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| **PSN sub working group meeting Minutes** | | | | | |
| **Date** | **11 June 2020** | | **Venue** | Online | |
| **Agenda** | 1. Review of action points from previous meeting 2. Updates from members 3. Presentation from NUDIPU: preliminary results of research into impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities 4. Uganda RRP revision: inputs needed from PSN SWG 5. AOB | | | | |
| **Attendance** | UNHCR, HI, NUDIPU, AAR Japan, Uganda Red Cross Society, LWF, IRC, Expanding Social Protection programme, Finn Church Aid | | | | |
| **Facilitator** | Gemma Woods (UNHCR) | | | | |
| **Discussion points** | | **Recommendations/Action points** | | | **Responsible** |
| 1. **Review of action points from previous meting** 2. Share final accessible messages on COVID 19 for PSNs with PSN SWG members – pending; to follow up with MGLSD. HI explained that the messages are still in draft form, pending approval of the PS from the Ministry. HI, MGLSD and NUWODU have had a follow up meeting to discuss how to convert some of the messages; HI is working on converting some of the messages into pictoral form. To request an updated version of the SOPs from MGLSD & HI to share the pictoral messages when ready. 3. Share request to PSN SWG members to input into review of Policy on Persons with Disabilities – pending; to follow up with MGLSD 4. Contact sector leads to map activities targeting / including PSNs per sector – ongoing: updated received from Education working group so far. Update to be shared at next meeting 5. PSN SWG to reach out to InterAgency working group and Livelihoods and Resilience working group re advocacy on main issues affecting PSNs in COVID 19 response – completed, presentation given on research findings at InterAgency working group meeting 6. Following reports that older persons & persons with pre-existing medical conditions are being stigmatised in Bidibidi due to incorrect reports that they are more likely to contract COVID-19, partners to monitor whether PSNs are facing stigmatisation around COVID-19 in other locations – completed; no further reports received from other locations, misinformation in Bidibidi will be addressed through community sensitisation 7. **Updates from partners**   **Finn Church Aid:** Is supporting education in Bidibidi and Adjumani to take in learners with specific needs with UNHCR & Windle Trust. In Kyaka, FCA is paying for education costs of children with specific needs with a livelihoods component supporting their families.   1. **Presentation from NUDIPU: preliminary results of research into impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities**   NUDIPU’s research has covered 97 districts of Uganda, using qualitative research methods and in depth interviews with key informants in each location. The findings identify a number of key areas of concern including gaps in access to information for persons with disabilities, challenges in accessing food/livelihood under COVID-19 containment measures, difficulties in accessing medical care, gaps in representation / inclusion of persons with disabilities on COVID-19 taskforces, gaps in access to transport, lack of access to online / distance learning for students with disabilities and increased levels of violence towards persons with disabilities.  So far, the research has been used to brief the MP for persons with disabilities who is represented at the national level COVID-19 taskforce, and the Chief Executive officer of NUDIPU attended the most recent national COVID-19 taskforce to brief the members on the findings. The findings have also been shared with Disabled Persons Organisations to use in their own work and advocacy. When the findings are finalised, NUDPIU will share with other partners.  Discussion:  Request from Red Cross for sharing of data obtained by NUDIPU through their research with other partners  When findings are finalised, to consider common areas of advocacy which the PSN SWG and NUDIPU may wish to engage in.   1. **Uganda RRP revision: inputs needed from PSN SWG**   The Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) is being revised to cover the last 6 months of 2020 and also 2021. The PSN SWG will need to consider the indicator to be used for the revision, along with relevant needs and target data and also to provide narrative outlining the sub-sector’s achievements, needs and sector response. The deadline for submission to the RRP revision team is 22 June.  Discussion:  The RRP revision allows an opportunity for new partners who were not part of the original RRP to be included. In order to be included, organisations must be registered with the Ugandan government, be participating in a Uganda refugee response coordination forum and be active in the refugee response.  As part of the revision, the PSN SWG needs to report on achievements from January-June 2020; however, Activity Info reporting deadline for Q2 2020 is not until the end of June, after the deadline for the sub sector to report back to the RRP review team. How then to reflect on these achievements without the data? It is understood that the sectors will be missing this data and can therefore focus more on high level achievements rather than statistical information.  How will coordination with the National Refugee Protection Working Group work regarding the various protection sub sectors? Guidance from the NRPWG is that the sub sectors should have meetings and prepare the necessary documents, which will be reviewed as a whole within the NRPWG prior to the 22 June deadline.  How to avoid double counting of interventions for PSNs under indicator used by PSN SWG (# of persons with specific needs provided with targeted support) and under other relevant sectors (e.g. shelter, WASH, etc)? Some sectors (e.g. shelter) have specific indicators which capture assistance provided to PSNs. Therefore guidance which accompanies the RRP review can make clear that interventions for PSNs which can be captured under other sectors should not be counted again under the indicator used by the PSN SWG. Due to the short time frame for the RRP review, it is not possible to have a detailed conversation on this with the other sectors. In the longer term, we can aim to push for reporting under the various indicators across all sectors to be disaggregated by age, gender and disability to determine the level of inclusion of PSNs within different sector activities.  An additional PSN SWG meeting will be called for Wednesday 17 June at 2pm to focus on reviewing the PSN SWG input into the RRP revision. All PSN SWG members who would like to be a part of the RRP 2020-2021 should attend that meeting.   1. **AOB**   NSTR  **Next meeting: Wednesday 17 June, 2pm (online)**  Link to shared Google drive for PSN SWG with minutes of meetings and key documents: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1qh4gpf2cHNFrRCvOCyXaQpgV2GByOl_6> | | Share final accessible messages on COVID 19 for PSNs with PSN SWG members  Share request to PSN SWG members to input into review of Policy on Persons with Disabilities  Contact sector leads to map activities targeting / including PSNs per sector | | | Emily / Ministry of Gender  Emily / Ministry of Gender  Gemma / UNHCR |