

MINUTES – National Protection Working Group (NRPWG) Meeting

Date	31st January 2019	Venue	UNHCR
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks by OPM • Protection update by UNHCR (including action points from 2018) • Presentation on the CRRF Road map (2018-2020) • Presentation on UNHCR 2018 Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) Policy • Discussion on Advocacy Strategy • All Sub WGs and Task Teams to provide strategic updates • AOB 		
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIJRA, UNDP, UNHCR, CRRF, OPM, UNICEF, UNFPA, CARE International, DRC, FCA, IRC, LWF, OXFAM, UN WOMEN, ARC, CAFOMI, ECHO, SCI, WFP, REACH, Inter Aid, CRS, TTR, NETHERLANDS EMBASSY, DFID. 		
Chairing	Douglas Asiimwe (OPM) and Margaret Atieno (UNHCR)		
Note Taker	Duncan Mato (UNHCR)		
	Summary	Recommendations/Action points	Responsible
Douglas Asiimwe (OPM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPM commended the efforts of UNHCR and partners in the Uganda operation. • The Uganda operation has been normal with no significant changes. DRC arrivals are roughly at about 100 per day and South Sudan about 50 per day. • The Kampala individual asylum processes are also without any significant increases. 		
	Protection Update (including action points from 2018)		
	Review of NRPWG Action Points in 2018		
Margaret Atieno (UNHCR)	<p>The majority of the actions from last year are still ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main achievement has been the establishment and structure of the Working Group. • Need for advocacy strategy. (UNHCR to take the lead in its development) • The review of the existing asylum processes, procedures and capacity of government to respond to growing needs and continuous arrivals is ongoing. • CARE to take up issue on environment and make a presentation for the next NRPWG meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Advocacy strategy – pending -Capacity assessment ongoing -Presentation on climate change -UNHCR to follow up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Protection Advisory Group -OPM and UNHCR -CARE -PSEA Task Force

