



Durable Solutions Technical Working Group (DSTWG) – Summary of Meeting #29 on 12 April 2023

Co-chairs: Precillar

Members attended: Save the Children, IOM, SEDO, NCCI, RCO, UNMAS, OCHA, PIN, GIZ, UNAMI, UNICEF, TAD, TCC

Overview and Agenda

- Tour de Table
- Action Points from the March Meeting
- DSTWG General Updates
 - DSTF Meeting – Coordination Structure Feedback, advocacy notes, compact
 - RWG
 - Subgroup Updates
 - ABC Updates
- Discussion and Presentation of Iraq DS Compact
- A.O.B.

February 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 General Updates

DSTF Meeting

- Presentation on the DS Compact progress by William Chemaly and Lisa Monaghan.
- DSTWG feedback shared on the Joint Coordination Forum (JCF) 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 DS concept note were also shared. Awaiting discussion within the DSTF and with the RC.
- Advocacy points raised by ABCs regarding informal site evictions in Anbar following joint advocacy note for HTC site and other locations in SAD. Growing concern over evictions from informal sites generally within the country, especially in the larger urban centers such as Mosul City. Note for the RCs office.

RWG Meeting

- REACH presented Area Based Assessment for Latifiya (Baghdad).
- OCHA presented on Humanitarian Transition Overview, which can be accessed via this [link](#).
- REACH presented an overview of the Returns and Durable Solutions (ReDS) Governorate Profiles for Ninewa, Salah al-Din, and Diyala (comparison of district profiles that have been done in the governorates for trends).

DS Subgroup Updates

Sustainable Livelihoods Subgroup

- First 3 consecutive meetings held, chair elected (with a discussion to potentially elect a co-chair ongoing with possibility of a rotating seat if needed)
- Despite reaching out to GOI and KRG counterparts in government their involvement is not yet at the expected level.
- Currently 17 subgroup member organizations which include private sector (Baghdad Chamber of Commerce), which will be opened up for additional membership to increase engagement and achievement of priorities.
- Aiming to establish technical task forces for each priority, with members joining each task force according to their area of specialization.

IOM: IOM is planning to launch a consultancy to support the development of private sector engagement on DS soon, which can contribute to the aim of the subgroup to engage relevant private actors.

PIN: The subgroup may need to rethink the way government actors are engaged, perhaps through ad hoc meetings since their participation has been limited so far.

TCC Subgroup

- New TCC co-chairs will be David Arnold (IOM) and Abdelmoneim Mustafa (UNDP)
- Recommendation to simplify the TCC to focus on its core functions as the TCC and social cohesion subgroup.

ABC General Updates

ABC Plan of Action Revision

- ABC groups focusing on the revision of their plans of action.
- 6 out of 8 ABCs have conducted government roundtables, with the Diyala and Salah al-Din ABCs pending.
- Deadline for first draft of POAs: April 23rd

DSTWG: POA drafts will be circulated with subgroups for their technical inputs and support.

Deep Dives

- Recently uploaded deep-dives: Al-Rayhana; Al Sagra (West Anbar ABC)
- All uploaded deep-dives can be accessed via <https://iraqdurablesolutions.net/>

Iraq DS Compact and Progress

Overview of the Compact

- The compact is a proposed strategy of engagement with the government of Iraq, the Kurdish regional government, and the UN to address the 'last mile challenge' in relation to finding solutions for the remaining IDP caseload.
- This is a joint effort between the DSTF and the UN Office of the Special Advisor to Solutions

Compact Preparation Phase

- Concept note proposes 13 areas of engagement with the GOI, working with existing government systems and schemes already in place.
- Drafting Group established on March 26th (IOM, UNDP, UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, ILO, NRC, WFP, and DSTWG) to explore what the specific, technical asks would be of the government.
- The guiding principle being used is that there may be some resistance on the political engagement side, but it should not fail because it's technically impossible.
- DTM and REACH supporting with data preparation and the analysis of the technical components of the commitment.
- Initial discussions held with the protection platform and NCCI to discuss broader consultation and participation.
- Soft engagement with the GOI and KRG during this preparatory phase.

Next Steps

- Initial summary and feasibility to be shared with the DSTF co-chairs and DSRSG by April 20th.
- Initial data analysis exercise to be conducted by REACH and DTM by mid-May.
- Engagement with the government will then become much more formal, where the GOI and KRG will be invited to lead the process moving forward.

Discussion

DSTWG: Is there any technical support needed from the DSTWG on any of the commitments.

Lisa: After the initial phase is completed, engagement will become much broader when it comes to the technical working level and will be aligned with what organizations are functionally doing.

TCC: Can an indication be provided regarding the potential restructuring of the ABCs or the role of the ABCs moving forward?

RCO: Proposed changes to the DS coordination structure are currently being discussed, and once a final proposal is reached and approved by the DSRSG, this will be shared.

TCC: On the side of the GOI, will the Prime Minister's Office/MOMD be leading the coordination side?

RCO: There are several levels to the coordination structure being discussed. At the governorate level, a joint coordination forum is being discussed which would co-chaired by the governor/whoever he delegates the authority along with a UN/NGO representative. At the national level, the Supreme Committee is led by MOMD with 16/17 members including UN agencies. DSTF will continue to be chaired by IOM and UNDP, inviting the DSRSG and the MOMD minister on an ad hoc basis to co-chair.

Lisa: In terms of the compact itself, it is envisaged to sit with the Prime Minister's office, and the exact composition of which ministries would be involved will be decided by the government itself.

Lisa: If a group of organizations would like to have a more detailed discussion regarding the compact, they can email limonaghan@iom.int.

PIN: Is it planned to have a brainstorming/validation session with other organizations to broaden the process up from the drafting group?

Lisa: The aim isn't to have an exclusive process, but firstly the green light is needed from the DSRSG regarding the feasibility of the process. When this is obtained, the process will become broader and the DSTWG will be consulted for guidance.

AOB

PIN: Iraq Cash Forum is planning on conducting a webinar on the use of cash for climate change, to have a broad overview on cash used for anticipatory action, cash used in response to displacement, and cash used for adaptation. The list of speakers being finalized, and the aim is for the webinar to be held in the beginning of May.