

Notes of Protection Working Group Task Force Meeting (29 July 2016)

Background

On 29 July 2016, a meeting was held to discuss on how to enhance the PWG working meetings and to support the implementation of the PWG work plan. The meeting was chaired by UNHCR and the participants were IOM, UNFPA, DRC, ASAM, IMC and Gaziantep Bar Association.

Highlight

- PWG task force members will be meeting before the PWG on monthly basis to prepare and propose agenda items. The aim of the meeting is to coordinate for the implementation of the PWG 2016 work plan and to make the PWG more action oriented from being only an information sharing forum.
- Participating agencies and NGOs are asked to coordinate and share information with UNHCR regarding current protection concerns and changing conditions that could affect people of concern negatively.
- UNHCR informed that it is planned to have an NGO co-lead for the PWG, as reflected in the PWG 2016 work plan. DRC is nominated at field level and it will be shared at Ankara for official nomination. Participating agencies and NGOs welcomed DRC's nomination underlining DRC's strong background on protection and organisational capacity. DRC also informed the participants about their willingness to co-lead the PWG. At the same time, DRC will provide information management support to the WG.
- In each PWG meeting participants are given chance to make presentation on their current activities, newly released reports or good practices from the field. Such presentation will continue as it helps participating agencies and NGO to know who is doing what and where, coordinate and learn about good practices. ASAM proposed the idea to create a template for such presentations, as it is used in some other WGs.
- It was mentioned that for different areas of the PGW 2016 work plan, different UN or NGOs will be reporting to PWG:
 - SGBV: UNFPA will report back to the PWG about the lasts discussions including the developments on SOP.
 - Case Management: IOM will update the WG on case management related tasks and the discussion held in the case management/SNF coordination meetings. Upon the workshop in August 2016, IOM will make a presentation on the discussions and agreed minimum standards in case management during the September 2016 PWG.
 - StL will inform the PWG about the workshop on community centres and outreach teams. A presentation will be made about the outcomes and main discussion of the workshop held on 21 July 2016.
 - ASAM will report about the provincial level case management discussion groups.
- UNHCR stated that one Geneva-based expert will participate in the August 2016 PWG to provide more information on ESSN programme and its relation to the protection sector.
- With regards to 3W mapping, it was argued that one agency taking lead in conducting the mapping exercise will be more practical. As DRC will be providing Information Management support to the PWG, newly IM staff of DRC will have the task to update the 3W service mappings.
- It was discussed that PWG members can create advocacy or policy papers on thematic protection concerns to be used at field or at Ankara level. It was also mentioned that due to the uncertainties in the sector, this idea can be evaluated at later stages of the work plan.

- In addition to existing agenda, following agenda items were proposed for the August 2016 PWG:
 - Sharing information on 3W mapping plans by DRC
 - Information on UNCHR's advocacy activities
 - StL's presentation about the outcomes of CC/outreach workshop
 - ASAM to inform about provincial level case management discussion
- IOM was asked to prepare an awareness raising training on human trafficking. It is underlined that such training shall focus on definitions, actions to be taken, and interview techniques/questions to be asked to potential victims for better identification.

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