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| **PSN sub working group meeting Minutes** | | | | | |
| **Date** | **1 July 2020** | | **Venue** | Online | |
| **Agenda** | 1. Review of action points from previous meeting 2. Update on RRP revision process 3. Updates from members 4. AOB | | | | |
| **Attendance** | UNHCR, HI, AAR Japan, LWF, IRC, Help Age International, Finn Chucrh Aid, Alight | | | | |
| **Facilitator** | Gemma Woods (UNHCR) | | | | |
| **Discussion points** | | **Recommendations/Action points** | | | **Responsible** |
| 1. **Review of action points from previous meting** 2. Share final accessible messages on COVID 19 for PSNs with PSN SWG members – completed; final SOPs will be shared with meeting minutes, the final version has been approved by the MGLSD 3. Share request to PSN SWG members to input into review of Policy on Persons with Disabilities – pending; an inception meeting was held and regional meetings will be held toward the end of July. MGLSD will extend an invitation for the participation of PSN SWG members. 4. **Update on RRP revision process**   PSN SWG has submitted the narrative, indicators, baseline and targets for the revision of the RRP into 2021.  The next deadline for partners will be to submit detailed budgets and targets for each agency’s specific planned contribution under the RRP – a request will come centrally from the RRP review team in Kampala to each organization. The deadline for submission of detailed budgets and targets is 16 July 2020.   1. **Updates from partners**   **HI:** as part of the ECHO consortia, is providing services for persons with disabilities in Kyaka, Kyangwali and Nakivale, including inclusive education and MHPSS services for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities.  HI have completed their study on the impact of COVID 19 on persons with disabilities, covering more than 90 respondents. HI will finalise the study and circulate to members.  **Help Age International:** HAI is planning an impact assessment on the impact of COVID 19 on older persons in Adjumani, covering 220 respondents.  HAI has also undertaken distributions of soap and PPE to older persons in refugee settlements in Adjumani.  **UNHCR:** UNHCR is preparing guidance on the distribution of multipurpose cash assistance to persons with specific needs in refugee settlements as part of the COVID 19 response, in an effort to harmonise approaches regarding targeting methodologies, methods of payment, etc.  As a related issue, discussions have arisen on the current minimum expenditure basket (MEB) which is used as a baseline by cash actors providing cash assistance to refugee communities, and how the MEB calculation may not capture the often higher costs of living experienced by persons with disabilities and their households. There may be a need for PSN SWG members to consolidate any learning and evidence around this issue before approaching the Cash technical working group co-leads for a discussion on how to better reflect the reality of PWDs when cash assistance is provided in the refugee context.  HI have previously conducted research into the higher expenditure of persons with disabilities and their households with ACTED/REACH – the research that was conducted could be shared with members.  LWF has been providing multipurpose cash assistance to PSNs for some time, and could share learning and challenges around the approach in the refugee context.  HAI suggested to consult with the Expanding Social Protection team to gather lessons that have been learned around SAGE and the Senior Citizens Grant.   1. **AOB**   Frequency and timing of meetings: it was decided to maintain the meeting every two weeks, at 2pm on a Wednesday.  The Ministry of Education has started a new coordination meeting around inclusive education. It was agreed that the Commissioner and deputy from the Ministry leading these meetings can be invited to attend the PSN SWG.  **Next meeting: Wednesday 15 July, 2pm (online)**  Link to shared Google drive for PSN SWG with minutes of meetings and key documents: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1qh4gpf2cHNFrRCvOCyXaQpgV2GByOl_6> | | Share request to PSN SWG members to input into review of Policy on Persons with Disabilities  HI to present findings from study to PSN SWG members  HI to share learning around costs of living for PWDs  LWF to share lessons learnt and challenges from multipurpose cash provision to PSNs  PSN SWG to consult with ESP team | | | Emily / Ministry of Gender  Ryan / HI  Ryan / HI  Geremew / LWF  Gemma / UNHCR |