



MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL PROTECTION WORKING GROUP COORDINATION MEETING: SOUTH WEST OPERATION

Date	11 July, 2018
Location	IGONGO CULTURAL CENTRE IN MBARARA
Chair & Co - Chair	OPM and UNHCR
Participating agencies	OPM, UNHCR, HIJRA, MTI, Save the Children, LWF, FCA,
Agenda	<p style="text-align: center;">TOPICS</p> <p>Introductions and opening remarks</p> <p>Terms of reference for the Regional Refugee Protection Working Group</p> <p>Discussion on Sub-sector TORs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Child Protection b) SGBV c) Education <p>Update contact details for focal persons</p> <p>AOB</p>

OPENING REMARKS FROM UNHCR AND OPM



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UNHCR HOSO

The Regional Protection Working Group (RPWG) was established on 11 July 2018. In the inaugural speech, UNHCR's HOSO highlighted the need for strengthening partners' cooperation and collaboration to enable understanding of the operational context, improving delivery of quality protection response, scaling up robust protection mechanism and increasing protection foot prints in the South West region. The HOSO also explained key issues in the protection strategy.

OPM -RDO

The OPM RDO stressed the importance of active protection coordination especially at settlement levels. She urged the stakeholders to have a mindset that will allow cooperation in delivering protection outcomes and safeguarding asylum seekers/refugees rights. She notified the participants of a planned mop up operation for foreigners in Uganda to check validity of their documents, insisting that awareness raising should be conducted at settlement levels to inform refugees/asylum seekers of this operation.

She urged the stakeholders to ensure attendance to the protection working group forum and directed that official explanation should be given by those who will fail to do so.

Discussion	ACTION POINT/TIMELINE
<p>Regional Protection Working Group (RPWG) TOR was discussed and adopted. The TOR should be shared at the settlements level.</p> <p>Participants agreed that settlement levels PWG should be established with three sub working groups- education, SGBV and child protection. The meeting discussed key elements to include in the respective TORs.</p> <p>Participants agreed that legal/registration issues are cross cutting and will be mainstreamed within the sub working groups, instead of establishing a separate legal sub working group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPWG TOR be shared at settlement levels by 16 July 2018. • TORs for child protection, education and SGBV sub working group to be discussed and adopted at settlement levels by 30 July 2018. • Final education, child protection and SGBV TOR will be shared by RPWG members for comments and final TORs will be out by 30 July 2018. • UNHCR/OPM/Protection partners to organize a round table with the Judiciary and law enforcement officials to brief them on key protection concerns and



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	<p>protection coordination mechanism by 15 September 2018.</p>
<p>Joint security mop up operation for foreigners to check relevant documents is planned country wide. For South West region, the operation will include refugees and asylum seekers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection actors in all settlements should sensitize refugees to have their ID documents at all time. Sensitization should be finalized by third week of July 2018. Refugees should be informed that they are not supposed to have Uganda national identity cards. • UNHCR/OPM to organize a training with regional/district level security/law enforcement officials to sensitize them on refugee/asylum seekers issues including documents refugees are expected to have; by 15 August 2018. • RPWG to send advocacy note on access to justice for refugees/asylum seekers, indicating contact details of key OPM/UNHCR officials in case a refugee/asylum seeker is apprehended, by August 2018.
<p>OPM requested UNHCR to lead a survey on urban refugees in major towns and centers in the SW region.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR SPO to seek guidance from UNHCR Kampala and revert with action plan on key steps and involved stakeholders by September 2018.
<p>Participants requested UNHCR to create a specific page for South West coordination forum to enable easy access to necessary documents/information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPO to follow up creation of SW page at Kampala level.
<p>UNHCR briefed the participants on resettlement, fraud and PSEA issues. UNHCR was requested to conduct training to key stakeholders at settlement levels on resettlement, fraud and PSEA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR to conduct training to settlements stakeholders on PSEA, Fraud and resettlement by 15 September 2018.
<p>Next meeting to be held on 26 September, 2018. Venue shall be communicated by the secretariat.</p>	<p>Secretariat OPM: Allan George Mutasa Secretariat UNHCR: Tryphosa Babirye Byakika</p>