

Minutes of the Sinjar ABC Meeting
22 August 2023, 12:30 – 14:00
Sunrise Office – Sinjar

Co-Chairs: UNDP

Participants from Government: Mr. Ali Omer (Ninawa Deputy Governor for NGOs' affair)

Sinjar ABC Members Present: IOM FP, UNHCR FP, PIN, UNFPA, ECHO, GIZ, IVY, TGH, PUI, UNOPS, OCHA, Hope Makers Organization, MSF, IRC, DAMA, Malteser International, DRC, Solidarites International, NRC, UPP, WFP, Non-Violent Peaceforce, House of Coexistence, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, Youth Bridge Organization, Sunrise, Halat, and the Local and National DSTWG.

Sinjar ABC Members Absent: Care, Jesuit Refugee Service, Nadia's Initiative, TDH - Switzerland, TDH – Italy, ACTED, Peace Paradigms, REACH, HI, ACF, Welthunger Hilfe, Yazda, Mission East, Mercy Corps, Dorcas International, Shareteah Humanitarian, IIDI Iraq, Shelter Cluster, Polish Humanitarian Action, Lutheran World Federation, and AVSI.

Note Taker: UNAMI-DSO

Objectives:

The meeting aimed to provide updates from the Government, a presentation on IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), and updates on partner activities.

Main Points

- The UNDP-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 success of regular Sinjar ABC meetings and their positive impact on the ground, and the priority is encouraging displaced individuals' return to Sinjar. Recent returnees included 16 families from KRI. IOM assessing return families from Al Jabal camp (Zardashty).
 - Discussions with UNOPS regarding the budget for supporting IDP return and stabilization.
 - Postponement of Sinuni Hospital meeting to September at the hospital director's request.
 - Ongoing coordination to regain the rehabilitated school occupied by PKK.
 - Emphasis on encouraging returnees in Adnaniyah (Gerzalg).
 - Mr. Ali Omer briefed on the IOM project supporting the returnees with a returning grant is around 1,040 US\$, rehabilitating and constructing the houses, and livelihoods projects. While 50% of the UNOPS funds are for reconstructing the demolished houses in Sinjar, Qahtaniyah, and Sinuni (Al Shimal), and the other 50% is for the water, electricity, PHCs, and Schools. UNDP requested to share the list of the reconstruction houses that will be implemented by IOM and UNOPS to avoid any duplication because UNDP plans to implement housing projects in these areas, especially in Qahtaniyah, Adnaniyah, and Al Jazeera. It has been recommended to conduct a coordination meeting for the UNDP, IOM, and UNOPS in Mr. Ali Omer's office on the housing projects in Sinjar.
 - Mr. Ali Omer emphasized that they received official letters from the Prime Minister's office, the General Secretariat for the Council of Ministers, and the Iraqi parliament requesting the list of the projects implemented in the Ninawa governorate by the organizations, therefore, Mr. Ali Omer requested all the NGOs and UN agencies to provide him with the list of the projects that have been implemented in Sinjar from 2019 until 2022. To have a database of the organizations'

activities in the Sinjar district and avoid any duplication or overlapping with the government departments.

- Mr. Ali Omer requested UNICEF to coordinate with his office and the other government departments to check the needs and the gaps.
- The UNOPS housing project is in the tender process now for the construction of 50 houses in Hardan and 40 houses in Dola. UNOPS will get the funds from the downer in October to implement the housing project (partially and totally damaged), water, and solar lighting system that will be focused in Adnaniyah.
- To avoid any duplication and overlapping, it has been recommended to establish an [online service map](#). the online service map was developed from the DSTWG activities list with some changes per the districts for the Baaj, Mosul, and Sinjar ABC groups. All the partners need to check their projects and update them continuously.
- **Presentation on IOM-DTM**
IOM presented a brief on the IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) as attached. The presentation included the following:
 - Definition and data collection process of DTM.
 - Return indicators and collection process.
 - Risk levels at return sites.
 - Severity levels of livelihoods, services, social cohesion, and safety.
 - Sinjar return rate, hot sites, voluntary return programs.
 - Tracking displacement due to climate change. [For detailed information, visit <https://iraqdtm.iom.int/>
- **Update from the Partners**
 - NDP provided a list of 18-20 projects to the Governor of Ninawa to be implemented in Ninawa governorate, and with cooperation with IOM the new Kojo village will be constructed. The project includes housing and all the infrastructure services.
- **Updated from DSTWG**
The Joint Coordination Forum (JCF) has been approved by the General Secretariat for the Council of Ministers and it will be established initially in the 6 governorates (Kirkuk, Ninawa, Diyala, Salah al-Din, Basra, and Anbar) upon issuance of the decree, and then according to the assessment and per the needs the JCF will be established in the other governorates and KRG. As explained before the ABC groups will phase out and the transition from ABC to JCF will take about 6 months, There are discussions on keeping some of the ABC groups per the needs, and the Sinjar ABC group is one of these ABC groups.
- **Action Point**
 - *For IOM to share the type of housing intervention, the location, and the status of their housing projects in Sinjar.*
 - *For all the Sinjar ABC partners to share with Mr. Ali Omer (Reconstruction Assistant for the Affairs of the Displaced) a list of the projects implemented in Sinjar from 2019 until 2022.*
 - *For the Sinjar ABC secretariat to prepare an online service map to be updated by the partners continuously.*
 - *For all the partners to share their updates to the Secretariate to add them to the minutes of the meeting as there are new funds for Sinjar and to avoid any duplication and overlapping.*
 - *For the partners to update their contact information in the Sinjar ABC membership list that will be shared by the secretariate.*
 - *For the secretariat to write the names of the partners that attend and those absent from the monthly meetings in the minutes of the meetings to activate the monthly participation.*

