

AAP Task Team – Minutes of Meeting on 1/2/2021

Participants: Alight, CRS, DRC, GTS, HI, IRC, Israid, SCI, U-Learn, UNFPA, UNICEF, YSAT

Main Points of Discussion	Action Points
<p>1. Review of previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Point: Sarah (UNHCR Interagency Coordination Team) to investigate suitable timeslots for the AAP Task Team meetings to prevent clash with other WG meetings – Done. For now Mondays are maintained for the Task Team meetings. • Update since previous meeting: Proposed AAP training course co-presented by U-Learn and UNHCR at previous meeting is currently under discussion with UNHCR Senior Management. <p>Minutes endorsed</p>	<p>Yoko to book the slot for the AAP Task Team in the calendar for the working group meetings.</p>
<p>2. Update on Findings from Inter-agency Rumor Tracking (Ground Truth Solutions)</p> <p>Key findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 191 rumours captured • Demographics: Most common nationality group was Ugandan (first time), followed by South Sudanese and Congolese. Majority of rumours captured came from Nakivale, Palabek and Kyangwali. Most rumours reported by 18-29 and 30-39 age groups. Increasingly more rumours captured from men compared to women. • Overview: Downplaying was highest at 57%, followed by origins (16%), cure (7%), prevention (7%), inevitability (6%), transmission (3%), symptoms (2%), partner / government responses (2%, decreased since last time). • Downplaying (57%): e.g. COVID-19 is played up by the government, COVID-19 is not real or dangerous, only some groups are affected, immunity, only exists in some areas. Recommendations: continuous community sensitization on seriousness of the virus; sensitization on how the virus can affect all nationalities; ages, economic groups; humanitarian actors to take measures seriously; provide refugee leaders with pictorial and video footage of patients with virus; provide up to date figures. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origins (16%): Bioweapon theories, manufactured for profit, religious origins (punishment from God). Recommendations: sensitization on the origins of the virus; engage with religious leaders to sensitize communities on the origins. • Cure (7%): Rumours on drugs that can cure the virus, alcohol consumption (lot less than before). Recommendation: sensitization on the vaccine as the only proven cure to date. • Next steps: Bulletin will be created, and key messages will be drafted based on the bulletin. Members are invited to provide input and feedback. • Not many rumours on the vaccine yet. Agreement to address rumours about the vaccines. 	
<p>3. TOR of the AAP Task Team and discussions on priority areas for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Took stock of the main key functions of the TOR of the AAP Task Team, for discussion on expectations and key priorities for 2021. • Next steps: Online survey will be shared to collect feedback on priorities. Invitation for partners to co-chair for the first three months 	<p>Co-chair to send out the online survey to members to gather feedback on priorities. Members to provide input.</p> <p>Partners willing to be co-chair for first 3 months to contact UNHCR (iwasa@unhcr.org), UNHCR will send email on this.</p>
<p>4. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting on Monday, 15 February 2021. 	

Endorsed meeting minutes, inter-agency rumour tracking bulletin and other key documents from the CwC Task Team can be accessed on the Uganda refugee response portal at: <https://ugandarefugees.org/en/working-group/253?sv=0&geo=220>