

## **MINUTES FOR THE INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2019 AT IOM BOARDROOM**

### **Agenda:**

1. Self-introduction and Opening remarks
2. Updates on Water and Environment Response Plan Development (MoWE)
3. Overview of shift in strategy: Humanitarian to Development (UNHCR)
4. Strategic priorities for 2020 (UNHCR).
5. Conclusion and Closure

**Chair:** David Njoroge – UNHCR

**Secretary:** Natasha Katusiime – IOM



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MINUTES	ACTIONS DURING THE MEETING.	Reactions & Action Points
Minute 1	<b>Self-introduction and Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Self-introductions were conducted by the representatives of the agencies present in the meeting by the name, title and their respective agencies.</li><li>▪ The members present in the meeting were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair from UNHCR.</li><li>▪ The chair also explained that the last WASH national coordination meeting was last held 3 months ago and this was because of very many competing priorities including the development of the Water and Environment Refugee Response Plan Development, Joint Sectoral review meeting.</li><li>▪ The Chair informed the meeting that No. 3 on the agenda would be discussed as members awaited for the representative from MoWE to give an update on the Water and Environment Refugee Response Plan Development.</li></ul>	

Minute 3	<p><b>Overview of shift in WASH strategy: Humanitarian to Development (UNHCR)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The WASH sector strategy is to move from Direct Provision of WASH services to Facilitating Access, key stakeholders in this regards are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Humanitarian Partners</li> <li>▪ Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)</li> <li>▪ Development Partners</li> <li>▪ Ministry of Water and Environment</li> <li>▪ District Local Governments</li> <li>▪ Utilities (NWSC &amp; UAs)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. He also hinted on the coordination structure for humanitarian response as being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Humanitarian WASH Working Group/Interagency</li> <li>▪ Water and Sanitation Development Partners Group</li> <li>▪ Ministry of Water and Environment Sector Working Group</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. He acknowledged that the humanitarian WASH Sub- working group is now formally integrated into the Ministry of Water and Environment Coordination structure.</li> <li>4. He further explained planning documents that are so far guiding the Shift from humanitarian to Development which includes; UNHCR's Country Operational Plan (COP), Refugee Response Plan (RRP), Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), National Development Plan III. He acknowledged that all these documents will feed into each other.</li> <li>5. He also updated the meeting about ongoing WASH Development projects targeting WASH intervention in refugee settlements and the host community. These major projects are funded by the following donors; World bank (IDA 18), French Development Agency, European Union Trust Fund, GIZ, KFW, JICA, ADA among others.</li> <li>6. However, he promised to give a breakdown of locations where these projects will be implemented and their respective budgets. He also acknowledged that there are more other donors that not included among the mentioned.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Reaction:</b> The members observed that some settlements like Kyaka and Kyangwali settlements continue to receive new arrivals which in turn exert pressure on the existing resources including the newly constructed motorized water systems that in the respective settlements.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> UNHCR to discuss with OPM about opening up a new place for receiving new arrivals.</p>

