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

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<th><strong>Venue</strong></th>
<th>Directorate of Surrounding Water - Erbil</th>
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<td><strong>Time</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Contact</strong></td>
<td>DENIEL KARINE / Mobile phone: +964 (0) 7504166828 / Email: <a href="mailto:wash.coordination.iraq@gmail.com">wash.coordination.iraq@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Participant</strong></td>
<td>ACF, DoSW Erbil, KURDS, NRC, PU-AMI, Qandil, Relief International, THW, SAVE THE CHILDREN, UNHCR, UNICEF</td>
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<td><strong>Chearing</strong></td>
<td>KARINE DENIEL, WASH SECTOR Coordinator UNICEF</td>
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<td>Action Points</td>
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<td>Sharing Weekly Epidemiological Bulletin and Diseases cases definition</td>
<td>WHO (Mr Hamasha) and UNICEF (Karine Deniel)</td>
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<td>Sharing by-weekly report on Water quality</td>
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<td>4W matrix template for the camps in the KRG response</td>
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<td>To include a session on information sharing for next meeting (Activity Info, drop box?)</td>
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<td>Elaborate a matrix of for needs and capacity of hygiene kits distribution for the KRG response</td>
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<td>Ensure participation of ERC, ACTED, DOSS, and DoH to the next meeting</td>
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<td>Sharing the updated layout and sit planning maps with the WASH actors</td>
<td>UNHCR (Fernando Marin)</td>
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<td>Translation of the ToR for the WASH groups at camp level in Arabic and Kurdish</td>
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<td>To send the 2 priorities to the ERF manager (#1 sanitation in camps, # 2 rapid response)</td>
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## Session | Summary
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Follow up of actions points from previous meeting | Validation of the previous minutes
WASH coordination at camp level | Review of the action points, the action points that were not completed are reported to this minutes.
See the power point presentation attached | Based on the last meeting and the needs identified by the WASH actors responding to the Syrian crisis in KRG, the establishment of WASH sector groups at camp level has started first in Erbil governorate with the election of 4 chairing organizations
- Basirma: KURDS
- 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 Syrian crises in Kurdistan, Iraq. The data need to be updated regularly, but this would help to identify the best coordination system to be implemented for the output 1 of RRP6.
See the power point presentation attached | Numbers of WASH actors in KRG: 42

### Tipology of WASH actors

![Tipology of WASH actors]

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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**
## 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 launch: 12th of December**
**Deadline: 30th of December to the Sector Lead**

A WASH ERF Committee was be established to prioritize the WASH sector proposal

## POLIO AND WASH
See the power point presentation attached

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

### 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