

**COVID-19 CWC Task Team – Minutes of Meeting on 23/11/2020**

Participants: Alight, DRC, HI, U-Learn, UNHCR

Main Points of Discussion	Action Points
<p><b>1. Review of previous minutes</b></p> <p><b>Action points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-chair to circulate latest version of the CWC mapping, and members to share updates / changes with Ann. (<a href="mailto:Ann.Mbeiza@rescue.org">Ann.Mbeiza@rescue.org</a>, <a href="mailto:ann@ulearn-uganda.org">ann@ulearn-uganda.org</a>)</li> <li>• Partners that would like to present good practices, tools, experiences, etc in future meetings to reach out to the co-chairs (<a href="mailto:anna.christensen@drc.ngo">anna.christensen@drc.ngo</a>, <a href="mailto:iwasa@unhcr.org">iwasa@unhcr.org</a>)</li> </ul> <p>Minutes endorsed</p>	
<p><b>2. Presentation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-agency Rumour Tracking Bulletin (Ground Truth Solutions - GTS)</b> (Please refer to powerpoint for further details)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Third Rumor bulletin will be published this week. Volunteers and staff track rumours reactively (September – October).</li> <li>• <b>Demographics:</b> 1/3 South Sudanese, 1/3 Congolese, 1/5 Ugandan. Primarily from 18-29 and 30-39 age groups. 48% female, 41% male. Bidibibidi, Kyangwali, Rwamwanja and Palabek were top locations.</li> <li>• <b>Main rumours</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Downplay (45%):</b> Government is playing up COVID-19 for political reasons; COVID-19 is not real; COVID-19 exists but not in Uganda; Race is immune; COVID-19 is not dangerous</li> <li>○ <b>Partner / Government responses (12%):</b> Repatriation (being sent to a different country, 48%); increase in assistance e.g. urban refugees more assistance (24%); cuts in assistance (14%); lockdown again (3%); other (10%)</li> <li>○ <b>Origins (12%):</b> Bioweapon conspiracies (50%); divine punishment (33%); devil (11%); other (6%)</li> <li>○ <b>Exaggeration (11%):</b> COVID-19 is already near me (49%); COVID-19 is inevitable e.g. everyone will get it (45%); other (5%)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Cure (9%):</b> Vaccine/cure found (29%); drinking alcohol; home remedies; praying or belief; chloroquine/other drugs; other</li> <li>○ <b>Transmission (5%):</b> foreigners spread it; animals; through money; sharing a meal; drinking unboiled water; sexually transmitted; other</li> <li>○ <b>Prevention (5%):</b> Drinking alcohol; various home remedies; praying or belief; other</li> <li>○ <b>Symptoms (1%):</b> Bleeding from eyes or nose; other</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Actions based on rumour tracker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Regional / settlement level:</b> dissemination at district / regional level taskforce meetings, dissemination in settlement level coordination groups (U-Learn regional staff, settlement level CwC focal points), use the findings to counter misinformation</li> <li>○ <b>National level:</b> findings are being disseminated through MoH-led coordination group on RCCE, CWC Task Team, Assessment Technical Working Group (ATWG). Recommendations have also been shared with community feedback sub-working group in the RCCE group for East and Southern Africa. Inputs for messaging have been provided to MoH COVID-19 design workshop, Incident Management Team</li> <li>○ UNHCR is planning to send bulk sms using FRRM tool, some of the messages will aim to counter major rumours that have arisen</li> <li>○ Rumour collection refresher training is scheduled for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9-10.30AM for existing and new contributing partners to be facilitated by GTS, DRC and U-Learn</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Regional / district / settlement-based staff are encouraged to share the findings of the rumour tracking at relevant coordination fora, and use it to inform messaging to counter rumours</p> <p>GTS to liaise with UNHCR for inputs to bulk sms related to rumours</p>
<p><b>3. Discussion on draft ToR of AAP Task Team and brainstorming on ideas for mobilization of more partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overview of the draft TOR.</li> <li>● Suggestions for engagement of the community, and inclusion of definition / understanding of AAP</li> <li>● Frequency of meetings: continue every two weeks</li> <li>● Suggestion to build on existing CwC mapping / list of participating agencies for mapping of AAP focal points</li> <li>● Discussion on ideas for mobilizing more partners to join the AAP Task Team</li> </ul>	<p>Co-chairs to share updated draft TOR, and members to share input with Anna on the draft TOR before Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December COB (<a href="mailto:anna.christensen@drc.ngo">anna.christensen@drc.ngo</a>) and Yoko (<a href="mailto:iwasa@unhcr.org">iwasa@unhcr.org</a>).</p> <p>Share final TOR through the interagency coordination mailing list to invite partners to join</p>
<p><b>4. AOB</b></p>	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next meeting: 7 December, at 11:30-12:30</li></ul> |  |
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Endorsed meeting minutes, inter-agency rumour tracking bulletin and other key documents from the CwC Task Team can be accessed on the Uganda refugee response portal at: <https://ugandarefugees.org/en/working-group/253?sv=0&geo=220>