

Minutes Meeting of the CP/SGBV Sub-Working Group to the Refugee Protection Working Group
Wednesday, 25th October 2017, 10:00 AM, UNHCR office

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Agenda:

- Review minutes of meeting
- Update on South Omo situation and planned CP/SGBV response
- Main highlights and updates by members
- AOB

Agenda Point	Discussion	Action Point
1.) Review minutes of meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of September SWG meeting adopted 	
3.) Update on South Omo situation and planned CP/SGBV response	<p>UNHCR delivered a PPT presentation on UNHCR Protection mission to South Omo which was undertaken from 10-20 October. The summary of the presentation is as follow:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Debriefing-UNHCR Protection mission to</p> </div> <p>Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 20 Kebeles in Nyangatom Woreda with a total population of 22,247 • More than 8100 refugees live in Nyangatom Woreda (Acc. to the Woreda record) • Out of the total refugee population, 5350 are unregistered refugees. • The refugees entered in Ethiopia since March 2017. • Refugees predominantly come from Eastern Equatoria- Kapoeta and Torit and are from Toposa and Nyangatom tribes • The refugees currently reside in four sites in the Woreda (Tolay, Kibish/Lebere, Kakuta and Omo 5 kebeles). • They live in settlement (makeshift-shelters) and with host community • As of 01 September, UNHCR and ARRA registered 2,787 (1,454 female and 1,336 male) refugees in a registration exercise conducted from 16 August – 02 September • 208 children identified and registered as UASC (133 UC+75 SC) +228 OVC mainly children not attending school • Reasons for flight according to refugees are: generalized violence, forced recruitment, food insecurity, lack of access to basic services such as health and limited access to education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR to provide updates on the developments refugees response in South Omo, including the outcomes of the discussion with SNNPR

- Refugees have access to public services in the Woreda such as basic health, education, protection services but the capacities of the services are limited in terms of staffing, financial resources, technical expertise, etc.

Overall objective of UNHCR Protection team:

- To prepare the ground for targeted protection interventions responding to the needs of the refugees from South Sudan while promoting alternatives to camp, government ownership (expansion and strengthening of existing services rather than humanitarian response by external actors) and conflict sensitive approach considering the vulnerability of the host community.

Purposes of the mission:

- To analyze protection concerns of SSD refugees in South Omo and initiate a community-based protection response addressing most urgent protection concerns and needs.
- To initiate dialogue with the Woreda administration, identify and establish links with the main protection actors including CP and SGBV and identify areas of already existing prevention and response which can be strengthened.
- To assess the capacity of the Woreda BOWCA and possible areas of support to the bureau.
- To conduct a mini-workshop on community-based protection, child protection (alternative care) and undertake a service mapping exercise

Activities undertaken by the protection team

- ARRA and UNHCR Introductory meeting with the Woreda Administration
- Meeting with Woreda Bureau's sector heads (BOWCA, BOE, BOH, BOWME)
- Focus group discussion held with refugee men, women and children and unregistered refugees
- Field observation and key informant interviews with refugees and Woreda officials
- Mini-workshop on community-based protection, child protection (alternative care) held with 25 participants from refugee, host community, and BOWCA
- Service mapping exercise and establishment of referral pathways held with 25 participants from refugee, host community and BOWCA.
- Debrief with BOWCA and Woreda Administration following mini-workshop and FGDs to agree on follow up action

Key findings: Registration

- 8,137 (4,295 male and 3,842 female) refugees currently in Nyangatom Woreda

- Only 2789 registered as of 01 September 2017
- The new arrivals report similar reasons for flight as registered refugees: Generalized violence, forced recruitment, food insecurity, lack of access to public services
- Approximately 10-20 refugees arrive everyday and the Woreda expects more refugees to arrive in the coming weeks

Key findings: Food

- 2 WFP trucks delivered food ration (pulses 5.40MT, CSB+ 5.40MT, Veg oil 3.26MT, Salt 0.544MT and Wheat 8.90MT) in Nyangatom on 11 October
- ARRA's food distribution team arrived on 13th October and the distribution started on 14th October
- The distribution was only for registered refugees
- ARRA and UNHCR held a meeting with refugee leaders on food distribution
- The 2 trucks returned to Nazereth to transport the remaining 40 MT wheat
- ARRA's distribution team will resume the distribution once the trucks arrived

