

AAP Task Team – Minutes of Meeting on 27/09/2021 (draft)

Participants: Alight, CAFOMI, CRS, GTS, Impact / U-Learn, MercyCorps, MTI, UNHCR

Main Points of Discussion	Action Points
<p>1. Review of minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Action points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on RRP 2022-23 development process - UNHCR to share the documents from the RRP workshops. (Done) • A workshoping meeting to be organized for further discussion, once guidance documents are available (meeting scheduled) • UNHCR to circulate the latest version of the mapping of feedback and complaints mechanisms to Task Team members for inputs. (Done) • Discussion in the AAP Task Team on draft AAP indicators, including those related to feedback and complaint handling and referrals, after review and further discussion by the teams that have worked on these activities. (meeting scheduled) • GTS to present the key findings of the next COVID-19 Rumour Tracking Bulletin, based on which the Task Team with participation from RINGO will brainstorm on community mobilization on vaccines (Key findings presented by GTS, brainstorming with RINGO participation to be done) • Members to provide updates for contact list in two weeks time after the current contact list is shared. (Contact list shared, pending inputs from members). <p>Previous minutes reviewed and adopted by members</p>	
<p>2. Overview of the work of the Internal Risk Management Group (IRMG) (please refer to presentation for details)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IRMG: A group of like-minded NGOs who want to ensure that resources reach program participants and that staff, stakeholders and program participants are safe. ▪ Currently comprised of 68 NGOs operating in Uganda (54 INGOs & 14 Local NGOs). Steering Committee of 	

<p>9 representatives (CDs & EDs) led by a Chair, Co-Chair, grant holder as treasurer and members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expected outcomes: (1) Improve organizational culture concerning dealing with fraud and corruption (2) Improve the safeguarding practices and reduce the risks of Sexual Harassment Exploitation and Abuse (SHEA) and child abuse in NGO programs. (3) Leverage lessons learned and knowledge of the IRMG to benefit the wider civil society sector in Uganda to improve on managing wrongful conduct. ▪ Phase 2 target areas, progress and achievements, including trainings on internal risk management and safeguarding, and development of online repository of tools and resources (www.irmghub.org). –please refer to presentation. ▪ Plans: trainings on safeguarding, specialized training on case management / co-investigation in safeguarding, internal risk management – please refer to presentation ▪ Enrolment of new members: registered as legal entity operating in Uganda, fully registered with NGO Bureau, has been in existence in Uganda for at least 5 years, minimum governance standards, have a Audited Books of Accounts for at least the last 2 years, no political affiliations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IRMG to share via UNHCR the IRMG presentation and reports with members ▪ For any questions or further information, members can reach out to Henry Owora, IRMG Project Manager, howora@mercycorps.org / 0772 426 585
<p>3. Latest findings of the COVID-19 Rumour Tracking (GTS) (please refer to the presentation and Bulletin for details)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key findings of COVID-19 Rumour Tracking Bulletin #6. Rumours collected in Palabek, Nakivale, Kyangwali, Kiryandongo, and Nyakabande. • Are people in your community able to distinguish between rumours and facts around COVID-19? Yes: 81%, No: 19%. • Overview of rumours: Downplay (40%), Origins (16%), Vaccine (15%), Prevention (13%), Transmission (6%), Cure (5%), Exaggeration (5%). • Downplay: COVID-19 is not dangerous, only old people can die, our race / ethnicity is immune, Gov is playing up COVID-19 for politics, COVID-19 is not real, etc. • Origins: It is divine punishment, bioweapon conspiracies, manufactured for profit, etc • Vaccines: High negative side effects, conspiracy theories, vaccine is ineffective, vaccine is a bioweapon, vaccine causes death, etc • Prevention: Various home remedies for prevention, drinking alcohol prevents, prayer or faith prevents, 	

<p>etc.</p> <p>Key recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countering vaccine misinformation • Efforts to better understand community motivations • Figures in high-visibility positions of authority play a key role in whether people perceive Covid-19 as a risk and in building trust in the vaccine • Avoiding repeating rumours when trying to debunk them • Community sensitisation on the virus should be ongoing • Sharing photographic and video depictions of people who have contracted Covid-19 • Providing refugees with up-to-date figures and information on case numbers in Uganda <p>Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR: Findings can be used to inform the bulk sms using the FRRM tool for COVID-19 risk communication, in an effort to counter the main rumours captured • Some staff of some partners still have fears towards the COVID-19 vaccines, and are trying to address them and sensitize staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with RINGO to set a date / time for brainstorming on community mobilization on vaccines • UNHCR to take into account the findings from the rumour tracking in sending bulk sms for COVID-19 risk communication • UNHCR to follow up with Information Management team to post the Bulletin on the Uganda refugee response portal
<p>4. Discussion on key indicators for AAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Postponed to later date to ensure sufficient number of participants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR to propose new date for meeting.
<p>5. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for member organizations to express interest for Co-chair of AAP Task Team (6 month rotation) is still open. 	

AAP Task Team TOR, endorsed meeting minutes, inter-agency rumour tracking bulletin, resources for COVID-19 risk communication, and other key documents from the AAP Task Team can be accessed on the Uganda refugee response portal at: <https://ugandarefugees.org/en/working-group/253?sv=0&geo=220>