

COVID-19 CWC Task Team – Minutes of Meeting on 12/4/2021

Participants: Alight, CRS, DCA, GTS, HI, IRC, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, YSAT

Main Points of Discussion	Action Points
<p>1. Review of previous minutes</p> <p>Action points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners that would like more information on the FRRM outbound services or are interested to use the services to contact Harrison, FRRM Coordinator (laniganc@unhcr.org). • Co-chairs to share the latest draft workplan, members to provide any further input to co-chairs on activities that they would like to lead / contribute. (Done) • Members to provide updates / inputs to AAP Task Team contact list, once circulated by co-chairs. (ongoing) <p>Minutes endorsed</p>	
<p>2. Presentation on key findings from Ground Truth Solutions survey on Refugee leader insights into the Covid-19 response (please refer to report for further details)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodology: Survey with community leaders in 2020, with focus on COVID-19 related issues, targeting 10 most populous refugee settlements. Data collection through telephone surveys in four rounds, with 100 interviewees (50 / 50 gender split) per round. 3rd round in September and 4th round in November. The presentation gives an overview of key findings, feedback and recommendations from community leaders. • Key findings: Majority of community members have sufficient information related to COVID-19 and preventive measures, but there are difficulties adhering to preventive measures. People’s ability to meet basic needs is deteriorating. Social relations within families, communities and host community is worsening. <p>Key issues and community leaders’ recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced adherence to COVID-19 preventive measures: Distribute more and better quality facemasks; provide more handwashing facilities, soap and jerry cans; continuous community sensitization campaigns 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in GBV incidents due to economic strains: Increase humanitarian assistance; invest in livelihood programmes; enhance vocational training for women; enhance punishment for perpetrators; follow-up on perpetrators re-introduced to communities • Children disproportionately affected during pandemic: support children and parents through provision of learning packages, teacher guidance and supervision of learning programmes, equipment (TV, radios) to enhance access; vocational training for older children, enhancement of parenting skills to support parents, mobilizing children for classes • Increased tensions with host communities as a result of the heavier economic burden: facilitating training on conflict resolution for leaders; enforce laws for safety; extend the benefit of aid programmes to both refugee and host communities; provision of alternative fuel to refugees to reduce competition over firewood; provision of additional land for cultivation • Other recommendations from leaders: Improved consultations by aid agencies with community leaders over planned activities; offer regular training sessions for local leaders on COVID-19 prevention measures; utilize leaders for COVID-19 community sensitization drives; provide support to leaders through airtime and transportation facilitation <p>Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion was raised to draw recommendations capturing community involvement, participation, and capabilities and to continue the discussions on this. • Share inputs and suggestions from OPM, district and other government agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GTS to re-circulate report on the survey to Task Team members through co-chairs
<p>3. Finalization of AAP Task Team Workplan for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplan was updated with additional inputs on partners willing to take lead in certain activities. Draft inputs in the column “Description and Expected outcomes” of activities were inserted by co-chairs as a basis for discussion in this meeting. • Suggestion for organizations taking lead in different activities to have meeting amongst themselves and agree on mechanism / approach to jointly undertake the activities with an agreed timeline, and update the timelines in the workplan accordingly, and update the Task Team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizations taking lead in activities in the workplan to meet amongst themselves how to proceed and update the Task

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to include explicit reference to awareness-raising on the FRRM helpline in the workplan. It was noted that awareness of the helpline by refugees in the West Nile region is low at 8%, and considering the helpline’s nature as a common inter-agency tool, it would be beneficial for the AAP Task Team to explore options on how best to improve /strengthen community awareness on this tool. It was agreed that Co-chairs will suggest some draft language in the workplan and share the final draft with Task Team members for any final input. 	<p>Team. Timelines in workplan to be updated accordingly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chairs to share final draft workplan with Task Team members by email for any final comments.
<p>4. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to create a google drive to enable easy access to shared documents • Next meeting on Monday, 26 April 2021 at 11:30-12:30. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chairs to create a google drive for easy access to shared key documents

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>