Key findings: CP and SGBV

- Approximately 70 UACs spontaneously fostered by the refugee community
- 34 UAC placed in foster care with the host community by BOWCA
- 97 UAC (65 registered +32 unregistered) and 61 Adult/youth are hosted at a hostel (boarding school), Kangaten
- The Woreda requested immediate intervention to vacate the hostel
- Child marriage, rape and domestic violence are the main SGBV incidents reported both in the host and the refugee communities
- No full-fledged multi-sectoral SGBV and CP prevention and response by BOWCA
- No PEP in the HC
- **Challenges:** staffing, office equipment, limited technical expertise on SGBV and CP, absence of multi-sectoral CP and SGBV service

Key findings: Health

- 1 Health Center and 18 Health Posts in the Woreda.
- One Health Officer, 4 nurses and 1 pharmacists in the HC
- Service is free of charge at the HPs but refugees are required to pay small amount at the HC equal to host communities.
- Common health problems of both the refugee and the host community: eye infection, diarrhea, skin infections, and malaria

- **Challenges:** staffing, shortage of medical supplies, shortage of class room/space, shortage of ambulance.

Key findings: Shelter

- Refugees construct temporary shelter from branches and plastic sheets provided by the Woreda-poor quality
- Not all refugees received plastic sheets so some are living with the host community
- 99 UAC and 64 youth sheltered in a boarding school need shelter construction materials to move out from the boarding school
- ARRA assigned a staff member to follow up on construction of temporary shelter for the youth and the UACs at the hostel

Key findings: CRI

- There is a critical need for CRI
- Refugees share limited cooking materials
- Majority of the refugees have no sleeping mats and blankets and sleep on a floor
- The Health center distributed 900 mosquito nets for refugees from the allocation of the host community

Key findings: Education

- 17 schools in Nyangatom Woreda: 16 first cycle (1-4) in different kebeles and 1 (1-10) in Kangaten
- 161 refugee children and youth are attending class at Kangaten (primary education)
- Scholastic materials (660 exercise books) and pens provided for refugee students in Kangaten(the Woreda town) by the BOE
- The Woreda Education Bureau plans to construct temporary pre-school at Tolay for refugee children
- **Challenges:** Shortage of scholastic materials, clothing, textbook, school feeding, office furniture, equipment, etc.

Achievements

- Positive working relationship established with Woreda Administration and different bureaus
- 25 refugee leaders, government staff (BOWCA, BOE, kebele administrators) trained on community-based protection, child protection (alternative care).
- Alternative care focal persons and protection focal persons identified and linked with BOWCA for protection referrals and placement of unaccompanied children in family-based foster care.
- Development of simple referral pathway and training of refugee leadership on available services

- Agreement reached with woreda administration on modalities of child protection refugee response (BOWCA to take the lead and work with the refugee focal persons to place UAC in foster care and to monitor the care arrangements)

Recommendations

- Joint vision / agreement on modalities of SSD refugee response in South Omo between SNNPR regional government, ARRA, UNHCR
- Immediate assistance of shelter and CRI
- Formal agreement and immediate support to the HC -> Action Point UNHCR Health
- Provide (technical/financial) support to the Woreda BOWCA, Education Bureau and Woreda Bureau of Water, Mine and Energy (BWME)
- Capacity building on protection, child protection and SGBV covering BOWCA, police, refugee leaders, justice and Health staff
- Partnership with SCI (already operational responding to draught affected population needs) to support BOWCA on expanded child protection response for host and refugee children and strengthen SGBV prevention and response services
- Ongoing Registration of unregistered refugees (new arrivals)

Discussion:

- **IRC:** How it will be possible for BOWCA to provide effective/minimum standard SGBV prevention and response given its current limited capacity? – Answer: Subject to the agreement between UNHCR, ARRA, and SNRRP on the modality of the refugee response to SSD in South Omo, capacity building support will be provided to BOWCA to ensure effective SGBV and CP response. While modalities are to be agreed upon, the recent mission team prepared the ground by initiating a community-based protection response in South Omo. UNHCR will explore the possibility of partnership with other humanitarian and development agencies to support the Woreda.
- **IRC** recommends the integration of Safety Audit Assessment in the future assessments to understand the safety and security situation of women and girls and to respond accordingly. IRC modified the way safety Audit assessment conducted to include refugees in the assessment to ensure effective follow-up on the action points.
- **IRC** also recommends the planning of dignity kit provision for the refugees.

