

MINUTES OF GAMBELLA TASKFORCE MEETING

UNHCR Sub-Office Conference Room, Gambella
Date: Friday 15 December, 2017
Time: 10:00 A.M.

Attendance: UNHCR,ARRA,IRC,ANE,IMC,SCI,NRC,AAH,GOAL,OXFAM,UNICEF,CWW,DCA,WFP,DICAC,RaDO,IOM, MWW

- The meeting was co-chaired by ARRA's Ato Mengistu and UNHCR OiC Mr. Mamoun Abuarqub

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Opening Remarks by UNHCR, ARRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNHCR shared an end of year message to all partners present as part of the opening remarks. In the message, partners were thanked for their great commitment to meet the needs of the persons of concern during the year. In addition, special thanks were extended to all those who participated in successful hosting of missions received in Gambella. Going forward, UNHCR reminded taskforce members that the meeting will remain only as a forum to discuss main challenges and issues affecting the operation and that detailed discussions should be held at Sector specific Working Group level.• On the ARRA side, he congratulated all partners, both NGO and UN agencies, for their hard work during the year. However, taskforce members were reminded that 2018 will require more efforts as the implementation of nine pledges under the CRRF (Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework) approach by the Ethiopian government will start. This will require more collective efforts to actualize the pledges		

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Sectorial updates and current programs	<p><u>PROTECTION</u></p> <p>UNHCR informed the taskforce that around 40 asylum seekers had been sent to Pamdong reception centre for screening and plans were underway to provide assistance. The taskforce was informed that the group of asylum seekers were originating from Jonglei region of South Sudan.</p> <p>WFP reported that they have enough HEB in stock and they are willing to provide should it be required to support the new arrivals.</p> <p>UNHCR Reminded partners that all protection training plans and TOR must be shared with sector focal points in good time to ascertain their relevance and appropriateness before partners can go ahead and provide training the camps.</p> <p>ARRA updated the taskforce on the issues of relocation of refugees to Assosa, security incidences reported in Pugnido II and theft cases in Jewi. For the relocation of refugees to Assosa, ARRA informed the forum that it is on hold due to security challenges while the theft cases in Jewi are under investigation. For Pugnido incidence, the fight was of tribal nature pitting two refugee clans against each other. Unfortunately one fatal case was reported and investigations are ongoing and already four perpetrators have been apprehended and they will face justice.</p> <p>MSF raised the issue of challenges faced by refugees who are either missing the proof of registration documents or they are defaced as their individual details cannot be captured. UNHCR responded by advising partners to only depend on the proof of registration documents as the primary source of details in regards to refugees seeking services. The household and individual numbers should be used. In addition, UNHCR shared a sample of the proof of registration document.</p>	<p>All Partners providing training to share TORs with UNHCR</p> <p>Follow up with ARRA Addis Ababa on additional support with police resources to support relocation to Assosa</p> <p>Affected partners in Jewi to report to police at ARRA in Jewi to facilitate investigation process</p> <p>Refugees whose proof of registration(fact sheets) are missing or defaced should be referred to UNHCR and ARRA Registration team for support</p>	<p>Protection Partners</p> <p>ARRA</p> <p>DRC</p> <p>All partners</p>

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	<p><u>HEALTH</u></p> <p>UNHCR updated that World Aids Day was observed successfully and as part of the activities towards the observation, HIV screening was carried out to 400 refugees and one positive case identified and refereed for medication. In addition a new HIV treatment centre was opened in Kule by the RHB (Regional Health Bureau). Furthermore, UNHCR distributed some materials to ARRA to support with medical circumcision activities while the main challenge for the sector was the reported non-functional health post in Jewi by ARRA due to ongoing renovation works.</p> <p>UNICEF requested clarification on the reception of mosquito nets that are due to be transported from Addis Ababa. It was clarified by ARRA that as already promised, they have enough storage capacity and they are ready to distribute the mosquito nets once received in Gambella.</p> <p>MSF reported that 23,000 consultations have been carried out during the month out of which malaria cases were 5,000 even though this is on a downward trend for malaria after the rain season.</p> <p>Maternity Foundation provided capacity building training to 18 midwives participants.</p> <p><u>SHELTER</u></p> <p>UNHCR updated the taskforce on ongoing activities majorly on grass collection and thatching for transitional shelter in all camps. A meeting with refugee community was held in Jewi to discuss the renovation of tukuls. In addition road maintenance works in Nguennyiel was in good progress pending completion of drainage infrastructure.</p>	<p>Mosquito nets to be delivered to ARRA</p>	<p>UNICEF</p>

