

MINUTES OF MEETING FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT FOR REFUGEE AND HOST COMMUNITY POPULATION

Date: Tuesday, 11 September 2018

Time: 9:00 am

Venue: CRRF Secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister

Chairs: John Paul Magezi (OPM) and Ranya Sherif (UNHCR); UNDP was excused.

Agenda:

1. Introductions and Remarks from the Co-Chairs (OPM/UNHCR/UNDP) (5 Min)
2. Host Presentation - OPM/CRRF Secretariat (15 Min)
3. Review of Last Minutes and Actions – (10 min)
4. MWE Sector Response Plan TOR (*Note: was referred to October meeting*).
5. Refugee Response Plan 2019/20 – Final Sector Objectives, Activity, Indicators, Targets, Baselines – (15 mins)
6. Presentations of Concept Notes (5 minutes each)
 - a. Powah Hub – Nakivale
 - b. WFP
 - c. Raising Gabdho Foundation
7. AOB (10 min)
8. October Meeting Planning

Theme: Coordination

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| 1 | Introductions and Remarks from the Co-Chairs (OPM/UNHCR) | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting commenced at 9:30am with welcome remarks from John Paul Magezi (OPM) and Ranya Sherif (UNHCR). UNDP sent apologies. • OPM informed that due to WorkGrEEEn’s effort the refugee response is on the agenda for the upcoming Water & Environment Joint Sector Review (JSR) (18-20 Sept). OPM is conducting regional sector review meetings; currently in Arua. OPM, praising efforts to ensure effective coordination, requested partners to further align their interventions with District Development Plans. UNHCR added that in line with ongoing efforts to further strengthen coordination, the WorkGrEEEn aims to better understand existing planning processes, work towards common goals and establish best practices. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners to further align their interventions with District Development Plans. • MWE to present update on Water & Environment Sector Response Plan for Refugees and Host Communities in the October meeting. |
| 2 | Host Presentation: Update on the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF Secretariat, OPM) | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRRF Secretariat/OPM provided an update on the implementation of the CRRF in Uganda. • Key points included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Momentum continues to ease pressure on refugee-hosting districts and to benefit refugees and host communities. There have been Government led advancements in the following key sectors as identified as emerging challenges in Uganda’s CRRF Road Map: Education, Health, Water & Environment. Similar efforts have been initiated with regard to jobs & livelihoods and energy. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEMD to share concept note for energy response plan with WorkGrEEEn for input. MEMD to invite WorkGrEEEn co-chairs to attend Energy SWG. • Enhanced coordination between MWE & MEMD in view of interlinkages of response plans. MWE, MEMD, CRRF Sec/OPM and WorkGrEEEn co-chairs to meet. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Education Response Plan for Refugees and Host Communities (to be launched on 14 Sept) is the first of its kind worldwide and a critical milestone confirming Uganda’s pioneering approach and lead role in shaping the way the international community is responding to large-scale movements of refugees and protracted situations. ○ The ERP and similar plans currently being developed in other sectors enable us to clearly articulate where the gaps are and where additional support is needed to meet the needs of refugees and host communities grounded in the humanitarian-development nexus. The Government is already investing in the plans. Additional resources are needed. <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MEMD stressed that the Ministry’s top management is discussing the development of an energy response plan, with a view to present a concept note to the Energy SWG at the end of Sept. Upcoming JSR will include a component on refugees (End of Oct). ● Participants underlined that while the energy sector should have a stand-alone response plan, incl. due to the different goals, it is crucial to ensure that the interlinkages with the Water & Environment response plan are being considered/reflected. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MEMD to share list of energy focal points in districts. |
| <p>3 Review of Last Minutes and Actions (Co-chairs)</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes were adopted. | <p><i>Outstanding actions from August meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WFP to disseminate study results on Energy access from CREEC/FAO <i>WFP informed that the study is being finalized and will be circulated shortly.</i> ● Given the number of studies, mechanisms for how to disseminate reports need to be defined. All partners to upload studies/assessments to Uganda’s Comprehensive Refugee Response Needs Assessment Registry. ● Need for a follow up meeting between MWE/MEMD and OPM to coordinate on response plans (see also under 1) |
| <p>4 Refugee Response Plan 2019/20 – Sector Objectives, Activity, Indicators, Targets, Baselines (UNHCR)</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UNHCR provided an update on the inter-agency RRP, emphasizing the consultative process and active contributions from OPM, MWE, MEMD, all WorkGrEEen members in the development of the environment and energy component. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UNHCR to share presentation as well as needs assessment, strategy etc. ● All partners are requested to submit their budgets per sector. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WorkGrEEn completed the submission of the needs assessment, strategy, objectives, environment, energy, resilience-based indicators, baselines and targets; will be circulated to all partners to submit their budgets per sector. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Objective 1: Environment and natural resources protected and restored and green livelihoods promoted using a catchment-based approach. ○ Objective 2: Access to sufficient and sustainable basic energy services for lighting, power and cooking increased and climate change driver mitigated with reduced reliance on wood and fossil fuels ○ Objective 3: Institutional Strengthening ○ Cross-cutting objectives and indicators – environmental indicators are included in other sector indicators | |
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| 5 | Presentations of Concept Notes | |
| | <p>1. <u>Powah Hub Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started in Bidi Bidi; the power hub is a solar run container with access to internet, computer tools and solar energy products (for sale and rent) such as lights, phone chargers and clean cook stoves. • <i>During the discussion</i>, participants pointed out that coordination with other organizations doing similar projects is key. E.g. GIZ operates energy kiosks in two settlements; products comply with global standards. • In particular, the following was raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need for transparency and standardization in terms of approaches being used (incl. quality of products, need to move away from free hand-outs, but encouraging access to affordable quality products); ○ Need to have an understanding of what development plans are in terms of energy access for settlements. <p>2. <u>WFP Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFP is shifting from direct assistance towards long term activities including livelihoods. 3 major programme objectives: mitigation of deforestation and environmental degradation; offer alternative livelihoods; and reduce protection risk for refugees imposed by using traditional fuels; in 3 activity areas: West Nile, South West and Karamoja. • <i>During the discussion</i>, the issue of providing free hand-outs came up again; the importance to build on lessons learned from similar programmes was highlighted. MEMD informed the WorkGrEEn that a wind-resource study is being conducted. <p>3. <u>Raising Gabdho Foundation Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising Gabdho Foundation engages communities in energy interventions (in Zone 1 in Bidi Bidi). • <i>During the discussion</i>, MEMD informed the WorkGrEEn that the ministry is developing standards for briquettes and charcoal. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect Powah Hub with other organizations rolling out similar programmes (UNHCR). • MEMD to review which standards are available and share with WorkGrEEn. • Establish task team to develop 2-pager on market-based approach for energy products (incl. quality of products); to be presented at the next CRRF Steering Group meeting (17 Oct). • WFP to engage with WorkGrEEn members to provide feedback/support regarding the technical aspects. • Raising Gabdho to present concept to livelihood WG and WorkGrEEn to invite livelihood WG to present CBI. • MEMD to share final draft standards for briquettes and charcoal. |

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| <p>4. i4SD – Energy and ICT in Nakivale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details provided for information, no presentation took place • Will be coming to Uganda in October | |
| <p>6</p> | <p>AOB and October meeting planning</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MWE to host – October 11th @ 9am-12noon in Luzira (usual second Tuesday is a holiday so postponed to the Thursday) • MWE to provide update on ToRs; • Concept presentation (ACTED, ICRAF) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR to circulate 5W worksheet’ WorkGrEEen members to provide feedback. • Members to confirm availability to host November/December meeting. |

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