	<p>UNHCR highlighted that the response strategy shall take the situation of the vulnerable host community into account to avoid different standards in the service provision for the host and the refugee community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNICEF: Has UNHCR held discussion with the SNNPR and agreed on the approach of alternative to camp for SSD refugee response in South Omo? -Discussion with the SNPPR has not yet been concluded, and the modality of the refugee response is not yet clear. ARRA planned to have discussion with the SNNPR this week/soon and the modality will be determined based on the outcomes of the discussion with SNNPR. - Besides, UNICEF has an existing workplan with BOWCA in SNNPR and highlighted the need to be cautious in terms of ensuring resource are not diverted from the vulnerable host community. Further, UNICEF indicated that monitoring of care arrangement by BOWCA will be challenging giving the capacity of the BOWCA <p>UNHCR noted that the current capacity of BOWCA is limited and one of the recommendation of the protection team is to establish partnership with SCI to support BOWCA in CP and SGBV interventions including identification of foster families and monitoring of care arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question also raised whether the UACs have links/contacts with their family members back home? - No clear information was obtained by the mission team on the family link. However, ICRC indicated that the office is preparing to undertake a mission to South Omo and will see the issue of family links. - ICRC: Has the team obtained information about the situation in the other side (SSD)? - Based on the FGDs with refugees, the refugees fled SSD due to generalized violence, forced recruitment into armed groups, food insecurity, lack of access education and different basic service such as health and veterinary. Currently, 10-20 refugees cross the border daily. - DRC: Since the host community is vulnerable and the refugees are settling with the host community, is there any tension or conflict between the two communities? - The two communities have very strong cultural and social ties even before the refugee influx, and the host community shared the available limited resource with the refugees without conflict. 	
<p>4.) Main highlights and updates by members</p>	<p>IRC Guidance note : Men and Boys as SGBV Survivors and their Involvement in SGBV Prevention and Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IRC developed a guidance note on Men and Boys as SGBV Survivors and their Involvement in SGBV Prevention and Response and provided highlights about the guidance note. - It was developed based on: IRC’s Engaging Men through Accountable Practice Strategy, and Care International Workshop Module on Engaging Boys and Men in GBV Prevention and Reproductive Health in conflict and Emergency Response and UNFPA guidelines on? - The guidance note is important for UNHCR, ARRA, partner staff and other stakeholders involved in SGBV prevention and response for refugees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR to share the draft guidance note on men and boys survivors and their involvement in SGBV prevention and response with the SWG members - SWG members to share their comments on the draft guidance note to IRC within 2

- It covers definition of SGBV against men and boys, reporting of SGBV, the important of engaging men and boys in SGBV prevention and response, and the guiding principles on SGBV response.
- IRC will present the guidance note in the next SWG meeting and would like to receive feedback (comments) from all partners within two weeks

COMPASS project:

- IRC’s COMPASS project started in 2013 and has been implementing programme in 3 camps in Benishangumuz.
- IRC conducted an assessment on SGBV covering the risks, prevalence, types, and social networks with the objective of addressing the SGBV risks.
- The assessment finding was launched on Oct. 11 in London with partners and donors.
- IRC would like to cascade the launching to Ethiopia and will conduct a workshop in Addis Ababa. Invitation will be sent out to partners soon.

Updates in SGBV intervention at Gureshembola

- IRC conducted a workshop on ISAC guidelines and SGBV SOP in Assosa
- Temporary safe space for women and girls established in Gureshembola and women and girls are accessing the safe space
- IRC plans to conduct a GBV rapid assessment next week
- Dignity kits for all reproductive age groups distributed in Gureshembola
- Semi-permanent referral pathway established in Gureshembola

16 Days of Activism against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence:

- UNHCR explained that an email was shared with all partners about the 16 Days of Activism which will be celebrated from 25 November -10 December.
- This year’s theme “Leave no one behind” serves to emphasize the need to work to address the diverse needs of all survivors including the most marginalized. “Leave no one behind” also serves to emphasize that each and every one of us has a role to play in ending gender based violence. Each individual, each community, each sector, each organization, each faith has a role to play in preventing and ending SGBV.
- Partners provided updated on the ongoing preparation of the celebration of 16 Days of Activism.

