


# Refugee Protection Working Group Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 2018  
 UNHCR Branch Office, Bole, Addis Ababa

Chaired: Charlotte Ridung (Assistant Representative, Protection)

Agenda	Meeting Notes	Action Points
<p><b>Review of Minutes from March 2018</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DRC completed an assessment within Kenya related to the movements in Moyale.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNHCR to facilitate conversation on emergency phone (formerly referred to as a “hotline”)</li> <li>Cross border mission for Ethiopia/Kenya to assess protection in Moyale area; date TBD</li> </ul>
<p><b>Presentation by Humanity &amp; Inclusion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organizational name change better represents current work of the organization to include both those persons living with disabilities and those with other specific needs.</li> <li>The organization has long worked with refugees through the provision of rehabilitation services for refugees in the Somali Region</li> <li>Ten year Strategy (2016-2025): Priority actions include                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inclusion of people with disabilities and vulnerable populations</li> <li>Inclusive emergency responses</li> <li>Access to services</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Identification of the number and the needs of persons with disabilities                      Improve functional autonomy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HI is working in collaboration with the Federation of Disabilities (FENPD) to insure questions related to persons living with disabilities are included in the upcoming census.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer of support from HI: Training of key staff working in Registration to identify specific needs/persons with disabilities (UNHCR/ARRA frontline Registration team)</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>HI Presentation to                      RPWG - 8 May 2018.p</p> </div>
<p><b>Sector Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Kenya Borena:</b> Related to the recent conflict: Assessment largely undertaken on the Kenya side. 50% have indicated a willingness to return. For those who stay, looking at ways to provide better protection and in connection to national systems.</li> <li><b>Urban:</b> At present, a challenging transition from DICAC to Cash Based Interventions under UNHCR. Delays in payment to refugees, which has resulted in frustration within the refugee community. New SOPs are necessary to ensure that all individuals who are eligible for assistance receive it at the proportional rate. An overall challenging month for</li> </ul>	

	<p>refugees when it comes to adjustment to the new systems. Targeting assistance will continue to be a conversation that needs to take place, as the urban population is growing and assistance is reduced, necessary to continue to have a conversation related to who is the most vulnerable and in need of support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Child Protection/SGBV Protection and Response:</b> Documentation workshop will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. Upcoming mission to Gambella to gather information on processes and bottle necks to suggest as recommendations. Mission will be pushed back (ARRA, UNHCR, UNICEF, VERA).</li> </ul> <p>ARRA/Bureau of Women and Children’s Affairs attended a meeting in Arusha on Inclusion in National Systems. Opportunity to hear from other countries on the ways in which refugees are included in national systems in East African Community countries.</p> <p>Presently working on specific directives related to VERA to ensure the most inclusive approach</p> <p>Inclusion of gender sensitive approach and ensuring gender equity in the rolling out of the Jobs Compact and work within industrial parks</p> <p>GBVIMS: Meeting to soon be held on the data sharing protocol related to how data is shared with partners. UNHCR to set up meeting.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection concern raised: Hitsats Camp (Shire). Female children are given gender segregated housing when they are unaccompanied. When over 18, they are in the general population and are often placed in housing that doesn’t protect them, including. Assessing how to have better transitional housing.</li> </ul> <p>Safety Audit reviewed this issue as a high risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR to liaise with UNHCR Shire to raise this concern</li> <li>• IRC to share the safety audit from Shire</li> </ul>
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has heightened fighting across the border lead to an increase of refugees in Gambella? (April/May 2000 people-not presently an increase noted)</li> <li>• Are faster registration procedures expected in Pamdang? Refugees are presently waiting over one week to be registered which means they are without assistance. (Stepping up of Registration is a joint process with ARRA. Registration is joint with ARRA and a unilateral registration process cannot take place. Multiyear plan of action, ongoing advocacy is taking place to ensure that quick registration is seen as a priority.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOPs for legal aide (DRC) to be reviewed/by UNHCR for harmonization.</li> <li>• Next meeting: 05 June 2018 (UNHCR)</li> </ul>

	Advanced registration requires additional equipment which is still under procurement.	
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