

**INTER-AGENCY REFUGEE RESPONSE COORDINATION MEETING  
UN BUILDING – LUANDA, 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017  
Minutes**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Participants:** MINARS, UNHCR, WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, MAG, WFP, RCO.

**Chair:** MINARS National Director for Social Assistance, Ms. Teresa Quivienguele

**Approval of the previous meeting's minutes**

Participants approved the minutes of the previous week's IA Refugee Coordination meeting without further comments.

**Operational Update, Needs and Gaps**

**MINARS**

- Welcomed the newly arrived UNHCR Country Representative to Angola, Ms. Philippa Candler;
- Informed that the Civil Protection donated 6 small generators (3 KVA) and 4 water tanks (5,000L) to support the refugee response in Lunda Norte;
- Two water trucks (with drivers) were made available to support water distribution in Cacanda and Lovua;
- One vehicle (land cruiser) was made available to support the operations in the field in Lovua (to the police station);
- Provided a brief explanation about the inter-ministerial mission conducted to Lovua between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2017, led by Minister Muandumba; Part of this mission were also several representatives from different ministries of the GoA and heads of UN Agencies;
- Central MINARS has deployed a permanent representative to Lunda Norte as agreed with UNHCR to assist the refugee response;
- Inquired partners about current situation of garbage disposal;
- Highlighted the urgent need of an ambulance to assist the refugee population in Lovua and Cacanda, expressing MINARS availability to support UNHCR releasing the ambulance from customs if needed;
- Informed that the GoA will open the main accesses in Lovua very soon, consultations are being made with the Ministry of Construction to agree the final date;
- Expressed concern about the morbidity in Cacanda reception centre as most of the casualties were children, emphasizing the need to find the causes for these deaths and reinforce its prevention.

**UNHCR**

- Informed that as of 8 September 2017, 31,278 refugees from Kasai were biometrically registered in Lunda Norte, out of which 22,435 are living with the host community in Dundo; 6,825 are in Cacanda and 2,018 have been relocated to Lovua. 31 UAM/SC have been identified and are hosted in a UAM/SC center in Cacanda;
- Stressed that UNHCR's main priority continues to be the refugee' relocation to Lovua, which has been delayed due to the slow development of the site caused by the lack of heavy machinery to open access roads; The ongoing plan is to relocate one convoy per week according to the current development capacity of Lovua settlement;

- Explained that UNHCR will continue to conduct border monitoring missions to monitor new arrivals and contacts are being made to implement a border monitoring system with SME;
- Family tracing and host families continue to be sought for UAM/SC in Cacanda;
- Informed that the GoA has shared with UNHCR that the refugee status will be granted on a Prima Facie Basis to the DRC refugees from Kasai, but it has not been officialised yet;
- Shared that an informal meeting with donors took place on the same morning. Donors received the latest updates regarding the refugee response/situation in Lunda Norte;
- Expressed concern regarding the high level of child morbidity considering that the latest report indicates that out of 71 deaths since the beginning of the emergency 40 were children;

## **WHO**

- Medical kits have arrived in Dundo and are currently the only medical material available in the area, where there is also a severe shortage of medicines;
- Shared that a cholera outbreak is taking place in the DRC, around 100 km away from Dundo;
- Reiterated that health support will be provided both to the host community and refugees;
- Highlighted the fact that Lunda Norte is the Province with the highest rate of malaria in the country;
- Alerted the severe shortage of medicines in Lunda Norte for TB, HIV, and Malaria stressing the need to purchase a stock of medicines for these diseases urgently also due to the rainy season, which will increase the number of malaria cases;

## **UNICEF**

### **WASH:**

- A 5000L rigid tank has been provided to the local community in Lovua benefiting at least 120 people residing near the refugee settlement. This community has now access to treated water nearby their residences;
- UNICEF continues to develop water and sanitation facilities in the new villages, currently in village 9, zone B.
- Sanitation and water facilities are being rehabilitated following the damages caused by the last rains. Construction of 14 new latrines is ongoing;
- The drainage system is being rehabilitated in Cacanda as a response to the beginning of the rainy season;
- An average of 20L per person per day of safe water has been consistently provided to refugees in Lovua and Cacanda.
- Answering to MINARS, the current waste disposal is under control and respecting emergency standards.

### **Health and Nutrition:**

- 214 children have been screened for malnutrition in Cacanda, 5 cases of MAM and 1 SAM were identified; 287 children were screened for malnutrition in Lovua, 1 MAM case was identified;
- 11 cases of diarrhea were identified during the week, 10 in Cacanda and 1 in Lovua. These figures highlight the poor sanitation conditions in Cacanda compared to Lovua settlement;

- Routine vaccination is being planned to take place in Lovua with WHO;
- Stressed the need to relocate refugees from Cacanda to Lovua as soon as possible to avoid outbreaks of cholera and malaria.

#### **Child Protection:**

- Two Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) are currently operational in Lovua;
- A total of 934 children attended the CFS in Cacanda and 1230 attended the two CFS in Lóvua;
- A proposal was submitted to the Provincial Department of Justice to improve birth registration of refugees living with the host communities;

#### **WFP**

- Reiterated that the General Food Distribution (GFD) will take place on September 14 in Lovua and from 16 to 19 September in Cacanda;
- All food commodities for the next GFD are already available in Dundo apart from SuperCereal, which will arrive soon to Lunda Norte;
- Informed that to date the agency has received funds to cover its food pipeline until end of December 2017. The food pipeline for January is covered with the exception of vegetable oil and CBT activities.
- WFP Acting Regional Representative for Southern Africa will visit Angola from 18-23 September and will be meeting with the UNCT, government authorities, donors community and will travel to Dundo as well.

#### **MAG**

- MAG continues to seek funds to continue Mine Risk Education (MRE) in Lunda Norte;
- MAG is writing a proposal to British Petroleum (BP) and if successful MRE sessions will be funded in 3 provinces, including Lunda Norte. If this happens, MAG will focus first attention in Lunda Norte to address the current urgent needs;
- DFID (UK Foreign Aid) can potentially add Angola to the list of eligible countries for Global Humanitarian Demining funding. If that is the case, MAG will request funding also for MRE and demining in Lunda Norte;
- MAG teams are currently working in Lunda Sul, if additional funding is provided, MAG can deploy teams to Lunda Norte within a period of 3 to 4 days.

#### **UNFPA**

- Informed that 2000 dignity kits were handed over to the Provincial Department of Health by the UNFPA Country Representative during the Inter-Ministerial Mission to Lunda Norte led by the Minister of Minars, from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of September;
- Shared that two Women Friendly Spaces will be established in Lovua next week and managed by Medicos del Mundo;
- UNFPA partner MdM is planning to conduct a training on SGBV Case Management next week.

#### **AOB**

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 19 September 2017 from 15:00 PM at the UN Building Conference Room** on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor.

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