

**COVID-19 CWC Task Team – Minutes of Meeting on 7/12/2020**

Participants: Alight, DRC, FCA , GTS, U-Learn, UNHCR, URCS, YSAT

| Main Points of Discussion  | Action Points |
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| <p><b>1. Review of previous minutes</b></p> <p><b>Action points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional / district / settlement-based staff are encouraged to share the findings of the rumour tracking at relevant coordination fora, and use it to inform messaging to counter rumours</li> <li>• GTS to liaise with UNHCR to provide any rumour related inputs to the bulk sms messages that UNHCR is developing</li> <li>• Co-chairs to share updated draft TOR of AAP Task Team, and members to share input with Anna (<a href="mailto:anna.christensen@drc.ngo">anna.christensen@drc.ngo</a>) and Yoko (<a href="mailto:iwasa@unhcr.org">iwasa@unhcr.org</a>). Final TOR to be shared through the interagency coordination mailing list to invite partners to join</li> </ul> <p>Minutes endorsed</p>  |               |
| <p><b>2. Presentation by youth groups in Rwamwanja on COVID-19 awareness-raising initiatives</b></p> <p><b>Youth Arise Network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founded in 2018 as a community-based organization, with 10 refugees and 6 Ugandan nationals as members (7 male and 9 females). Focus on youth and women empowerment.</li> <li>• Following the COVID-19 outbreak, undertook initiatives to mobilize and sensitize the community on COVID-19 prevention measures. In April, mobilization on preventive measures was carried out in host community. On 27 June – 8 July, door-to-door sensitization about radio homeschooling was conducted in both refugee and host communities. Radio talk shows were also conducted in Kamwenge district to educate people on preventive measures, including GBV prevention. Sensitization through using public address system / boda boda talk talk was also conducted</li> </ul> |               |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also carried out other activities to respond to COVID-19, such as livelihood activities: hands-on training, internships, provision of start-up capital, production of 7,000 face masks, distribution of food (maize and beans) to isolated households,</li> </ul> <p><b>Rwamwanja Talented Youth Innovators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Established in 2014, and uses members’ talents to pass messages, including channels such as Youtube. Currently has 30 refugee and host community members</li> <li>• During the COVID-19 crisis, sensitization was conducted in both refugee and host communities through producing songs with messages on how people can protect themselves. The messages / songs were disseminated with UNHCR support through Channel Africa, aired on radio, and public address systems. People were not taking COVID-19 seriously in the beginning, and they therefore used diverse means to reach people with the groups’ messages. Events such as World Refugee Day and International Youth Day were also used for awareness-raising.</li> <li>• Messages were produced in Swahili and English.</li> </ul> <p><b>Refugee Innovation Center</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Established in 2016 to enhance engagement of youth through training in basic computer skills and film making, which has supported youth in producing and selling videos and photographs in communities.</li> <li>• COVID-19 disrupted usual activities and trainings. Instead, youth have used their computer skills in helping organizations to disseminate COVID-19 prevention measures in local languages via audios and community drive-throughs.</li> <li>• 15 refugees were mobilized to conduct door-to-door sensitization to overcome language barriers, including messages on how to minimize expenditures and use existing resources.</li> <li>• 4800 face masks were produced and distributed</li> <li>• Conducted activities to minimize risks of COVID-19, including face mask production (4,800 masks), capacity-building on digital skills and life skills.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-chair to share link to access video produced by Rwamwanja Talented Youth Innovators <a href="https://youtu.be/9s5zmaKh1YU">https://youtu.be/9s5zmaKh1YU</a></li> </ul> |
| <p><b>3. Analysis of the Risk Communication Assessment (U-Learn)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief update was provided due to insufficient time for presentation. U-Learn and Ministry of Health are organizing a Roundtable on the Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Assessment conducted by U-Learn with purpose of agreeing on policy recommendations. More information will be shared.</li> </ul>  |  |

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| <p><b>4. Draft TOR of AAP Task Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion postponed to next meeting due to time constraints. Updated draft incorporating any further comments received will be shared prior to next meeting.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members to provide any further comments to the draft TOR by email by 11 December.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>5. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members agreed to hold next meeting in January, on Monday, 11 January 2021.</li> </ul>  |   |

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>