

Attendance

1. Emmanuel Emorut Ekakoro (UNHCR)
2. Eunice Mwendu (UNICEF)
3. Festo Muriisa (UNHCR / ATWG co-chair)
4. Giulia Montisci (REACH / ATWG co-chair)
5. Gorgui Niokhor Diouf (UNHCR)
6. Hillary Mumbere (UNHCR)
7. Isaac Kabazzi (UNHCR)
8. Melle Van-Hilten (REACH)
9. Mike Taurus (USAID)
10. Monther J.I. Alaff (UNHCR)
11. Peter Kisaakye (Population Council)
12. Sophie Etzold (UNHCR)
13. Stanslus Okurut (WFP)
14. Youri Francx (HI)

Update on the ATWG co-chairs – Giulia Montisci – co-chair (REACH)

- Following the re-assignment of Bo Hurkmans from the operation, Festo Muriisa took over the co-chairing from UNHCR.
- Wendy Alvarado took over from Cristobal Mingo (WFP co-chair).
- Giulia Montisci co-chair from REACH.

Update on the assessment registry - Giulia Montisci – co-chair (REACH)

- The members were encouraged to always update the assessment registry regularly by uploading any upcoming assessments, highlighting the methodology, geographical scope, sampling frame among others. This is aimed at mitigating duplication and effectively managing assessments within the operation.
- Sector leads were encouraged to inform partners to register assessments whenever there are any scheduled in their respective sectors and this appeal too was directed to the donors.

Update from - Melle Van-Hilten (REACH/IMPACT - U-Learn - Livelihoods/Urban Refugees assessment)

- Focusing on factors (context, policies, strategies) influencing livelihood decisions and outcomes in different contexts (refugee settlements, host communities around settlements, urban refugee communities and host communities around the urban refugee communities).
- Majorly focusing on different household capitals (human, social, financial, fiscal, and natural), finding out which of these influences livelihoods and how does it work.
- Methodology will be participatory workshops and tools along with household surveys in various contexts highlighted above.
- Locations being targeted not decided on yet

Update from Gorgui Niokhor Diouf (UNHCR – IPE/VRX exercise)

- Imvepi just completed, 74% completion of refugees who were supposed to be verified.
- The exercise is at 45% progress at a national level. Palabek and Kampala are the next.
- IPE/VRX exercise is ongoing in 5 settlements which are Adjumani, Bidibidi, Rhino, Kiryandongo, Palorinya.
- Focusing on analysis, settlement profile including IPE data analysis, correlation analysis.
- Data sharing will commence with partners interested depending on their needs.

Discussion:

Q – Where are there no shows and what could be causing it?

A – The no shows are attributed to 1) refugees who might be staying within the host communities far away from the refugee settlements and cannot make it in time for the verification and 2) spontaneous departures back to their country of origin.

Some are within the country but in a different location and unable to make it for the verification – these are given a grace period to contact OPM so that they can be included in the verification.

Q – When do you expect the VRX/IPE exercise to finalize?

A – Its dynamic and depends on a range of factors from site to site (resources and complexities of various sites)

The schedule is to finish in September with Kampala however it may drag to October due to some delays and inadequate resources.

Q - Clarify on the appeal going on:

A – OPM gives a three months' grace period to cater for anyone who may not have made it in time of the exercise.

Presentation 1 – Isaac Kabazzi (UNHCR – FSNA + IPC 2022)

- Concluded FSNA data collection in the refugee and host communities which was last done in 2020 and was pushed to this year. Kampala will be targeted in the next two weeks.
- The assessment cuts across several sectors but mostly focusing on food and nutrition. Currently working on an analysis plan which will be divided across partners/sectors.
- Draft results to be available in the 1-2 week of July 2022 and the draft report to be available by end of July 2022.
- Dissemination to be coordinated through the ATWG, RHPG and NTWG. Planned also is lower-level dissemination at sub regions, settlements and DLGs.

IPC update

- This is done annually, and its primary source of data is FSNA. IPC (Integrated food security phase classification) has been concluded for Karamoja region and results recently disseminated.
- IPC is going to be done for the refugee communities.
- IPC refresher training and analysis scheduled for weeks of 3-4 of July 2022.
- IPC coverage: Host community (IPC AFI + AMN), Refugee (AMN)
- IPC AFI global framework for refugees not yet completed/validated.

Discussion:

Q – Background on the IPC global framework.

A –The IPC analysis has always been conducted in normal situations. In the refugee context, both IPC acute malnutrition and food insecurity were piloted in three countries within the East, horn of Africa and great lakes region and Uganda was among. However, IPC analysis on acute food insecurity was excluded from main IPC analysis to give time to UNHCR - IPC global support unit and other key stakeholders to develop a protection framework to guide IPC analysis on food insecurity in the refugee context around the world. In Ugandan refugee context, IPC analysis includes only acute malnutrition. That said, IPC acute food insecurity continues to be undertaken in non-refugee situations fore example Karamoja and the host communities.

Update from Peter Kisaakye (Population Council Kenya -VACX study)

- Conducted a study called “VACX” where data was collected from all the refugee settlements focusing on violence against children including SRH data. Household heads including children (ages 13-24) were interviewed.
- The methodology used was a split sample; females assigned to females and males to males.
- Data collection was started at the start of April 2022 and finished at the end of April 2022.
- Data cleaning on-going and weighting of the data follows, 2 weeks from now, data analysis will kick-start and once it is done, the report findings will be shared with the group.

Discussion:

Q – What was the sampling frame and geographical scope of the study?

A – The study targeted only refugees in all the settlements in the country. UNHCR provided lists of refugees in the various settlements which were then sampled to get the targeted respondents.

Update from Giulia Montisci (REACH) – Child protection assessment

- REACH conducted a study on child protection a bit different from the one done by Population Council Kenya. The assessment was started early this year and completed this year. Analysis was done as well as the report which is currently under review and will be completed by end of July. Once the report is published, the findings/assessment will be discussed by the group.
- The scope was all the refugees including the host communities focusing on child protection activities from the perspective of care givers and children.

Update from Giulia Montisci (REACH) – ATWG RNA

Meeting Notes from 2nd Quarter ATWG – 23rd June 2022, 14:00 – 15:00

- The ATWG co-chairs had prepared the tools for conducting a rapid needs assessment at the early stage of the influx in the south-west. The tools were then discussed at the inter-sector group meeting and suggestions from the sectors were integrated. However, eventually, the tools were not used, and the information was collected in other forms by the field teams of UNHCR and partners. The question is why it did not go ahead and how the sectors are getting the information to inform their response.
- As the ATWG, how can we support in conducting such assessments to support and better serve the response to the emergency.

AOB

- REACH to meet livelihood and Resilience working group for further engagements about the upcoming livelihood assessment