

Summary of Protection Cluster Meeting



Date: 4 July 2017

Present : 5 UN Agencies, 9 INGOs, 31 Syrian NGOs. **Venue:** UNHCR, Gaziantep

Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Action Points / Actor
1. Review of previous minutes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous meeting minutes reviewed and endorsed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
2. Operational updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idleb: there has been a decrease of reports of aerial bombardment in the last few months. Inter-communal disputes are being reported, as are cases of arbitrary detention. Further, organizations continue to be challenged by interference from local authorities in some areas of Idleb. This is being discussed at the inter-cluster level – organizations are requested to share specific issues. Afrin: concerns related to a potential offensive and limited humanitarian presence. This is being discussed at the inter-cluster and HLG – organizations with presence will be contacted. Al-Bab: Members planning services – though some are facing challenges with the various approvals/permissions (GoT, local authorities, AFAD). Suggestion that organizations who have received permission to share best practices with other members. HLG guidance note on operating in former Euphrates Shield areas: outlines and re-emphasizes humanitarian principles and to allow actors to operate. Ar-Raqqa: question related to protection services as part of the Raqqa response – Coordinator emphasized this is a Whole of Syria response – limited member presence from XB Turkey, but organizations with information are encouraged to contact the Cluster. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization working in Idleb who are experiencing interference should continue to report to the Access Working Group or to inform the Cluster Coordinators. Cluster Coordinators to circulate HLG guidance on Humanitarian Liaison Group Guidance Note Humanitarian response in Turkish influenced areas of north-eastern Aleppo Governorate. Organizations are encouraged to contact the Cluster Coordinators if they know about protection gaps or needs identified in Ar-Raqqa so they can pass it along with WoS colleagues. Please find the below links for the HLG paper on humanitarian response in Turkish-influenced areas in both Arabic and English versions:

		<p>- Arabic: https://www.dropbox.com/s/rm19cvvypptzolt/HLG%20paper%20ARABIC%20-%20Humanitarian%20response%20in%20Turkish%20influenced%20areas.pdf?dl=0</p> <p>- English: https://www.dropbox.com/s/rguyptykje888uz/HLG%20paper%20ENGLISH%20-%20Humanitarian%20response%20in%20Turkish%20influenced%20areas.pdf?dl=0</p>
3. Presentation on ‘Search in Syria’ – SRN/iMMAP product	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation about SRN/iMMAP tool called ‘Search in Syria,’ which can be used for comprehensive location searches. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please find the below link of the application: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8m8hz1y71fkrx04/AACOM3ik_Nf1ezjXcEgVuGypa?dl=0
4. Gender learning corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Focal Point conducted a brief exercise on Sex and Age Disaggregated Data (SADD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please find the below link of the presentation: https://www.dropbox.com/s/qs0z3se5jpcha1z/SAAD%20MN%20GIHA.PPTX?dl=0
5. HPC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midyear review of 2017 HRP: Organizations with <i>existing projects or new projects with funds secured</i> should update their projects in OPS by COB 5 July. Cluster Coordinators will follow up bilaterally with organizations. • 2018 HNO/HRP: As mentioned, a new sampling methodology will be used to conduct FGDs in locations with large population (both IDP and host community). The Cluster will therefore only invite members working in these areas to conduct FGDs – these organizations have already been informed and will participate in a ToT this week. 	N/A

<p>6. Updates from Sub-Clusters:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBV Sub-Cluster updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The second phase of the GBV CBI began and all selected partners underwent a capacity assessment. On the week on the 24 of July the first training will take place with a focus on the GBV SOPs and PSS - A consultation on how to make GBV programs more adolescent friendly took place in June, and a follow up session will take place on the week of the 17 of July on how to make WGSS more adolescent friendly. One training for health providers will also take place - In the context of the data collection for the HNO, as every year the GBV AoR is conducting an expert focus group discussion that will include people from the different hubs. The same approach will also be replicated in Turkey later this month. • Mine Action Sub-Cluster updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk Education materials are available for collection from UNMAS this week for use by mine action and protection actors, as well as for other clusters. Organizations wishing to collect and distribute material in Syria should contact Fuad Aswad (fuada@unops.org). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
<p>7. AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection Monitoring: thanks for the organizations that participated in protection monitoring. 15 organizations are participating in the monthly monitoring. A meeting about the challenges faced while collecting the data will be held later this afternoon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A few pending reports will be shared shortly: update on evacuations from Al-Wa'er, note on screening procedures in Aleppo and Ar Raqqa and the first quarterly protection trends report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizations interested in conducting protection monitoring should contact Emily (Emily.Krehm@rescue.org), Katherine (dunnk@unhcr.org), or Burcin (Burcin.Cevik@rescue.org).

Next Protection Cluster meeting: The next Protection Cluster meeting will be on Tuesday, 18 JULY 2017 at UNOCHA. The GBV Sub-Cluster will take place immediately after the Protection Cluster meeting.