Working Group on Energy and Environment for Refugee and Host Population Empowerment

**WorkGrEEn 4 ReHoPE**

Monthly National Coordination Platform

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| Minutes | May 8, 2019 | 09:30 – 13:00 | caritas Boardroom |
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## Agenda topics

1. Introductions and Remarks from the Co-Chairs (5 Min)
2. Review of Last Minutes and Actions - (10 min)
3. Water & Environment Response Plan Update – (10 min)
4. World Environment Day Planning –MWE (20 min)

Break Tea

1. Energy Workstream Update – UNHCR (10 min)
2. Presentations of Concept Notes (5-10 minutes each)
3. LWF Update – Heat Retaining Cooking Bags (15 min)
4. Roundtable Discussion – Shea Nut Value Addition – All (30 min)
5. Tour de Table (20 min)

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| **REVIEW OF LAST MINUTES AND ACTIONS** |  |  |

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| Discussion | Review of previous minutes | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Action items | | | | | | | Person responsible | | | Deadline | | | | |
| Energy Workstream – HH Energy Guidance Note – Note is in draft form to be finalized and next meeting held on May 3rd | | | | | | | UNHCR/Ranya | | | Complete | | | | |
| All partners to upload completed reports to the ugandarefugees.org needs assessment portal | | | | | | | All | | | Ongoing | | | | |
| Pending - Documents are hard to find on the portal – IM will create a spreadsheet with links to all documents for the sector | | | | | | | UNHCR/Hillary | | | Next Meeting | | | | |
| Pending - Mailing list is becoming a challenge to manage – IM will create a Google group for WG membership. | | | | | | | UNHCR/Hillary | | | Next Meeting | | | | |
| Pending - MEMD to share concept note for Energy Response Plan: concept under development; one of key undertaking of JSR was to develop an Energy Response Plan for Refugees and Host Communities; MEMD to review concept; SWG has been postponed; Co-chairs of WorkGrEEn will be invited to attend SWG;  Contacts from Energy Focal Points will be circulated when received from MEMD | | | | | | | MEMD/Justine Akumu | | | TBD | | | | |
| Pending - WFP to share the energy access study; WFP noted the launch of the study will take place next year to expand more on recommendations of the sector – WFP to update; new focal point for WFP | | | | | | | WFP | | | TBD | | | | |
| Pending - FAO to share draft joint UNHCR/FAO Forest Management plan for Bidi Bidi when available; | | | | | | | FAO/Nelly Bedijo | | | TBD | | | | |
| Pending - FAO to share joint UNHCR/FAO study report on Valuation of non-wood forest products when available | | | | | | | FAO/Nelly Bedijo | | | TBD | | | | |
| Pending - ICRAF to circulate Literature Review on Environment and Energy Nexus | | | | | | | ICRAF/Clement Okia | | | TBD | | | | |
| RRP indicators, definitions and monitoring protocols for all sub-sectors including energy to be developed; Update definitions and logframe circulated; monitoring protocols TBD | | | | | | | UNHCR/UNDP | | | June Meeting | | | | |
| **WATER AND ENVIRONMENT RRP** | | |  | |  | | | | | | |
| Discussion | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| * UNHCR noted that the MWE held holding rotational field consultations in Arua, then Mbarara. Gulu taking place today (May 8th). * A joint WASH/Environment monitoring visit took place in Nakivale and Oruchinga * LWF, DRC, DCA, UNHCR participated in Mbarara – UNHCR noted the value in joint monitoring with WASH sector * The draft TOR for Water and Environment Sector Working Group - Refugee Response Sub-Group was shared and discussed – question was raised about how the Districts can participate * Discussion on the need to collectively report and track activities to communicate gaps, needs and achievements in the refugee response. There is a great deal of anecdotal information that can lead to the perception that refugees are degrading the environment and nothing is being done about it. * Discussion on assessments   + New assessment working group established, planning ‘Vulnerability and Essential Needs Assessment (VENA) – REACH to present at the next meeting   + WB/FAO study starting in mid-west and southwest to include data collection for E&E RRP indicators * Discussion on ActivityInfo   + DLGs are not currently reporting in ActivityInfo although they are implementing in the sector   + Discussion on how manufacturers can and should track contributions – should it come from the implementer? Agreement that the partner that purchases and facilitates access (e.g. to stoves) should be the one to report   + How to track community-based organizations and small entity contributions? Suggest that field-level focal points input for smaller entities based on joint monitoring   + CARITAS requested clarification on reporting planned vs. complete activities in ActivityInfo – it was agreed that a new report would be completed for each month only on what was completed in that month. Planned activities would only be requested in the first quarter unless new planned activities emerge.   + Partners are facing challenges receiving input from the field to input at Kampala-level   + There is a need to record which records have been validated, by whom and when   + IM to join the next meeting to receive feedback | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Provide feedback on WESWG RRS TOR - Suggest inclusion of the ENR-CSO in the WERRP Steering Group, Seek clarification on the role of Districts in the WESWG | | | | | | UNHCR/Ranya | | | | | May 14th | | | |
| Follow-up with UNHCR IM and field focal points on ensuring inputs from ALL partners and other feedback | | | | | | UNHCR/IM | | | | | May 10th | | | |
| **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY PLANNING** | | | |  | | | |  | | | | | |
| Discussion | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| * World Environment Day is on June 5th – partners will plan celebrations in settlements. The global theme for 2019 is Air Pollution * A coordinated campaign of planting trees will be launched on World Environment Day and each partner will set a target number of trees to be and where they will be planted based on their current existing plans that should have all technical requirements duly considered to ensure tree survival. Where it is not practical to plant trees, other activities such as tree maintenance, demonstration of tree-protection structures, nursery activities can also be undertaken * Regarding the upcoming commemorations, there is need to set a basic calendar and task team highlighting events in all settlements and feature sites. In addition to this, a concept note for World Environment Day proposed to link to World Refugee Day (theme: Global Compact on Refugees) will be developed with a logo featuring the two events. Logos have been drafted but require clearance for use * There is need to coordinate ahead of the commemorations with government bodies like NEMA for World Environment Day (next meeting today at 2pm) and OPM for World Refugee Day (next meeting May 13th in the morning). * Members agreed that it was timely to celebrate both events jointly if the WRD committee is in agreement * Suggested to have ‘Environment Exhibition’ in Bidi Bidi at WRD * A task team was constituted to organize WED in refugee response- Task Team Members: CARE, RGF, LWF, CAFOMI, CARITAS, FAO?, UNHCR * Members suggested formulation of “Recognition” certificates for agencies, community leader and so-called silet for * Formal awards including call for nomination, preset criteria, assessment committee etc. could be explored for National Energy Week as this will take a bit more time in planning | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Update concept note for commemoration of World Environment Day including Call for Submissions for Success Stories, Call for nominations for WorkGrEEn Recognition Awards and circulate inputs from the field | | | | | | | | | UNHCR/Ranya | | | | 8th May 2019 | | |
| Next World Environment Day Planning to take place at CARE on May 16th | | | | | | | | | All | | | | May 16th | | |
| Call for Submission of Success Stories Due Date May 15th | | | | | | | | | All | | | | May 15th | | |
| Participate in WRD Planning Steering Group | | | | | | | | | UNHCR/Ranya | | | | May 13th | | |

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| **ENEGRY WORKSTREAM UPDATE** |  |  |

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| Discussion |  | | |
| * Meeting held on May 3rd, minutes to be circulated * ECO-Trust presented on their interventions including Payment for Eco-System Services and Carbon Financing – to be invited to a future meeting to present to the whole group * Draft TOR for Business Case for Inclusion of CDM in the Refugee Response under development led by UNDP (second draft complete) * Next Energy Workstream meeting tentatively May 27th in the afternoon at UNHCR | | | |
| Action items | | Person responsible | Deadline |
| Circulate May 3rd minutes, updated guidance note and draft TOR | | UNHCR/Ranya | 3rd May 2019 |

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| **LWF – HEat-RETAINING COOKING BAGS** |  |  |

