

INITIATIVE PROPOSAL:

WORKING GROUP ON PARTICIPATION IN DISPLACEMENT

1 July 2019

1. Title of Initiative

Creation of Working Group on Participation in Displacement

2. Title of Working Group/Community of Practice over-seeing Initiative.

Working Group will be under the Global CCCM Cluster, with the guidance of the Strategic Advisory Group

3. Proposing/Lead agencies

International Organization for Migration and Norwegian Refugee Council

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4. Summary

Ensuring meaningful participation of all groups of a displaced population in decision making processes and in camp governance structures is an essential pillar of good camp management. As well as a basic step towards making sure that different needs, capacities and expectations of different groups within the displaced population are taken into consideration, this proposal stresses the need to collect learning and recommendations from practical examples of how to reinforce this critical component of camp management. Only when all groups' voices are heard and considered, the assistance provided to them will be given considering these needs, capacities and expectations.

Although much learning and guidance exists on increasing the participation of affected populations, this often relates to increasing the participation of affected populations at the stage of programme design, implementation and monitoring – whereas meaningful participation of all affected by displacement should be ensured as early as when coordinating life-saving assistance at the onset of emergencies. Even though women and children often form most displaced populations living in camps or camp-like settings, their needs are not always well-represented in camp governance structures. Persons with disabilities in displacement contexts still find themselves on the edge of society and are often stigmatized, marginalized or even live completely in hiding. Community engagement with these and other particularly vulnerable groups (ethnic minorities, LGBTIQ+ community, ..) within the displaced community require targeted and appropriate approaches, with a focus on capacity development of field teams. Host communities at times are overlooked and only involved when tensions between them and displaced communities arise during project implementation.

A break-out session on participation at the 2018 Global CCCM Cluster retreat brought to light the need to consolidate the different camp management approaches actors are taking to achieve equal and meaningful participation from the onset of any humanitarian response, and the tools used for this. More specifically, actions undertaken would entail:

- Collecting lessons learnt and standardizing of existing guidance on women's participation in displacement

- Consolidating existing tools and publications, including but not limited to the Women in Displacement Toolkit, tools developed under the UDOC approach, the disability assessment conducted by HI in South Sudan, and assessing whether these are adequate
- Developing indicators related to meaningful participation of vulnerable groups to improve programming
- Establishing linkages with other global initiatives working on participation of vulnerable groups in displacement to share experiences from a CCCM perspective, also including learning opportunities from development sector and other thematic areas, e.g. Wash

5. Duration and key milestones

- June 2019: submission of proposal to SAG
- July 2019:
 - o send out Call for Interest
 - o convene first WG Call, discuss objectives and roles and responsibilities
 - o initiate process of identifying existing practices, tools, approaches and learning on participation of vulnerable groups
 - o mapping other relevant initiatives from other sectors and identify learning opportunities and synergies
- October 2019: Present WG at Global CCCM Cluster Retreat, organize working session in line with the WG objectives
- November 2019 - February 2020: Analysis of existing tools, approaches and learning
- March – May 2020: Development of operational guidance on participation of vulnerable groups in displacement, indicators/minimum requirements and creation of missing tools
- June 2019: Circulation of tools and operational guidance to WG members for their review
- July 2019: Next steps and recommendations for WG

6. Contributory resource requirements

This project is fully funded including the cost for project management, research, analysis and development of tools, thus no further funding is required.

7. Process

This project starts in July 2019 and will be finalized by July 2020, with possibility of extension. During the development of the tools, there will be a work stream to discuss the draft versions and interested cluster members are welcome to join. Drafts for review will be circulated among interested CCCM partners at key stages of the project.

8. Outputs

The below documents will be produced as outputs of the objective and process as specified above. During the initiative, other outputs might be added, or the below might be updated according to the needs identified throughout the process:

- Tools for CCCM actors to ensure and enhance meaningful participation for vulnerable groups throughout a CCCM response (project design, project implementation, monitoring and evaluation)
- Operational guidance for CCCM actors, including indicators and minimum requirements
- Identify opportunities/synergies for learning and sharing with other sectors (both humanitarian and development)
- Other as needed

9. Membership and commitments

The WG is composed of CCCM actors and operational expert representatives from UN agencies and NGOs who expressed interest to actively participate in and contribute to the objectives of the WG on Participation in Displacement as explained in the Tors. The WG is open to both humanitarian and development actors who wish to share learning and best practices that might be applicable to the CCCM angle that will be applied to investigate participation of vulnerable groups in displacement. The WG will initially be co-chaired by NRC and IOM.

The chairmanship of the working group will be discussed annually at the Global CCCM Cluster Retreat.

Members are expected to participate in 80% of meetings/ teleconferences (one hour in length) and to devote 2-3 hours per month reviewing/ developing guidance, documents and/or other resources. Members will formally express their availability and engagement to specific tasks. Additionally, members should be actively engaged in broader CCCM meetings and activities, including where possible attendance at the CCCM retreat.

10. Meetings

The WG will meet regularly but no more than once a month. Extraordinary meetings may be called when required. The co-chairs will call the meetings one month in advance except for extraordinary meetings.