



MINUTES: National Refugee Protection Working Group Meeting on 30 August 2018

1. The Uganda National Refugee Protection Working Group (NRPWG) held its third meeting on **30 August 2018** at the UNHCR Branch Office - Kampala. The meeting was chaired by Ms Margaret Atieno, UNHCR Ass. Representative (Protection) in the absence of the usual chair, Mr. Douglas Assimwe who sent his apologies.
2. The agenda of the meeting focused on:
 - I. Introductions
 - II. Review/adoption of minutes
 - III. 2019 - 2020 RRP
 - IV. CRRF Update
 - V. Presentation by CBI working group
 - VI. A.O.B

Summary of key issues discussed and recommendations

Discussion point II: Review/adoption of the second NRPWG's minutes and matters arising.

3. The group reviewed the minutes from the second NRPWG meeting. NRC corrected the fact that the research they conducted was on access to Refugee Status Determination and housing, land and property in the urban and not RSD and HIV as communicated in the previous minutes.
4. **Urban Refugee Response Dialogue:** UNHCR has taken up the request for a Dialogue on the Urban Refugee Response and is currently working on the concept note and dates for the event.
5. **Joint Inter-agency assessment on SGBV:** The consultancy firm has completed the country wide assessment and finalising the report whose first draft is expected to be out on 12th September 2018 and the first validation workshop later in the month.
6. **Meeting Schedules:** The participants agreed to have the NRPWG meeting every last Thursday of the month therefore the next meeting has been scheduled for 27th September 2018 at OPM offices on Sir Apollo Kaggwa Road.
7. Advocacy Strategy for the NRPWG is still outstanding, UNHCR will lead on this.

Discussion point III: 2019 – 2020 RRP

8. UNHCR gave a brief presentation on the planning and drafting process for the RRP for 2019-2020. The working group would be required to give a report at the end of every quarter to monitor the performance of the operation. A structure for the RRP was shared which included objectives, indicators, baselines and targets. An example of the sector objectives was presented along with how to fill in the template to give the group a picture of what the final

matrix should look like. The team was also informed that for the first time the RRP would be monitored for two years.

9. The sector will be required to provide a concise narrative per objective with a maximum of 250 words. A deadline for submission of sector objectives was set for 4th September 2018 so as to be able to submit a complete report to the Regional Office by the end of September.
10. The sectors were advised to select a maximum of 5 objectives and 3 indicators. The priority protection activities and lead agencies were identified as follows:
 1. Admission, access to territory, registration and RSD: **OPM, UNHCR.**
 2. Physical safety, civilian character of refugee settlements and access to justice for persons of concern; **UNDP, OPM, UNHCR.**
 3. Prevention, mitigation and response to SGBV including SEA; **UNFPA, UNHCR , SGBV working group**
 4. Child protection strengthened through measures to prevent risks, monitoring, better case management and enhanced foster care arrangements; **UNHCR, UNICEF, CP working group**
 5. Promote coexistence and strengthened resilience through appropriate approaches and strategies, reconciliation and integration measures; **an Interagency NGO task team (Yoko to follow up)**
 6. Improve accountability to persons of concern through effective and efficient complaints and feedback mechanisms; **AAP (to include PSN diversity). UNHCR to lead.**

Discussion point IV: CRRF UPDATE

11. The CRRF team also made a brief presentation on their progress in relation to the planning and intersection with the NRPWG. The CRRF secretariat has prioritized education, health and livelihoods and the development of response strategies in these three areas were progressing well and most of the multiyear plans and partners were already being tracked. The team also informed the participants on the objective for resources mobilization and emphasized that all sector plans or activities have to be tailored to feature a CRRF element.
12. NRPWG should champion the asylum spaces in Uganda so that the country does not draw back on its progressive policies like some other countries have. The team informed the participants that the RRP must align with the Government response plans. The Education Response Plan soon to be launched by the Ministry of Education is a good example for other ministries that may also develop RRP strategies.
 - *Action: UNHCR to share the draft objectives and log frame for further consultation and review within the sub-working groups/task teams*

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