

Minutes of the Inter-Agency Meeting

Dundo, Lunda Norte, 16 April 2018

Participants: UNHCR, MAG, WFP, JRS, LWF, MDM, NCA, JRS, WVI

Agenda points:

- General information
- Security briefing
- Sectorial update

Recent developments

- A meeting was held with partners to assess gaps and impacts regarding the relocation plan to relocate the refugees in the urban community to Lóvua. The results, gaps and recommendations from the meeting was shared with Luanda but there has been no feedback. This year UNHCR have funding constraints and this may result in issues with the implementation of some activities;
- UNHCR sent to SME the list of refugees who have been deactivated and those for family reunification. There was some false information published in the papers and the day after SME visited the office to understand what happened. There will be a media workshop to realise training on the media and how to deal with questions from the media. One representative from each organise will be able to attend the workshop;
- A meeting was held with vice-director of the Provincial Department of Health (DPS) together with MDM to raise issues such as the access of refugees to medical facilities in Dundo. Some refugees such as pregnant women do not want to deliver in Dundo due to stigma. There was another meeting with the director of DPS and the heads of unit of all the hospitals. There will now be regular meetings to share information between key partners.

A. Security

- There was an incident at a house of a UNHCR colleague in Dundo, where the house was robbed. Valuables were stolen, but no harm was caused to the colleague. The Head of Office (HoO) reinforced the importance of taking security measures to mitigate robberies.
- The HoO has continued to receive reports of partner cars driving fast (high speed) and has encouraged partners to find ways to mitigate this speed.

B. Sectorial update

1. Shelter and infrastructure

- The government has donated land for a cemetery and tomorrow the shelter team will go to Lóvua to start mapping. This will enable the team to develop design and budget for activities such as road construction and clearing of the space;
- Last week there was a joint exercise that involved WVI, the road contractor and UNHCR that measured the roads under construction in Lóvua;
- Some minor repair works after the GFD in transit centre. Water is still getting stuck on the roof level, will have a review this week to see if there are any alternatives;

- World Vision have done plotting in H1, 2 3 and 4.

2. Health and Nutrition

- MdM have started bilateral coordination with the hospitals in Dundo and the medical coordinator has started to organise meetings with DPS officials;
- Last week, there were less consultations in Lóvua and MdM have concluded that it was probably because of the weather as it rained a lot. MdM also mentioned the importance of a second clinic in Lóvua (zone D) as if something happens in terms of weather then there will be no access to the clinic;
- A meeting was organised between WVI and MdM to exchange SAM and MAM referrals.
- DPS accepted to vaccinate already existing refugees between 0-15 years in the Lóvua settlement. This is a huge campaign and MdM would like to implement this but do not have the personnel to do it and have thus requested that other partners join in the vaccination campaign.

3. Food Security

- Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) is a regular mission that WFP conducts globally. In the context of Lunda Norte, this will involve the Angolan Government, UNHCR and indirectly WVI. This midline survey will also assess WFP operations regarding challenges and achievements. The objective is to define how WFP will design assistance for the future and this mission will look to extend potentially until July 2019. The coordinator for JAM arrives tomorrow (17 April 2018). The field survey will last from the 25 April 2018 until the 4 May 2018;
- General food distribution happened in Dundo and refugees received a double portion (March and April rations);
- The hospital would like food rations for refugees to be given to them through the hospital and not directly.

4. Water and Sanitation

- 1,663 cubic meters of water was distributed last week and LWF now conduct water trucking in 12 villages, NCA conduct water trucking in the rest of the villages. Hygiene kits (brooms, soaps, and buckets) were also distributed;
- NCA continue to have problems with vandalism as bladders are not only being cut, but tarpaulins have also been removed from toilets. Moreover, the road to the water point provides a challenge for water trucks;
- LWF only used one truck in Lóvua and kept one truck in Dundo due to the relocation plan, however it was suggested that LWF should move the truck to Lóvua as the relocation plan has not happened yet;
- Borehole drilling work has started and after 3 full days of work, the team managed to drill 84 meters. However, due to a lack of one product, the team stopped drilling and they are now waiting for the product from Luanda. The objective is to reach 150m;
- At the end of the month, NCA will no longer have funding and they stressed that this could be a crisis for the operation if it is not resolved.

5. Protection

- MAG will work in zone E to continue their work on mine awareness raising and they reported that refugees like the messages that are being transmitted to them by MAG.

- An alligator was killed in the river near Lóvua and this is to remind people about the dangers in the Lóvua municipality;
- In zone A village b, man called Rasta has 2 dogs and they have already bitten refugees and are causing problems for children. This will be investigated;
- During the week 2-6 April, there was an increase in the number of referred cases. Usually, there are 25-28 referral cases a week but in the last 2 weeks there have been 40 and 57 cases respectively. Additionally, most of the cases of children at risk have to do with children under 4 (over 40% of the cases);
- 70% of adult referred cases were women and most of them were referred to MDM for psychosocial support.
- A gap has been identified in that many referred cases have not been afforded adequate feedback in terms of case management, but this is being resolved in the protection group;
- There has been a 50% increase in cases of negligence. Some cases of tents that are locked as the parents go to Dundo for various reasons but leave children behind without food or water;
- There were 6 cases of arrested refugees whose belongings were taken by the police but when the legal protection team visited, their goods were returned, and they were released.
- The cemetery that was allocated has started to be used by JRS for some burials, however, the access to the cemetery is a bit difficult.

6. Education

- 4,500 students are currently attending schools in Lóvua, but on some days this figure can increase. The current capacity of the schools is 4,000 therefore, there is an excess of 500 students.
- The school system follows the Congolese school structure and not the Angolan school structure in terms of grades. Therefore, a child who was in the 10th grade in Congo will be in the 10th grade in Lóvua.
- It was also mentioned that parents are being sensitised so that they can teach their children how to recognise their names, their plots, and villages;
- It has been suggested that there should be a protection assessment of children who go to school from their homes in Lóvua.

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