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	<p>DRC mentioned that all foundation works for different facilities sin Pamdong is going on well and they plan to complete in the coming three weeks. In addition, they reported that the planned transitional shelter construction activities sin Nguenyiel has been completed save for a few mud plaster and grass thatching activities.</p> <p>ANE mentioned the ongoing 7 km gravel road construction in Nguenyiel and the completion of 312 tukuls in Terkidi and 300 in Nguenyiel where all frames have been completed apart from grass thatching and mud plaster which is in good progress.</p> <p>NRC updated that apart from the planned ECHO top up of 1000 tukuls in Nguenyiel and a possible 1,300 from Canadian donors, all other planned transitional shelters in Nguenyiel, Pugnido I and Pugnido II have been completed except for a few under grass thatching.</p> <p>ARRA commended the progress for Pamdong but asked why construction of transitional shelter in Nguenyiel was slow. UNHCR responded that all commitments based on available resources for 2017 have been met. Due the limited resources in comparison to the vast needs, the gap remains big and more efforts to fundraise and increase community participation should be carried out by all partners concerned.</p> <p><u>WASH</u></p> <p>UNHCR update that indicators for service levels remains the same for all camps in Gambella and that more coverage of water in Nguenyiel in Zone D has been achieved through installation of additional five water points. In addition, bilateral discussions to be held by concerned partners in regards to 2018 operations.</p>		

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	<p>OXFAM reported that the permanent water distribution system in Nguenyiel is complete apart from Zone B which will be completed by mid-January. Oxfam requested construction of access road to the water reservoir to enable water trucking for testing the system. In addition, Oxfam reported that they are donating a T-45 water tank to help with loading point challenges in Itang for water trucking.</p> <p>ANE water trucking ongoing in Nguenyiel refugee camp where the UNHCR minimum standards of 15 l/p/d have been achieved. In Jewi, intake pumps malfunctioned and this caused a delay in supply of water to the camp. The pump was repaired and normal operations resumed.</p> <p>IRC reported that routine operation ongoing and the only issue pending is the discussion on the water utility management for 2018 in Itang.</p> <p>DRC reported that they plan to start WASH activities in Okugo from the month of January next year.</p> <p>Handicap International reported that they have constructed 113 latrines for disabled families in Nguenyiel camp.</p> <p>ARRA raised the issue of Itang Water Utility company. He mentioned that as ARRA zonal co-ordinator, he is not aware of any information in regards to the water utility company planned for Itang.</p> <p><u>NUTRITION</u></p> <p>UNHCR presented a short video message on IYCF (Infant and Young Children Feeding) framework in which the key message was that of complementarity of services that is required from all sectors to achieve a proper Infant and Young children feeding. A training will be organised for all partners from different</p>	<p>WASH team to brief ARRA on the plans for the utility company arrangement in Itang to discuss a way forward</p>	<p>UNHCR and UNICEF</p>

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	<p>sectors where keys focus areas will be identified and indicators developed for compliance by all sectors.</p> <p>IMC reported that routine activities were ongoing without any interruption whereby breastfeeding enrolment was increased in Jewi due to increased commitment by the community outreach team.</p> <p>AAH informed the forum that there was a two day delay in service provision in Pugnido II camp due to security challenges while in Nguenyiel all the four sites are running smoothly and plans are underway to open the fifth site and construct an additional block for the stabilisation centre.</p> <p>WFP reported the GFD for all camps have been completed for the month of December apart from Nguenyiel which will be completed in the next few days due to delays.</p> <p><u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>SCI reported that construction of three blocks of classrooms have been completed in Jewi and Pugnido and construction of the CFS under the top up funding progressing well.</p> <p>WVI reported that 1,275 ALP students attended classes in Jewi while literacy centres were handed over to ARRA and UNHCR to be managed by refugees themselves due shortage of funds.</p> <p><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></p>		

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	NRDP reported that they have constructed fire breaks to safeguard the plantation in various camps in Gambella and collected 150 bundles of grass for nursey development in 2018		
AOB	None.		

There being no other business the co-chair informed the taskforce that this will be the last meeting for 2017 and he wished them a happy festive season ahead.

The next date for Taskforce meeting will be communicated.