

Inter-Sector WG

Friday, 8 April 2016

Agenda:

1. Adoption of meeting minutes and review of pending action points
2. Update on gaps per sector (see also action points) and other important developments
3. RRMRP update
4. AoB

Participants: International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC), ICRC, CRS, DRC, Samaritan's Purse (SP) & UNHCR

Chair: UNHCR

Agenda Item 1:

Meeting Minutes- minutes were endorsed by participants

Review of pending Action Points:

- Sectors to finalize and send their ToRs
- CwC to come up with key messages around breastfeeding, attend Health WG or have a bi-lateral meeting with Health Coordinator on how best to promote key messages
- UNHCR to call for a Food Working Group meeting within next week
- UNHCR CwC team has done mapping of internet services available which will be shared with actors
- UNHCR to share the content of the NFI kits with participants of the ISWG

Agenda item 2: Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan

UNHCR provided an overview of the process and timeline of the revision process for the RRMRP. As timelines are very short, it will be important to pass on the information through the national sector working groups to the sub-national working groups. UNHCR will present the revision process also during the Inter-Agency Consultation Forum. The overall objectives of the plan were revised slightly to adapt to the changed environment and final comments will be expected by 17 April.

- UNHCR to provide by 2 April an overview email on the RRMRP on the processes and timelines including the templates and provide presentation during the inter-agency consultation forum

Agenda Item 3: Updates from sectors

Sector Working Group	Developments	Action Points
Communication with Communities (CwC) Sub-Working Group	Some partners distribute SIM cards without offering the opportunity to have scratch cards; this creates tensions as persons fear with using a new SIM Card they will not be reachable anymore for the authorities for registration.	UNHCR to bring up the issue of SIM Card and scratch cards in the inter-agency consultation forum
Cash Sub- Working Group	The Cash WG is currently discussing the minimum expenditure basket and assess regional differences (Athens, North, Central, West). Discussions are ongoing on how best to do cash for work and cash for training as well as other activities.	Cash WG to share list of Minimum Expenditure Basket with the concerned Sector WGs for comments
Health Working Group	<p>Save the children is leading efforts to provide key messages on breastfeeding; there is a consultant which is providing support to formulate them.</p> <p>Progress was made to get the permission for a vaccination campaign in Piraeus and Eidomeni through MSF.</p>	Health WG to provide guidance on how to report or deal with cases of tuberculosis
WASH Working Group	<p>In the army camps chemical toilets are subsequently exchanged with containers.</p> <p>Gaps exist in the WASH coverage in Veria, Ritsona and Malakasa.</p> <p>Apostoli was suggested as co-chair of the WG as they are a well – established Greek NGO who will be able to ensure sustainability.</p>	UNHCR to share “WASH for dummies” power point presentation
Protection Working Group	<p>The issue of access to the sites was raised as a major concern for partners. Currently, different procedures are in place.</p> <p>The inconsistency of messaging on legal rights remains of concern. It will be important that all actors providing information have an in-depth understanding of the legal framework to avoid confusion and tensions in the sites.</p>	UNHCR to provide update on the system for access to sites

	<p>There will be a pre-registration exercise by the Asylum Services with support by EASO and UNHCR. The idea is to cover all the sites in the mainland and to provide preliminary asylum cards to those registered. This will solve the issue of the expired police notes.</p> <p>The SGBV Sub-WG is conducting safety audits in the sites</p>	<p>SGBV Sub-WG to share findings of the safety audits</p>
<p>Shelter/NFI Working Group</p>	<p>The issue of “summarization” and climate was discussed; several sites currently only have tents which might be problematic in hot climates; communal areas with shading should be included in all site planning to ensure that people have sufficient space during hot summer times.</p> <p>The idea to have communal kitchen was discussed in the NFI/Shelter and Cash WG; this should be factored in when doing site planning as it directly relates to self-reliance and empowerment for refugees and migrants.</p>	
<p>SMS WG</p>	<p>Not all sites are currently covered either through operational support/mobile teams or with staffing, i.e. a site managers being responsible for a site; it will be important to ensure that NGOS inform the SMS WG of plans to engage in site management early on to avoid problems with the Government and duplications with other NGOs.</p>	<p>SMS WG to provide list of site focal points for those who agree that their contacts are shared officially; otherwise UNHCR will share the UNHCR site focal points</p>

Agenda Item 4: AoB

UNHCR will organize with its Global Learning Centre a workshop on coordination and leadership mid May. All government counterparts involved in coordination, coordinators and co-coordinators are invited to attend. The training is three days and covers soft skills and knowledge around coordination, funding mechanisms, strategy development and other important aspects around coordination.

- Sector Coordinators to inform their counterparts to send names of potential participants to UNHCR (Elena del Fabbro)

It was again reiterated and agreed that Eidomeni needs to be closed asap. Services which are more long-term and might create a pull-factor should not be provided. All partners need to pass the message that people should not stay in Eidomeni and support efforts to decongest the site. Services should be offered in the new sites rather than in Eidomeni.

- Sector Coordinators to pass on and reiterate the message for Eidomeni

Next meeting: Friday, 14 April, 8.30 hrs, UNHCR office, Tagiapiera.