



MINUTES OF REFUGEE WASH COORDINATION MEETING

UNHCR Conference room

16th March 2017

10:15 am to 12:30 pm

Agenda

- 1- - Country Operation Planning - 2018
- 2- - Update on field operation WASH situation;
- 3- - Any other business.

In attendance

UNHCR, IRC, ARRA, Oxfam, LWF, AHA, UNICEF, NCA: WVI absent with Apology (*See list attached below*)

Minutes	Discussion/comments	Actions/Responsible
Minutes 01: Country Operation Planning	<p>The forum deliberated through a presentation on the strategic priorities for 2018 planning</p> <p>Key Observations (Attached PPT);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Piloting and roll out of Utility model and solarization of boreholes; - Issue of women digging pits for latrine construction: Focus group discussion to establish whether this is acceptable or not; - Issue of re-useable and disposable sanitary pads: FGD to better understand the most appropriate approach; 	Hygiene Task force



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Latrine construction and general sanitation services approach: Guidelines available but harmonization in implementation needed; - Clarify on - May had the lowest per capita access mainly due to impact of drought and dry spell in general; - Though daily qtys of water supplied doubled from 5.5 to 10.8 million litres, per capita access remained subdued at an average of 17 since 2012; - Similarly, number of family latrines quadrupled from 9771 to 39125 but household latrine coverage remained below 30%. 	
<p>Minutes 02: Updates on Field operation WASH situation</p>	<p>NCA/DCA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E-voucher system on WASH NFI'S. 6 months project (Jan-June). Targeting 1400 families. Items on the list are Laundry soap, bathing soap, 20 L bucket with lid, 20L jerry can, sanitary pads, anal cleaning jerry can, mosquito net, powder soap, liquid soap, and plastic broom. - Activities under ECHO funds concludes in June. Need to discuss with UNHCR on way forward after June. <p>IRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inter-agency partner agreement in Melkadida on Sanitation; - EHF activities approved: covering Assosa and Pugnido camps; - Utility model implementation: exploring NCE for 2 months; - RDPP launched for Somali region with activities in Awbare and Kebribeyah Woreda; - Pressure main laying for Tongo completed, awaiting pumps delivery from UNHCR; - Homosha boreholes yield reduction from 7-2l/s. Need to explore other sources of water for refugees; - Staffing challenges with PPA covering only upto 15th april. <p>AHA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on AWD outbreak and response activities. So far no cases reported in the camps; - Chlorine automatic Dozer not functioning. Need to replace. Advised to continue with batch chlorination until the dozer is fixed or replaced; - RDPP activities launched; - Sanitation mapping completed: of the 954 shelters available only 343 have latrines; 	<p>NCA to share preliminary report on progress.</p> <p>NCA to meet with Gambella UNHCR program</p> <p>IRC /ARRA/UNHCR to meet to update on RDPP activities UNHCR to follow up on pumps delivery</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Designs for pressure main rehabilitation completed, funding for implementation required; <p>LWF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Borehole 1 &3 in Bambasi being rehabilitated by the RWB;- 370 latrines full, requiring decommissioning and replacement. No funds allocated;;- Continued challenge with Awbarre surface pumps; <p>ARRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Follow up with vendor with regards to incompatible orientation of surface pumps supplied for Kebribeyah water scheme; <p>UNICEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The construction of 14 water kiosks in Itang town is completed to the level of 95% remains with fitting work only.- Construction of 100m3 elevated reservoir in Itang Town is raised to 18m above the ground and is at 85%.- The optimization of Itang permanent water supply project is in progress. The pipe supply has reached 7KM and about 2KM is laid.- Construction of 39 blocks of latrines in the Nguenyiel camp are fully completed out of 132 been handed over to OXFAM and are ready for use. The excavation of trench for additional 19 family latrines are completed.- WASH NFI has been released to both World vision and OXFAM. The distribution by WVI is planned to happen next week.- The implementation of hygiene promotion activities is continued by OXFAM in Nguenyiel and Jewi cams has continued. The main activities include training of 44 HCOAs and Jeri can cleaning campaigns.- Contractors have started site clearing for Generator house construction at Itang- Elevated 100m3 concrete reservoir has progressed with the form work to fill the concrete of starter and intermediate beams.- Construction of three institutional latrines at Itang and Abol have been fully completed ready to handover.	AHA /ARRA/UNHCR to meet to update on RDPP activities
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNICEF in partnership with IRC, has continued providing safe and potable water to refugees in Kule, Tierkidi, Nguenyiel camps as well to the host communities and institutions at Thurpam/Itang Junction. A total population of 175,072 (Kule 51,494; Tierkidi 69,928; Nguenyiel 38,650 and about 15,000 at Thurpam) are getting average of 15l/p/d of safe water. - Daily Water quality has been monitored with daily FRC test and bulky chlorination at booster stations in Tharmpam using online dosing pump. - The construction of utility office also started and is at the foundation work level. - DFID self-reliance - Self-reliance rapid assessment in multi locations is offered to a company international with local. The assessment will be starting end of next week. It is expected to be completed in two months' time. The result of the assessment will inform the decision to feasible interventions. <p>UNHCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for development of behaviour change communication framework integrating WASH, Health, Nutrition and Education sectors. Partners to continue using respective hygiene promotion approaches developed internally, best practises based on population planning groups to be shared amongst partners for adoption; - Joint monitoring mission, learning and experience sharing plan to be agreed upon in the next coordination meeting; - 2018 COP planning has commenced in respective field operations. All stakeholder to participate effectively. Inclusion of RDPP, DFID Self-reliance, DRDIP where feasible and government pledges impact on WASH programming to be considered; 	David to share draft schedule for comments
Minutes 03: Any other business	It was observed that participation in the coordination meeting had slackened and all partners were urged to improve. It was agreed that a calendar for meetings to be shared in the next coordination forum.	
	The next meeting will be held @ UNHCR conference room on Thursday, 16th March in Addis Ababa @10:00 am	