



Durable Solutions Technical Working Group (DSTWG) – Summary of Meeting #43 on 11 September 2024

Meeting Chair: IOM

Co-chairs: UNDP

Participants: UNDP, RCO DS Advisors, OCHA, UNICEF, IOM, UNHCR, UN-Habitat, Impact Initiatives, WFP, Iraq Cash Forum, DRC, GIZ, World Vision

Overview and Agenda

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 2. Action Points from the June Meeting
 3. DSTWG Update
 - DS Update
 - Subgroups Update
 - Request for Inter-agency Assessment for Hasansham Village
 - DSTWG Membership/Co-chairing
 4. Discussion :
 - Technical Group for High Committee
 5. AOB
- **July Meeting #42 Action Points** M & A subgroup co-chairs to present the amended TOR and share Activity Info Guidelines (Pending)

DS Update

- **DSTWG membership changes:**
 1. NRC has withdrawn from the DSTWG Co-Chair position; DRC is coordinating the process to find a new NGO co-chair.
 2. Expression of interest was extended to 26th September to encourage broader NGO representation.
 3. The DSTWG acknowledges DRC's role in filling the coordination gap left by NCCI's closure.
 4. DSTWG team welcomed new members, including Nawal who replaced Mohamed Osman, while UNICEF announced the replacement of Mads by Katie and Hayder.
 5. The low NGO attendance was noted, and plans were made to review membership and potentially issue another call for interest to ensure balanced representation between NGOs and UN Agencies.
- **Resident Coordinator Office updates:**
 1. **JCFs:**
 - a. Monthly JCF meetings are ongoing in various Governorates, including Kirkuk (5 meetings), Ninewa (6 meetings) and Anbar (5 meetings).
 - b. Challenges in Diyala and Salah ah Din due to Government-related delays.
 - c. The launch of the Salah ah Din Durable Solutions Plan was co-chaired by the RC, the Minister of MoMD and the Governor. This plan prioritizes newly arrived IDPs and reflects challenges discussed during the RC's field missions.
- **Subgroup updates:**
 2. **HLP Subgroup:**



- a. The first HLP group meeting took place, focusing on collecting data on housing and HLP Projects across Iraq through a 4W exercise.
 - b. Planning for a second meeting is underway.
3. **M&A Subgroup:**
- a. New developments include the finalization of the ActivityInfo Guideline to clarify the use of the platform and a new ToR for the Subgroup.

Discussion

UN-Habitat inquired about updates on the rescheduled time for camp closures, but no specific date has been set yet. The High Committee is avoiding forcing new dates to ensure proper preparations are made.

- **Request for Inter-Agency Assessment for Hasansham Village:**

4. A proposal for an Inter-Agency Assessment was raised and circulated via email on Sunday. This follows the previous Inter-Agency Assessment conducted last year when 13 villages next to EMCs were opened. The DSTWG conducted a joint assessment of these villages, which included both humanitarian/development actors and Government authorities.
5. Out of the 13 villages assessed, Hasasham village was only partially assessed, as no families were allowed to return at the time. In August 2024, 266 households were allowed to return there. IOM conducted a walkthrough assessment and identified the need for a more comprehensive joint assessment.
6. The proposed assessment will update existing data, assess the current needs of returnees and coordinate efforts with local authorities as more families are expected to return in coming months.

Discussion

UNHCR highlighted that in a recent meeting with EJCC, the BCF discussed its intention to support the rebuilding of shops and potentially a primary healthcare clinic in Hasansham village, thus it may be beneficial to involve representatives from EJCC and BCF in the assessment.

DSTWG co-chair noted the importance of including partners not directly involved in the DSTWG but that may have resources or capacities to contribute to the assessment.

OCHA asked if the assessment will only focus on Hasansham village, or will revisit the other 12 villages assessed last year.

DSTWG co-chair clarified the assessment will solely focus on Hasansham village, with authorities from both Hamdaniyah and KRG invited to participate. Also the assessment will be flagged at the next Ninewa JCF.

RCO emphasized the need to manage expectations by keeping the mission light, with a limited number of vehicles and personnel.

Decision: The DSTWG agreed for the assessment to proceed.

Action Points:

- DSTWG to reach out to EJCC, BCF and the Hamdaniya authorities to invite them to the assessment of Hasansham village.



- DSTWG to circulate an email to all partners, inviting participation in the assessment and organizing a preparatory meeting.

Technical Group for High Committee

- **High Committee formation and latest update**

- The Prime Minister directed the formation of a High Committee in July, tasked with developing a Joint Humanitarian Plan in coordination with specialized UN Agencies, and aiming at aligning strategies between the GoI and KRC to address displacement.
- The formation of this Committee follows a letter from the KRG Ministry of Interior and the Diwani Order 24007 setting a deadline for camp closures. It held its first meeting on August 12th, where strategic recommendations were developed and are currently awaiting approval from the PMO:
 - Implementation of Sinjar Agreement
 - Formation of Subcommittees:
 - Judicial Subcommittee
 - Security Subcommittee
 - Service Subcommittee
 - Financial Subcommittee
 - Social and tribal conflict Subcommittee
- These recommendations were sent to the PMO and expected to be discussed at the Council of Ministers' meeting, but no update on the approval as of yet.
- The RCO is working with the UNCT to ensure the continuation of essential services in camps, such as food and fuel distribution.

Discussion

UNHCR clarified that while fuel distribution was anticipated in EMCs, it had not yet occurred due to delays, through the issue between the Ministry of Oil and MoMD appears to have been resolved. UNHCR further expressed concern over the lack of communication of the Government, causing anxiety among IDPs who are unsure of their future.

AOB

- The next meeting will be **on 9 October 2024** as per the standing calendar invite.