF?

RCO: Initially, the JCFs will be established in the five governorates of the GCM which can then be extended as needed.

DSTWG Co-Chair: Is there an idea about how the JCF can be a forum which can respond quickly to membership requests, as the number of ABC members who would like to join may be high?

RCO: The JCF would not directly transfer members from ABC groups, as each partner would have one representative per JCF who meets the criteria of having relevant activities within the area of the JCF. Therefore, the forum is not envisioned to be very large barring some governorates such as Mosul.

Brief on Jeddah 5 Closure

17th April 2023

- Round 13 of departures facilitated by IOM through the Facilitated Voluntary Movement Programme, in coordination with MoMD and other relevant authorities.
 - 70 HHs returned to their AoOs.
 - 15 HHs relocated to other areas.

19th April 2023

- Jeddah 5 camp officially closed.
- 314 HHs were evicted.
 - 206/314 evicted HHs were female headed HHs.
 - 273/314 evicted HHs were registered with IOM FVM
 - 296/314 evicted HHs were reached through arrival calls.
- Of the 314 evicted HHs, 278 were from Ninewa, and 268 went to Ninewa. Therefore, the majority moved back to their subdistrict of origin.
- 13 families were from Markaz Shirqat, but only 2 families returned there.
- 2% of families were not able to arrive safely, as some were threatened upon arrival.
- 42 families were re-evicted upon arrival, 12 families reported physical assault, 6 experienced confiscation of documents, 5 were denied access to the location they wanted to go, and 3 were secondarily displaced.
- Over 100 families reported issues of acceptance by the tribes and communities of origin.
- On the same day of the IOM departures, MoMD and NOC announced the closure of the camp giving IDPs 2 days to leave.
- Urgent needs have been reported by the families, such as legal support, food items, shelter support, and protection support. Colleagues and teams have been referred to service providers identified through the ABCs and internal IOM specialized teams.
- Around 48 families have moved to an area called Hawasen, which is in Qayyara, directly adjacent to former Jeddah 5 camp. The majority of these families are not able to return to their areas of origin.

UN/NGO response

- Through the coordination initiated by ABC Mosul, and collaboration with the Protection Platform, response capacities were mapped and initial responses are ongoing.

- Services include protection case management and monitoring, assessments, emergency cash, cash for protection, grants for movement, and legal/documentation support. UNICEF is supporting referrals between affected children and families, and social protection schemes.
- Key gaps include physical safety of families returning to AoOs where social tensions are high, in addition to advocacy around services, food security, and evictions.

AOB

OCHA: It was mentioned that a new camp will be established by MoMD, which will be a caravan site. Do colleagues have further information about this?

IOM: There are quite a lot of concerns about what would happen with the families in Bzibiz and AAF, so it is something to monitor very closely.