Updates from IRC

- At the field level, IRC communicated partners and community members, and different activities will be conducted as part of the celebration.
- IRC developed IEC materials which will be used for the celebration
- This year’s theme will be displayed and incorporated in speeches and different activities.

weeks – **deadline 8 November**

- IRC to deliver presentation on the guidance note in the next SWG meeting

- Participants to share updates on the celebration of 16 Days of Activism in the next SWG meeting

- IRC will also conduct a small event in Addis Ababa office with the objective of increasing the awareness of other sectors on SGBV

Updates from PAPDA

- Production of T-shirt and banners is in process for the celebration of 16 Days of Activism in Bokolmayo
- As part of the celebration different activities will be conducted

Updates from DICAC:

- The 16 Days of Activism will be celebrated with ARRA, JRS, UNHCR and other urban partners
- Different activities such as poem, drama and other activities will be included in the event.
- It was recommended to coordinate with JRS Child Protection Center (CPC) as the center is fully functional.

Updates from JRC : official launching of JRS Child Protection Center:

- Official launching of JRC CP center for urban refugees will be held on 02 November 2017 in the CPC located at Lancha-Kirkos.
- JRS would like to invite different partner agencies working in the refugee protection
- JRS would like to have participants from broader audience and advised to coordinate with Henok for contact details.
- UNHCR recommends the invitation to be sent out as soon as possible to ensure the invitees will have adequate time to plan attendance.

Discussion:

UNICEF: Is the CPC only for refugees or it provides service for host community? JRS explained that CPC is only for refugees children.

Updates from DRC:

- 272 children registered in Okogo
- DRC facilitated a workshop on PSEA and establishment of community based compliant mechanisms
- DRC conducted a Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming and ISAC Guidelines

Updated from UNICEF:

- JRS to coordinate with UNHCR (Henok), for the contact of partners for the launching invitation.

	<p>Partnership agreement with PI and IMC: UNICEF is on the process of concluding partnership agreements with PI and IMC in Gambella and Gureshembola. The main focus of the project is Integrating Child Protection in other sectors particularly with nutrition and working with the refugee and host community.</p> <p>Supporting access to justice: UNICEF is having discussion with NRC in the view of supporting access to justice for women and children across three regions.</p> <p>One stop center in Gambella: One stop center was opened in Gambella for SGBV survivors and refugees have access to the center. There was a launching workshop in Gambella and partners including UNHCR and ARRA participated in the workshop</p> <p>Psychologist mission to Gambella: UNICEF's Psychologist consultant is in Gambella for three months mission. The main focus of the consultant is to provide TOT on psychosocial support with the focus of PFA for CP actors working in refugee and host communities.</p> <p>Dignity Kits: UNICEF is supporting dignity kits for refugees in Gambella and Benishangumuz and received Dignity kits distribution list from IRC. UNHCR recommends coordination with Benon, UNHCR SGBV Officer in Gambella</p> <p>UNHCR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launching of Vital Events Registration for refugees will be held in ARRA office on 27th October - All the field office will have simultaneous events of the launching - ARRA held sensitization with the refugee community on Vital Event Registration - UNHCR and ARRA developed Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in order to address refugees questions related to Vital Event Registration. - ARRA will undertake the registration of Vital Events for refugees in Addis and all refugee camps on behalf of VERA. 	
<p>5.) AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short presentation of Vital Event Registration will be delivered in the next SWG meeting - UNHCR requested participants of PSEA workshop to share their comments to the draft PSEA SOP, which was shared by UNHCR. - The next SWG meeting will be held on 29 November 2017 @ 10:00 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ARRA/UNHCR to prepare presentation on Vital Event Registration for refugees for the next SWG meeting. - Participants of PSEA Workshop to share their comments to UNHCR(Rana)

