

National Inter-Sector WG

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| Date: | 19 August 2016 | |
| Participants: | SMS (UNHCR, NRC) WASH (UNHCR, IRC), CASH (CRS), Protection (UNHCR), Child Protection (Save the Children), Shelter & NFIs (UNHCR), Health & Nutrition (UNHCR), Education (UNHCR, UNICEF), Liaison Officer from MoMP, DFID, ECHO | |
| Chair: | Kate Washington (washingk@unhcr.org), Inter-Sector Working Group Coordinator (UNHCR) | |
| Agenda | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of action points from previous meeting 2. Sector Updates/Challenges 3. Update on Referrals Meeting 4. Donor Update 5. Contingency Planning Presentation 6. Reminder Survey Update 7. Winterization Planning Meeting 8. <i>To Basic Assistance or not to Basic Assistance!</i> 9. High Commissioner's Visit 10. Activity Info and Pre-registration 11. AOB | |
| Agenda Item | Discussions | Action points |
| Follow up on pending actions points | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ISWG ToR to be recirculated and reviewed and if deemed necessary amend it and add missing points (e.g. creation of smaller task force groups that can support sectors). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Done. The ToRs has been circulated. So far no inputs have been received. Final timeline for revision Friday 26th. 2. IACU to share the meeting minutes with the working group at an earlier stage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending. IACU will be sharing the meeting minutes within 2 working days from the meeting (generally Mondays). 3. Recommendations for the Food Cell Assessment and wide dissemination of the report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending. The CWG is waiting for comments before doing the final editing and sharing it more widely. Internal deadline for the report to come out is by the end of the month. 4. CBI to draft a one pager note highlighting major risks and proposed mitigation measures in the roll-out of cash based programs. | <p>Sector Coordinators to review ISWG ToR and submit final comments and inputs for revision by Friday 26th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cash, PRT, CP, SMS and Food to work on a two pager document highlighting major |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending. SMS coordinator is reaching out to other sectors (e.g. Cash, Protection and Child Protection) and some scenarios will be developed in a 1-2 page document that will focus on potential impact/risks of cash. <p>5. Protection WG to share a document with the categories of people who are eligible to legally move from the islands to the mainland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending. The CP WG is asking to attach numbers for the different categories to this document. <p>6. Creation of a “Referral Task Force” and a thematic meeting for referrals with SMS, Protection and Health sector and if possible, include counterparts from the field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Done. A task force was created and a brainstorming workshop took place with the participation of colleagues from the islands. Follow up meeting is scheduled end of August. <p>7. IACU to share contingency plan with national and field level working groups and Inter-Agency Coordination Officer to do a short presentation during the next ISWG on the EPP and highlight the outstanding gaps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Done. The IA coordination officer did a presentation on it. | <p>risks and mitigation measures for the roll-out of cash.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PRT to share the document inclusive of CP eligible categories by Friday, 27th. |
| <p>Sector Updates and Challenges</p> | <p><u>SMS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Main issue is the division of roles and responsibilities between the MoMP and MoD in some of the sites; ● The Government has started doing site profiles; ● There is no increase in security incidents; ● In various sites there are currently good examples of community mobilization and community engagement; ● There is a need to share WSR with SMS agencies and clarify if it will be published on a regular basis and specifically when; ● There are some rumours about a site being prepared on the mainland-more specifically in Thiva with a 1000 people capacity; ● ECHO: positive and negative reports about community watchers. <p><u>Shelter & NFI</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A meeting with the authorities took place in Diavata and the government is expecting IRC to install government-approved containers. However, IRC has already signed a tender contract for WASH works. IRC was told to stop the works and discuss with ECHO how to redirect funding and procure all the containers approved by | <p>➤ <i>SMS to map out the CWG in the different sites.</i></p> |