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| Discussion |  | | |
| Presentation   * LWF presented the findings of their testing of Wonderbags™ in refugee settlements (attached) * Plan to provide and train lactating mothers in 3 settlements in Kyangwali (100 bags), Rwamwanja (200 bags)   Observations/comments/discussion to presentation   * Comments were made about the need to ensure compatibility of the saucepans with bags – need to ensure the standard NFI saucepans work with cooking bags or baskets * End-user training is needed – user recipe book and guide available and also demonstrations are conducted. LWF and RGF to combine key information to develop a 2-sided guidance sheet that can be left with households after training; RGF is testing various foods and cooking times in Bidi Bidi and noted that most local foods including posho are compatible except Kalo (millet) * LWF to correct note in presentation that states that nutrients are lost due to evaporation; rather nutrition can be lost due to over-heating which would be reduced in a cooking bag * Question on the cost of a Wonderbag™ ($19 which also supports social enterprise) and whether more cost effective models can be produced; the lifespan was also alternative of cooking basket that uses the same principle but may be more durable and locally understood was also noted * CAFOMI noted the use of ‘fireless cookers’ in Rhino Camp in the 1990s – basically lined baskets that operate on the same insulation principle has the cooking bags; technology is not new * It was suggested to include analysis of cost savings in the sensitization messaging * It was clarified that it does not necessarily take any longer (total cooking time) to prepare a meal but that the time on the fire and so fuel consumption was reduced; in fact using the cooking bag may save time as it enables cooking more than one dish at a time * It was recommended to also include techniques such as pre-soaking beans to speed up cooking though there is a misconception that this can lead to loss of flavor, colour and nutrients | | | |
| Action items | | Person responsible | Deadline |
| Follow-up on NFI Kit saucepan model compatibility | | UNHCR/Ranya | June 12 |
| Produce Fireless Cooking Pamphlet | | RGF & LWF | June 12 |

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| **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – SHEA NUT VALUE ADDITION** |  |  |

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| Discussion |  | | |
| * Discussion to be held next meeting after presentations:   + CARE partnering with NEMA on Shea Nut Value Addition   + UNIDO to be invited to present at next meeting   + LWF to provide brief presentation on value chain in Lamwo host community | | | |
| Action items | | Person responsible | Deadline |
| CARE to invite NEMA and UNIDO to provide brief presentations | | CARE/Annet | 15 May |

**TOUR DE TABLE**

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| Discussion |  | | |
| * CARITAS – undertaking real-time evaluation, asking where rainwater harvesting will be captured in ActivityInfo (Livelihoods? WASH?) * CARE – continuing to work on wetland protection in settlements in coordination with OPM and District – voluntary relocation of 50 HH. Sign-posts being placed to indicate wetlands and leaflets distributed in Kiswahili and Kinyarwanda; CARE to initiate Gender and Climate Vulnerability assessment in Imvepi and Rhino; TOR to be shared with WorkGrEEN and Assessment WG. CARE will be linked with FAO who is also undertaking related work in the north. * RGF – ongoing work in Bidi Bidi, have been active in Hoima for one month working with existing groups to do briquettes and stoves as business with Uganda Biodiversity Fund funding; to initiate urban project with DCA in the coming week; RGF to provide a presentation on their activities at the next WorkGrEEN. * LWF – 60 ha land secured for planting using a Cash For Work approach, indicated that NFA does not have enough seedlings however UNHCR noted that NFA has confirmed availability – offline follow-up required * ECO/Malteser – developing a multi-year environment restoration project in Rhino Camp to start in the middle of this year. Have started capacity building with CBOs. Currently reviewing findings from BMZ assessment. Proposal to be shared with sector leads for input and can be circulated to the WG for further comment * FAO – Woodlot Support Programme in Kyangwali, Rwamwanja, Bidi Bidi * Potential Energy – working on proposal grant & funding to establish assembly shops for energy-saving stoves in refugee settlements | | | |
| Action items | | Person responsible | Deadline |
| Sharing of the post distribution monitoring report and update for the solar stoves | | CARITAS | 8th May 2019 |
| Presentation of findings on heat-retaining cooking bags | | LWF | 8th May 2019 |

Next Meeting: June 12th, 2019 9:00am to 1:00pm – Malteser to host, venue TBD