

DS Update

## Collection of information on impact of USG work stop order:

- The DSTWF co-Chairs have been collecting information on the impact of the USG work stop order. The information collected so far:
  - Housing, Land and Property---Housing Rehabilitation, rental assistance
  - Health services (in camps), MHPSS, WASH (in camps and in informal sites)
  - Livelihoods
  - Access to documentation and rights (Legal assistance, protection monitoring)

## Ad hoc Meeting on Defining caseload and solutions pathways:

- The last meeting was held in December 2024 and minutes shared with agenda.
- The next meeting (initially scheduled for Feb 2025) was postponed to April.

## DSTF revamping:

- The DSTF ToR is under revision to integrate the DSTF with HCT.
- Discussions underway to resume DSTF meetings in parallel with the ToR revision – need to maintain collective advocacy, especially in response to the USG funding pause.

## JCF:

- No JCF or ABC meetings were held in March due to Ramadan period.
- The Secretariat support is under strain requiring transition planning discussions.
- Upcoming meeting of the KRI JCF under discussion, tentatively planned post-Ramadan.
- On 23 Feb., the RCO held a Workshop to review JCF performance and discuss transition with COMSEC.

## Sinjar ABC:

- Last meeting was end January: Sunrise Org. has been elected to be the Aid co-chair.
- New ABC member from the government (the municipality, water, education, health, agriculture, electricity, and migration departments).

## Sustainable Livelihoods:

- Climate Resilience Guidelines were finalized and reviewed by Government counterparts, NGOs and UN Agencies.
- 4Ws service mapping has been completed (with data from 32 organizations), focusing on climate-smart agriculture, livelihood support, ... The mapping report has been shared with the DSTWG members, and will be updated biannually.
- Community of Practice on climate resilient livelihoods & Agriculture was launched. Interested organizations invited to submit EoI by 15 March, and 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to be held immediately after Eid.

## Private Sector Engagement TF:

- Has been on a temporary hiatus, but resuming meetings post-Ramadan, to engage private sector actors in DS contexts and supporting economic inclusion of IDPs and returnees.
- The TF will complement the Sustainable Livelihoods subgroup by providing technical leadership.
- Updated ToR will be shared with all partners.

- DS Progress Assessment conducted by IOM DTM across 4 Governorates (Ninewa, Anbar, Diyala & SAD) using the IASC 5 consolidated domains.
- The assessment found that returnees consistently outperform IDPs across all 5 domains.
- Only 13% to 33% of IDPs achieved 'high progress' (meaning they met 4-5 of the DS key criteria).
- In comparison, nearly 50% of returnees in Ninewa were in the 'high progress' group.

- The High Committee for the Joint Humanitarian Plan, established under the Diwani Order 24529, was tasked with preparing a Joint Humanitarian Plan within 90 days.
- The initial deadline lapsed in early March and the Committee has obtained a two-month extension from the PMO.
- The PM Advisor, Khalaf Sinjari emphasized that the Plan will be developed in consultation with relevant UN Agencies.