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| | <p>the authorities, which are larger than those designed by the Shelter WG;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A winterization planning meeting was organized for Monday, August 22nd to discuss this issue and there is a need to involve other working groups as well (e.g. WASH, Cash). The objective of this is to come up with a strategy to encourage the government to consider other option as well. <p><u>Connectivity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first meeting was held last week in Thessaloniki and the minutes will be sent out shortly; • There is a need for a list of the permanent sites to plan interventions, • Problem with SMS for appointments: refugees continue to call back the number they have received the message from. There is a hotline in the GAS Office. | <p>➤ <i>UNHCR IM Unit to provide figures of people accommodated in different housing solutions (camps, rented accommodation, hotel, etc.)</i></p> |
| <p>Update on the Referrals Meeting</p> | <p>The first workshop meeting was held on Thursday, August 18th and the government is also working on the same issue.</p> <p>Future steps: To come up with a piece of work suggesting the process and mitigation measures.</p> | |
| <p>Donor Update</p> | <p><u>ECHO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main focus on winterization plans, there is a need to get clarity on which sites will be long term; • There is no deadline for the call for proposal, partners are always encouraged to send in proposals; • Education: they want to support any plan for funding transport services for children going to school. ECHO has approved a proposal for that and will target 9000 children; • Regarding urban response, ECHO is ready to fund urban projects that might be submitted and are well designed. There is no specific or limited focus on camps; • Support to authorities for WASH: ECHO is advocating at the highest level to get clarity on the longer-term sites. <p><u>DFID</u></p> | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 million bridging funds are running out at the end of August and another big amount of money will be made available in September; • On Thursday, August 18th DFID put out a call for proposals, which are mainly focused on protection (e.g. human slavery and anti-trafficking); • They are also setting up a rapid response contingency fund; • More support will be provided for rescue and search; • Cross cutting priorities: advocating for more cash and urban integration and protection services for women and girls. | |
| Contingency Planning Presentation | The IACU presented the finalized CP. To be noted the situation, particularly in terms of accommodation capacity and steady increase in number of new arrivals, suggests some of the threshold levels might been reached. It is noted the plan needs to be revised and follow-up actions to meet needs discussed. Referrals between the mainland and islands key point to support decongesting efforts. | ➤ IACU to provide indications on way forward for CP revision especially. |
| Basic Assistance WG | There is an ongoing discussion about splitting the Shelter & NFI and create two separate working groups. Also, there are thoughts about creating a “basic needs” WG with the cash and food sectors, but the decision has not been made yet. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sectors involved in the Basic Assistance WG to provide a brief update on the ongoing discussions and status. |
| Pre-Registration and ActivityInfo | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-registration: database was received from the Greek Asylum Service. The next phase includes cleaning, with people also registering through Skype. Timeframe for the completion of cleaning is currently not available. Moreover, there the approval of the Asylum Service is necessary, once the database is cleaned. UNHCR will be playing only a supporting role; • ActivityInfo was rolled out last Friday. The detailed SoP with the timeline for submission, extraction etc was circulated and relevant individual trainings have been conducted over the past 3 weeks. In August, partners will be reporting for July, but for the period covering January to July 2016, partners will be asked to report only on 2 indicators; • IM asked implementing partners to have a global email the Unit can communicate to. | |

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| High Commissioner's Visit | The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Filippo Grandi will come to Greece for a 2 day visit (23 rd -25 th of August) and will meet with the Government and on the second day of his visit with partners, international and national NGOs and UN Agencies. The Snr.Inter-Agency Coordinator sent out an invitation for this meeting. | ➤ <i>Sector Coordinators to send suggested advocacy points to the Snr.Inter-Agency Coordination Officer (washingk@unhcr.org).</i> |
| AoB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M&E from different agencies need to meet to share knowledge and methodologies (e.g. what can be shared and how they can support each other); • Request for UNHCR to formalize SMS role in 16 sites vis a vis a broader humanitarian community. There is a concern about who is going to be the provider of last resort; • In Chios, NGI WG has been looking at providing NFI package to PoCs departing for the mainland and there was a request for guidance and directions from the National Shelter & NFI WG; • Reports of contingency planning by MSF for 20,000 in Eidomeni. If there are any concrete rumours, they should be shared with the UNHCR Head of Technical Unit, David O'Meara; • There are also reports that in the North PoCs do not receive medications upon discharge from hospitals and pro-bono clinics in town (MdM, Praxis, Solidarity Now) and the medical stocks are being exhausted. ECHO funded NGOs are not in the position to provide medication for chronic diseases. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>CP and CASH coordinators to take the lead on it.</i> ➤ <i>Internal UNHCR discussion to clarify pending points of the UNHCR engagement and the provide information to the broader humanitarian community.</i> ➤ <i>Shelter & NFI coordinator to liaise with the WG on Chios.</i> |
| | <i>Next meeting on Friday, August 26th at 9 am at the UNHCR Office - 91 Michalakopoulou Street, 115 28 Athens.</i> | |