

AAP Task Team – Minutes of Meeting on 14/6/2021

Participants: ACF, Alight, DCA, DRC, GTS, HI, IRC, U-Learn, UNFPA, UNHCR, WCH

Main Points of Discussion	Action Points
<p>1. Review of previous minutes</p> <p>Action points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR to add information on inter-agency feedback mechanisms / mechanisms operated by multiple agencies into the template. The team will then share the template with Task Team members to provide input on mechanisms operated by individual agencies and any others that are not reflected. (Ongoing) • All members to engage the community and staff to strengthen awareness on COVID-19 vaccines through existing channels as well as additional channels that could be used (Ongoing) <p>Minutes endorsed</p>	
<p>2. Review and updating of COVID 19 CwC Business Continuity Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2020, a COVID-19 CwC Business Continuity Plan (BCP) was developed at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic to enable business continuity in line with the SOPs. This document was updated in September 2020. Due to the recent resurgence of COVID-19 cases in Uganda, it is necessary to review and update the BCP in light of the latest situation. <p>Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Isingiro District, humanitarian workers are perceived by the community as potential carriers of the virus, and precautionary measures need to be put in place • Need to explore areas within the BCP that may require review to adopt measures beyond the lockdown situations. The task team to consider the risk of higher infection levels as factor in the review and adopt mechanisms to strengthen the capacity of staff to work and engage communities remotely. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrison (UNHCR) to recirculate bulk

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the helpline, the FRRM has an outbound service with the ability to make phone calls to refugees to gather feedback, conduct surveys, post-distribution monitoring, etc. The FRRM also has a bulk SMS tool. These functions are available to partners, and partners are encouraged to make use of it. • Measuring success of the activities on the BCP- Some assessments and the rumor tracking tool have data sources that indicate to what extent communities are aware of COVID-19 and the preventive measures. Partners to suggest modalities of how to measure success of activities implemented under the BCP since 2020. • Door to Door visits: Question raised as to whether door-to-door visits should continue, given the risks of exposure to the virus amidst the increase in COVID-19 cases. Wherever possible, communication channels without face-to-face contact are preferred to minimize risks. However, channels such as door-to-door visits by community structures are still necessary in order to reach specific groups (e.g. those without phones and/or face communication difficulties) and ensure that they are not excluded from access to information, provided that they are carried out under strict adherence to COVID-19 guidelines and SOPs. 	<p>SMS tool SOPs and user manual. Bruce (RINGO) to help promote within the INGO network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR to share with members the revised version of the BCP incorporating the comments discussed during the meeting.
<p>3. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New co-chair will be DCA. Appreciation to both outgoing co-chair (IRC) and incoming co-chair. • Vaccines: In the INGO forum meeting, it was raised that there is lack of information, mobilization, and planning for the vaccines among refugee communities. 90% of the refugees expressed willingness to get vaccinated. The INGO Forum is willing to work and offer resources to strengthen mobilization and awareness among refugee communities to enable them access information and get vaccinated. • Rumor Tracking Bulletin: U-Learn is discussing internally whether it can continue the data analysis and production of the Rumour Tracking Bulletin and will keep members updated on the outcome. • PSN shelter audits in South-West were postponed due to increase in COVID-19 cases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chairs and INGO Forum Coordinator to discuss further to explore how to collaborate on awareness-raising on vaccines among refugee communities.

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>