	<p>7. He provided updates on Operation and maintenance undertakings with application of utility approaches and CBMs as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NWSC and Umbrella Authorities already adopted in some settlements: NWSC fully in Kiryandongo settlement, Rwamwanja Settlement will be fully under NWSC with effect January 2020 as the responsible authorities are finalizing the MoUs for handover.</li> <li>▪ Formation of Water Boards to assist in transitioning from free water to paid water ongoing; Nyumanzi settlement is already under the Umbrella Authority while Kyaka, Kyangwali and Arua have adopted the Water boards to assist in transitioning process</li> <li>▪ UNICEF piloting District Wide Approach aimed at empowering DLGs to play an oversight role on O&amp;M</li> <li>▪ Finalizing with MoUs for handover of Rwamwanja Settlement;</li> </ul> <p>8. He highlighted the major bottlenecks that's hindering the shift in strategy which included; Resource Paradox where there is too much money coming into the WASH sector yet still struggling to meet the basic WASH needs, un harmonized positions of different stakeholders on Cash Based interventions Vs. Direct Budgetary Support, Differing perceptions on protection, Absence of experiences to benchmark processes such as the MoUs among others.</p> <p>9. He also informed the meeting that amidst the operational challenges, humanitarian and development partners can utilize the identified opportunities to make the shift in strategy a success. These opportunities include: Broader access to resources and technical capacity, additional layers of technical oversight which might improve "value for money" on WASH service delivery in the refugee settlements.</p> <p>10. However; he also pointed to some the foreseen risks that might be brought about by the shift in strategy such as; the possibility of refugees being 'left behind' in service delivery which explains the 'lots of water available but unable to access it.' As well as Emergency Response Vs Development Approach whereby service delivery in development</p>
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	<p>follows rigorous bureaucracy with major procurements hence affecting the Action work plans.</p>	
<b>Minute 2</b>	<b>Updates on Water and Environment Refugee Response Plan Development (MoWE)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The presenter informed the meeting that the Water and Environment Refugee Response Plan Development was developed under a rigorous process where 6 consultative meetings were held at field and national level and the draft plan was submitted at SWG and JSR meetings while the Steering Committee guided and oversaw the development of the plan.</li> <li>▪ He also acknowledged that the developed plan is in line with Sector development and Investment plans as well as current NDP II and the future NDP III and caters for refugees and host communities and also will guide the transition from Emergency to Development in line with sector standards and processes.</li> <li>▪ He also shared with the members the theory of change for the plan which is aiming at improved utilization of water and environment resources for peaceful co-existence of refugees and host communities through strengthened system for effective service delivery, improved equitable and sustainable access to water and sanitation services and restored, conserved and protected environment and natural resources for existing and degraded situations.</li> <li>▪ He further highlighted the costs per result area for 3 years (from 2019 to 2022). He briefly shared the committed funding (not exhaustive list); World bank (IDA 18), French Development Agency, European Union Trust Fund, GIZ, KFW.</li> <li>▪ He also pointed out that the coordination/implementation framework also includes; the Refugee Response Sub-group.</li> <li>▪ He also further clarified that the WESRRP doesn't replace the earlier Water supply and sanitation infrastructure Development Plan. The response plan covers the entire sector costing refugees and host communities' micro-catchment areas in the coming 3 years while the</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Point:</b> The Presenter (Henry Akena) to share the WERRP with the members of the inter-agency coordination platform.</p>

	infrastructure development plan is part of phase one of the implementation.	
<b>Minute 4</b>	<b>Strategic priorities for 2020 (UNHCR).</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The chair informed the meeting about the strategic priorities for 2020 which includes; O&amp;M and preparatory works on transition to utility Approach (Water Service Boards), Cash Based interventions for most WASH services, Sanitation, Solid waste management, Integrated Water Resources Management.</li> <li>▪ WASH Partners/Donors observed that overtime, Sanitation coverage still remains low in all settlements, partners called upon to prioritize sanitation interventions in the upcoming projects.</li> <li>▪ Partners need to deepening their understanding on collaborations and coordination of; humanitarian/development nexus-projects and studies.</li> <li>▪ Partners observed that there's need to improve the reporting of Humanitarian WASH intervention through the MoWE structures.</li> </ul>
<b>Minute 5</b>	<b>Conclusion and Closure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The closing remarks were given by the Chair (UNHCR) where he thanked the members present for their remarkable contribution during the meeting.</li> <li>▪ The WASH Project Manager (IOM) concluded the session by thanking the Chair for giving IOM an opportunity to host the WASH Coordination meeting.</li> <li>▪ The meeting was therefore adjourned.</li> <li>▪ The next meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2019 and hosted by MoWE.</li> </ul>
<b>Pictures</b>		



*The CRRF Focal person for MWE presenting about the WERRP*



*The Senior WASH Officer -UNHCR- presenting the shift in Strategy*