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on PSEA by UN PSEA task force led by Resident coordinator to give presentation on Plan of Action • Study on MHPSS (mental health and psychosocial support) based on the presentation by TPO made at NRPWG meeting a presentation on (MHPSS) • Presentation on Multi-sectoral Gender Assessment of the SSD Refugee Crisis in Uganda. • 5Ws (Activity info Tool) • Review of the Multi-Year Multi-Partner Protection and Solutions strategy (MYMPSS) is still pending. • Update Events Calendar 	<p>-Members to coordinate on the way forward on MHPSS</p> <p>- Findings to be shared with the Inter Agency Group</p> <p>-Development of 5W's (Activity info tool)</p> <p>-Review of the MYMPSS</p> <p>-Continuous monthly update of events calendar</p>	<p>-All</p> <p>-UN Women</p> <p>-Bo (UNHCR) to lead with all the sector leads</p> <p>-All</p> <p>-All</p>
Presentation (protection updates)		
<p>• There are 1,190,922 refugees and asylum seekers as of 31st December 2018. The information collected from the verification exercise is still being updated.</p> <p><u>Key issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a 32% decrease in funding for the year 2019 which will effect the case follow up and programs targeting youth. • A lot of preparatory work has been done on the ProGres v4 Case management module. Sector leads have been working on the roll out of these modules. • Capacity issues in food distribution: The lack of capacity of WFP partners in general food assistance has to do with new food procedures. Food is biometrically distributed, there are errors in data entry, all individuals have to undergo litigation and potential protection concerns among other complexities stretch the capacity of staff. The capacity to deal with situation on ground is very important. Additionally, refugees move long distances for food (resource issue). In Yumbe, this situation resulted in demonstrations and staff had to be evacuated. • Regarding increasing trends of suicide, various activities are ongoing. However, the quality of the response is lacking. TPO to come up with bench mark on different stages of psychosocial support to identify gaps and find solutions. 	<p>- OPM and Government to resolve the security issue.</p> <p>- Develop a bench mark on the different stages of psychosocial support to identify gaps solutions</p>	<p>-OPM</p> <p>-TPO</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was highlighted by members that Protection delivery is largely dependent on how much funding donors are willing to contribute. As such, there is a need to maximize usage of existing funds by coming up with effective and efficient methods of service delivery. • Challenges with the OPM RSD process persist. In particular, there is still a backlog of 25,269 Asylum Seekers waiting refugee status determination. • Increased funding required to address the technical issues with ProGresV4 • Members raised concerns on whether there are considerations to revise guidelines on food distribution. It was highlighted by UNHCR that the process of the review of SOPs on food management is ongoing. Focal persons will share SOPs widely upon completion of review. • Streamline approaches by all sectors vis-à-vis communities strengthening community approaches and key methodologies – there is need for increased systematization • Gender analysis needs to be pushed to accommodate more young males as population is very idle and highly at risk. There is need to work on social dimensions • Need for coordinated approaches at the inter Agency level equipping first responders with the capacity needed to mainstream protection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Registration challenges to be addressed -Share SOPs on food management -Gender analyses should accommodate male youth -Build capacity of first responders to mainstream protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -OPM and UNHCR
CRRF road map (2018-2020)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CRRF Road Map is being revised and input is sought. One key expected result of CRRF this year is to mainstream protection in Government development planning. Following the launch of two comprehensive sector plans in education and health, in 2019, the Government intends to launch two more comprehensive plans (i) water and environment and (ii) jobs and livelihoods. All of these plans are comprehensive because they for the first time include refugees in Uganda’s national service delivery frameworks. • The Key Questions directed to the Working Group are, what protection measures/ considerations should be reflected in the CRRF roadmap and why? 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NRPWG was requested to help produce protection considerations for the following plans: (Natural resource Management plan – May 2019 – and Livelihoods March 2019) The OPM CRRF Secretariat requested that a task team be formed to assist in the review of the roadmap and offered to share a revised draft with the task team. Issues include: status for refugees who have been long term residents. The statement was drafted with the spirit of naturalization in mind. OPM highlighted that partners should try one case to see if there have been developments made in terms of naturalization The Global Compact on Refugees incorporates a 4th solution known as “other solutions” which entails local integration shy of citizenship. 	<p>-Protection Advisory Group created. A revised draft to be shared with the Group by 4th Feb 2019.</p>	<p>Zainab Jafri UNHCR</p>
UNHCR March 2018 Policy on Age, Gender and Diversity			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uganda is one of the five countries selected for the roll out of the AGD policy. An AGD deep dive mission was received in November 2018. The purpose of the mission was to ensure that programming captures needs and capacities of the refugee community. The three pillars of the policy are AGD inclusiveness, Accountability to affect people (AAP) and Gender equality Field teams have been tasked to develop action plans to address gaps in the policy. Feedback on the Action Plans from the field are being received and these will be integrated into National Action Plans which will be shared with the group. 	<p>-Action plans to be shared with the group</p>	<p>-Yoko (SPO-CBP)</p>
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CERF funding – life saving criteria with categories of protection. The CERF funding is for an implementation period for 9 months and it is seed funding. It is meant to trigger additional funding. After consultation with NRPWG the key priority areas identified for CERF are Registration, Child Protection, SGBV RESPONSE, Physical and Community based Protection (psychosocial support, FRRM) The Resident Coordinator has advocated for inclusion of livelihood. 	<p>-UN agencies to meet after the meeting to finalize priorities and allocations</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposals for CERF funding are due on 25th February 2018. 		
	Advocacy Strategy		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the strategy is to reinforce and streamline advocacy approaches, techniques and protection messages to targeted audiences. It will be drafted in collaboration with protection actors and based on the Uganda MYMPSS 2016-2020 • Integrated Sector Response plans to be linked with the advocacy strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education, Health Response Plan - Health Sector Integrated Refugee Response Plan (2019-2024) - CRRF Response Plan • The Protection Advisory Group was established and will undertake the development of the Advocacy strategy and review of the CRRF roadmap. • Protection Advisory Group members; CARE, UN WOMEN, DRC, Save the Children, IRC, UNFPA, UNICEF, OPM, UNHCR, UNDP. 		

NEXT MEETING 28TH FEBRUARY 2019