

AAP Task Team – Minutes of Meeting on 23/08/2021

Participants: Alight, FCA, GTS, ICRC, IRC / U-Learn, LWF, RINGO, Uganda Red Cross Society, UNHCR, UNICEF, WCH

Main Points of Discussion	Action Points
<p>1. Review of minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Action points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRRM team to share presentation to all task team members. (Done) • Partners and field locations should review FRRM information and develop localized information campaigns to target misinformation information and create of the helpline (Continuous) • Focal points to design messages and share with the FRRM team to disseminate to refugees who call the helpline. i.e. continued building of the FRRM’s database of FAQs (Continuous) <p>Previous minutes reviewed and adopted by members</p>	
<p>2. Presentation of Refugee Engagement Forum (REF) Good Practices Study (U-Learn) (please refer to presentation for further information)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Refugee Engagement Forum (REF) has proven to be a successful model for sustained refugee participation in national decision-making in the Uganda refugee response. ▪ The REF Good Practices Study is a collaboration between U-Learn and the REF Taskforce co-chaired by OPM and UNHCR. It seeks to document the experience in Uganda and identify key lessons and successes and raise awareness amongst the Uganda refugee response and global audiences on the strengths and potential of the REF. ▪ Methodology: desk review, semi-structured interviews, and direct observation of 9th REF meeting. REF members participated in the analysis of results. ▪ The REF builds on the existing refugee leadership structure (RWCs) and is comprised of 37 members from all settlements and Kampala and youth members rotating by region. There is fair representation of gender, youth, and settlement population size. REF members elect two members to represent refugees at the CRRF Steering Group. ▪ The REF serves as a two-way feedback mechanism, allowing information flows between the refugee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-chair to share presentation with members. ▪ For further information / discussion, members can reach out to UNHCR (Jerry, anyoli@unhcr.org; Yoko, iwasa@unhcr.org) and U-Learn (Ann, ann@ulearn-Uganda.org).

<p>response ecosystem represented by the CRRF Steering Group and refugee communities themselves through the REF. It informs decision making & programme design through two-way feedback, while achieving wider relevance of the REF nationally, regionally and globally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The report also highlights six lessons learned from the experience of the REF in Uganda for high-level refugee engagement, way forward for the REF, as well as potential areas of increased engagement. One of them is widening engagement with the REF across the refugee response. ▪ The full report is available on the Uganda refugee response portal and on the U-Learn website. 	
<p>3. Partner updates / situation updates</p> <p>LWF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RWC elections planned in Palorinya. Gender balance (50% women) and inclusion of minority groups will be a key consideration. ▪ Community engagement ongoing through community meetings in small groups for COVID-19 risk communication, sharing of concerns and challenges by community, engagement of leaders (sharing of programme criteria, leaders able to respond to queries within community and approach LWF as needed), follow-up to FRRM calls, etc. <p>Alight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with community structures to reach out minority groups across our areas of implementations. 	
<p>4. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for members to volunteer for a new partner co-chair, UNHCR will send an email to invite partners to express interest. • Agreed to extend rotation cycle of partner co-chair from 3 months to 6 months. 	

AAP Task Team TOR, endorsed meeting minutes, inter-agency rumour tracking bulletin, resources for COVID-19 risk communication, and other key documents from the AAP Task Team can be accessed on the Uganda refugee response portal at: <https://ugandarefugees.org/en/working-group/253?sv=0&geo=220>