# MINUTES OF MEETING WASH SECTOR TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ERBIL – KURDISTAN / 12 DECEMBER 2013

Venue	Directorate of Surrounding Water - Erbil		
Time	10 am to 12:45 am		
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Action Points	Responsible	Deadline
Sharing Weekly Epidemiological Bulletin and Diseases cases definition	WHO (Mr Hamasha) and UNICEF (Karine Deniel)	On-going
Sharing by-weekly report on Water quality	WHO (Mr Hamasha)	When produced
4W matrix template for the camps in the KRG response	UNICEF (Karine Deniel)	15 <sup>th</sup> of December
To include a session on information sharing for next meeting (Activity Info, drop box?)	UNICEF (Karine Deniel)	January 2014
Elaborate a matrix of for needs and capacity of hygiene kits distribution for the KRG response	UNICEF (Karine Deniel) and Save the Children	27 <sup>th</sup> of December
Ensure participation of ERC, ACTED, DOSS, and DoH to the next meeting	UNICEF (Karine Deniel)	January 2014
Sharing the updated layout and sit planning maps with the WASH actors	UNHCR (Fernando Marin)	25 <sup>th</sup> of December
Translation of the ToR for the WASH groups at camp level in Arabic and Kurdish	UNICEF (Karine Deniel)	15 <sup>th</sup> of December
To send the 2 priorities to the ERF manager (#1 sanitation in camps, # 2 rapid response)	UNICEF (Karine Deniel)	12 <sup>th</sup> of December
To send an email to the WASH Sector group for the establishment of a WASH ERF committee	UNICEF (Karine Deniel)	30th of December

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## Session Summary Follow up of actions Validation of the previous minutes points from previous Review of the action points, the actions points that were not completed are reported to meeting this minutes. WASH coordination at Based on the last meeting and the needs identified by the WASH actors responding to the camp level Syrian crisis in KRG, the establishment of WASH sector groups at camp level has started See the power point first in Erbil governorate with the election of 4 chairing organizations presentation Basirma: KURDS attached Darashakran: Relief International Kawergosk: NRC Qushtapa: DRC The ToR circulated by emails for almost 3 weeks, and comments were included. The ToR would be translated in Kurdish and Arabic. The way of integrating the refugee's representation in these groups is still problematic and would need focus in the following weeks, to ensure that an appropriate methodology is implemented. The roles of UNICEF facilitators and their support in this coordination system were also highlighted by partners. Mapping of partners A presentation was done on the current mapping of the WASH actors intervening in the See the power point Syrian crises in Kurdistan, Iraq. The data need to be updated regularly, but this would presentation help to identify the best coordination system to be implemented for the output 1 of RRP6. attached Numbers of WASH actors in KRG: 42 Tipology of WASH actors # of WASH aftersol INGO Institution ■ NNGO Private UN agency

Gap analysis: The 4 W See the power point presentation attached



UNICEF, WASH Sector Lead, highlighted the need to launch a gap analysis for the camps, and the existing data have to be updated in the previous meeting.

The 4W would be done by camps. The template was shared, one week before the meeting to all partners for their feedback that were included. Some pilots were done at camp level in Erbil governorate, to ensure that the tool was appropriate at camp level.

The template proposed is reflecting the RRP6 outputs, to identify the activities missing to achieve these outputs.

During this meeting, the participants identified activities to be added to the WASH activities checklist.

A document would be elaborated based on the results of the 4W.

Deadline for compiled 4W for 9 camps: 31ST OF DECEMBER

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## Emergency Response Fund

See the power point presentation attached

## Priority 1:

Increase the access of the refugee population to a safe, sanitary and hygienic living environment by enhancing the community participation through:

- The provision of sanitation structures and services that are culturally appropriate, secure, sanitary, user-friendly and gender-appropriate
- Coordinated, planned and structured operation and maintenance of the sanitation infrastructures
- Improved hygienic practices, hygiene promotion, and delivery of hygiene products and services on a sustainable and equitable basis

Priority 2: to be redefined to ensure that seasonal public health risks in the camps are captured

ERF lauch: 12th of December

Deadline: 30th of December to the Sector Lead

# POLIO AND WASH See the power point presentation

attached

Presentation facilitated by Jeffrey **Battes from UNICEF** (Part of the communication and POLIO Team)

A WASH ERF committee was be established to prioritize the WASH sector proposal UNICEF is the lead partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) for

- Social mobilization and communication
- Vaccine procurement and delivery

## Syrian Arab Republic

Wild poliovirus was last reported in Syria in 1999.

A cluster of 22 acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) cases reported on 17 October 2013 Wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) isolated from ten of the cases under investigation. Now 17 cases total.

#### Why convergence with WASH?

- Polio is fecal-oral transmitted disease.
- Higher density, poor sanitation conditions exacerbate transmission -- high prevalence of diarrhea, more frequent infectious contacts and increase levels of excreted poliovirus in the environment.
- linked to the persistence of polio (and other fecal-oral diseases) in UP and Bihar during the last outbreak in India. New Strategies for the Elimination of Polio from India. Science 314, 1150 (2006); Nicholas C. Grassly et al.; Sukla P. et al, Indian Journal of Community Health, 2013.
- Poor immunization coverage is a marker of great inequities—communities living in poorest sanitary conditions are vulnerable to polio and other fecal-oral transmitted diseases

#### **Potential WASH Polio Activities in Other Countries**

- Map out polio High Risk Areas (HRAs) for polio
- Identify WASH high risk areas / objectives
- Integrate polio communication messages and outreach with WASH(e.g. hand washing, latrine use...)
- Prioritize areas for scaling up
- Documentation and evaluation out outcomes

### Closure of the meeting

## Next meeting to be confirmed