

**Minutes of the Sinjar ABC Meeting**  
**25 June 2023, 12:30 – 14:00**  
**Sunrise Office – Sinjar**

**Co-Chairs** UNHCR

**Participants** Mr. Ali Omer (Ninawa Deputy Governor for NGOs' affair), Mr. Hassan Mutaz, AVSI, (Ninawa - Ministry of Migration and Displacement – MOMD), Sunrise, NPA, IVY, DRC, GIZ, JRS, Solidarites, ACF, UNFPA, MSF, IRC, IOM, UNICEF, TGH, SCI, UPP, PUI, Local DSTWG, NRC, WFP, Malteser International, OCHA, UN-HABITAT, and TDH.

**Note taker** UNAMI-DSO

**Objectives**

*The meeting aimed to provide updates from the Government, review action points from the previous meeting, and discuss the DSTWG dashboard.*

**Main Points**

- The UNHCR-FP extended a warm welcome to the participants and initiated the meeting with the following key points:
- Update from the Government:
  - Mr. Ali Omer highlighted the successful meeting between the Ninawa and Dahuk governments, focusing on mechanisms for the return of Yazadees from KRG to their place of origin. For inquiries or support regarding returnees in Dahuk, Mr. Eskandar from Dohuk MOMD FP can be contacted at 07504912031.
  - The Ninawa government will convene a meeting with district and sub-district mayors next week to discuss the approved annual budget from Baghdad.
  - IOM's returnee support project has a capacity limit and can assist 400-500 more returnees to Qahtaniyah and Sinjar. To sustain this support, Mr. Ali Omer recommended that Sinjar ABC partners collaborate with IOM to continue this project.
  - Updates on the appointment of the new mayor for Sinjar and the Sinjar agreement were pending, with no current information available.
  - A postponed meeting between the Ninawa government counterparts and MSF with health partners is set for next week to discuss Sinuni Hospital issues post-MSF withdrawal.
  - The occupation issue of the renovated IVY school remains unresolved. Mr. Ali Omer committed to addressing this matter personally by visiting the group next week.
  - Mr. Ali Omer urged UN Agencies and NGOs to raise awareness among IDPs and returnees about registering with MOMD. He noted that while MOMD registered family's number 17,366, the actual figure exceeds 120,000 families.

- Action Points from the last meeting:

<u>The Action Point</u>	<u>Status</u>
<i>For Solidarities to share the scope of the work for the Shereen water project with the Sinjar ABC Group</i>	<i>Done and it has been shared with the Sinjar ABC group.</i>
<i>For Mr. Ali Omer to follow up with the group who occupied the school and for DSO to follow up with Mr. Ali Omer</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
<i>For the Sinjar ABC group to conduct an ad-hock meeting with the MOMD on the returnees in the Sinjar MOMD office to unify the policies and strategies for supporting the returnees and avoid duplication and overlapping the services such as NFI, PHSS, education, and protection</i>	<i>Pending</i>
<i>For the Ninawa MOMD branch to request the MOMD Baghdad to accelerate the process of distributing return grants in the Sinjar district.</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
<i>For the Ninawa MOMD branch to share the contact information of Mr. Eskandoor with Sinjar ABC.</i>	<i>Done</i>
<i>For the FPs and Mr. Ali Omer to conduct an ad-hoc meeting with the health partners and health directorate to discuss the Sinuni Hospital issue.</i>	<i>Pending</i>
<i>For the partners who can cover the gaps in child protection, GBV, educational and entertainment programs for women and children in Tal Azer, Seebay Shehk Khadra, and Markaz Sinjar to coordinate with IOM Sinjar Office.</i>	<i>Pending</i>
<i>For the FPs to follow up with Mr. Ali Omer on the Government construction campaign in Sinjar to avoid duplication and overlapping with the NGOs' activities.</i>	<i>Pending because the Government construction campaign is pending also.</i>

- DSTWG dashboard.

- The secretariat shared the DSTWG dashboard [[link](#)] and urged partners to review and update their activities before 31st July.
- As per the previous meeting's action point, the secretariat shared the Shereen village water project scope from Solidarites and confirmed UNOPS communication with the water department for project implementation.

- **UNICEF**

UNICEF recommended extending invitations to the service directorates, including sectors such as water, education, health, and more, to participate in the ABC meetings held in Mosul and Sinjar. The primary objective behind this initiative is to foster the exchange of vital information and to strengthen the coordination of basic services in the Areas of Operation (AoO). By involving these directorates, we aim to facilitate a more comprehensive and efficient return process for the respective areas.

After thorough deliberation, it has been clarified that Mr. Ali Omer, the Deputy Governor for Organizations Affairs, is the designated representative for the government of Ninawa. In this capacity, Mr. Ali Omer is responsible for relaying all pertinent updates from the government's standpoint. Furthermore, in cases where specific subjects require focused attention, Mr. Ali Omer will play a pivotal role in orchestrating meetings involving relevant partners and government counterparts. This mechanism will serve as a vital coordination tool to augment the ongoing efforts of the ABC initiative. Its purpose is to bridge gaps, address challenges, and collectively find solutions to pertinent issues.

- **Action Point**

- *Collaborate with IOM to promptly distribute the minutes of the joint meeting between the Ninawa and Dahuk governments concerning the repatriation process from the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) to Sinjar.*
- *All the Sinjar ABC partners are requested to thoroughly review their contributions on the DSTWG dashboard [[link](#)] within the stipulated timeline. Following the review, kindly provide any necessary updates on your activities to Saeed Noor via email at [nosaeed@iom.int](mailto:nosaeed@iom.int). It's important to note that the deadline for submission has been extended, and all updates must be received no later than 10 August.*