

COVID-19 CWC Task Team – Minutes of Meeting on 26/4/2021

Participants: Alight, CECI, CRS, CTEN, FCA, GTS, HI, IRC, U-Learn, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WCH

Main Points of Discussion	Action Points
<p>1. Review of previous minutes</p> <p>Action points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GTS to re-circulate report on the survey to Task Team members through co-chairs. (Done) • Organizations taking lead in activities in the workplan to meet amongst themselves how to proceed and update the Task Team. Timelines in workplan to be updated accordingly. (Ongoing) • Co-chairs to share final draft workplan with Task Team members by email for any final comments. (Done) • Co-chairs to create a google drive for easy access to shared key documents <p>Minutes endorsed</p>	
<p>2. Update on Activities in 2021 Workplan - Initial update on activity regarding common taxonomy/understanding of AAP and related concepts</p> <p>Common taxonomy / understanding of AAP and related concepts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the activities in the 2021 Workplan of the Task Team was to “agree on a common taxonomy / understanding of AAP and related concepts”. In various discussions with stakeholders in the Uganda refugee response as well as the AAP training needs survey undertaken by U-Learn and UNHCR, it was noted that various terminologies are being used by organizations to refer to AAP and related concepts, in accordance with their organizational policies and guidelines. Common approaches to AAP related terminology and concepts amongst agencies in the Uganda Refugee Response, building on work already done at global level, would help to promote harmonized discussions and learnings at inter-agency level / in the AAP Task Team. • A quick online poll was conducted to gather information on common terms used by member organizations of the Task Team to guide further discussions. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms used to refer to <u>Affected Population</u> included: communities, beneficiaries, affected populations, affected people, programme participants, persons of concern, clients, crisis affected people, people in need, community members, target community, aid recipients, etc. • Terms used to refer to <u>participation</u> included: community engagement, participation, inclusion consultations, community dialogue, sensitization, effective participation, CWC, inclusion. • As next steps, UNHCR and U-Learn will review terms / concepts adopted in the inter-agency context at global level fora such as IASC, for sharing and further discussions on the same during subsequent AAP Task Team meetings. Agencies willing to participate in the concept review are encouraged to join. <p>Sensitization on COVID-19 vaccinations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding the workplan, members highlighted the need to devote attention to community and staff sensitization on COVID-19 vaccinations, even if it was not explicitly mentioned in the Workplan (it comes under the category “COVID-19 Communication with Communities” and the related activity of countering rumours). It was noted that staff from various agencies have misunderstandings / biases about vaccines and are hesitant to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Moreover, such staff are spreading negative information about vaccines in the community, which poses a great danger to ensuring community safety and dissemination of accurate information on vaccines. • The rumor tracking system is using the FAQs to try to dispel misinformation on COVID-19 and the vaccine. • MoH has issued detailed FAQs on COVID-19 vaccines. UNHCR is following up with public health colleagues on key messages for sensitization in the refugee operation to add on to key messages from the MoH FAQs, and will update the Task Team that could be used for community sensitization through available channels. Meanwhile, UNHCR will share the MoH FAQs through the Task Team mailing list that can be used by agencies for sensitization of staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U-Learn and UNHCR will facilitate further discussions on taxonomy during the next meeting. • UNHCR to share the MoH FAQs through the Task Team mailing list for partners to share with staff for purposes of sensitization. UNHCR to also update Task Team on key messages for community sensitization, based on the MoH key messages along with any additional information that refugees should be aware of.
<p>3. Update on U-Learn / UNHCR AAP training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background: In late 2020, U-Learn and UNHCR undertook a AAP training needs survey, based on which presented the plans for a proposed AAP training to the CWC Task Team in January 2021 and sought inputs and feedback 	

from the Task Team members. Comments received at the time were incorporated into the course content. The training was temporarily put on hold pending further consultations with UNHCR senior management. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update to the members on the updated plans on the training and provide an opportunity for any additional queries or inputs, also considering that new members have joined the Task Team since the time of the earlier presentation in January.

- In the **training needs survey**, for every training subject suggested, between 87% and 100% of respondents thought it was either 'somewhat needed' or 'very needed'. Most popular training topics were: responding to feedback from taking account mechanisms; setting up indicators and measuring AAP; budgeting for AAP mechanisms; integrating AAP into project cycles and planning.
- **Proposed AAP Training Course:** Monthly 3-hour training sessions over six months, and practice doing tasks / applying learning in own organization. Course content will be based on materials from IASC, IRC, UNHCR, CHS Alliance, CDAC Network Ground Truth Solutions, Sphere and the Humanitarian Leadership Academy, and session contents based initially on feedback in survey and commitments and evolving based on emerging needs of participants/ AAP Task Team. U-Learn and UNHCR will lead facilitation. Training will be online so limited budget required.
- **Proposed training session schedule** is as follows:
 - Introduction to the course & AAP core concepts: 18th May
 - Integrating AAP into project cycles and planning: 15th June
 - Coordination and integration: 20th July
 - Responding to feedback from making account mechanisms: 17th August
 - Setting up indicators and measuring AAP: 21st September
 - Effectively consideration gender inclusion and disability when holding and taking account: 19th October
- **Next steps:** approach will be updated based on any further feedback, and invitation emails will be sent to senior leadership in organizations in the refugee response to nominate staff for the training. Attendees will receive full information on the course. The AAP Task Team will be kept updated on progress and consulted on changes to training session.
- Query was raised on whether the course content will focus on refugee context only or expand the scope to include other non-refugee humanitarian situations (e.g. natural hazards in other regions in Uganda), particularly

- UNHCR and U-Learn will disseminate the invitations for organizations to nominate participants
- UNHCR and U-Learn will discuss internally about whether the

on Session 3 on Coordination and Integration.	scope of training could cover non-refugee context and will revert.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOB • Slightly updated version of Task Team workplan, incorporating inputs received, was circulated by email. We will consider this as the Workplan. • Next meeting on Monday, 10 May 2021 at 11:30-12:30. 	

Endorsed meeting minutes, inter-agency rumour tracking bulletin 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>