NFIs/Logistics Meeting – Minutes
9 March 2016, 12:00, UNHCR office

ATTENDEES: UNHCR, Samaritan’s Purse, NRC, Apostoli/IOCC

Action from previous meeting: HCR to explore possibility to provide volunteers to assist with distributions in Vial

☐ HRC was not present in the meeting, but UNHCR informed the participants that HRC confirmed via email that they could provide volunteers to assist with distributions in Vial, provided this does not affect their activities. NRC acknowledged the need for more staff to work in distributions in Vial, especially for the clothing boutique. SP suggested to train volunteers to assist in distributions generally in the island.

Discussion/updates from SP about distributions modalities of basic NFIs in Vial

☐ SP explained they will now start distribute basic NFIs in Vial regularly. UNHCR highlighted the need for also distributing winter jackets to Vial, together with the basic items, as the winter won’t last any longer. SP said this may not be feasible at this point, as PoCs like to select/try clothing and this would slow down new arrivals flow into the hot spot. NRC said that if arrival rate stay the same, 3,000 jackets may be distributed through the boutique as soon as in 10 days.

☐ SP highlighted that they do not distribute blankets in Souda lately, because all PoCs arriving have already received blankets in Vial. Therefore, SP required to send some laundered blankets to Vial, in accordance to the previous agreement of distributing 50-50% SP-NRC blankets. This was agreed by all actors.

☐ NRC talked about the common storage spaces and stock counting, saying that in terms of proper warehouse management, all actors should be informed of what goes in and what goes out. NRC suggested that all actors with NFIs should explain what type of items they would like to distribute and where, so that common pipeline distribution system works properly and duplications are avoided.

Updates from other sites

☐ SOUDA: Regarding the option of distributing winter jackets in Souda, in the basis of UNHCR’s point that PoCs stay on the island longer due to the restrictions in the ferry tickets, so clothing distribution is needed in other sites and not only in Vial, SP stated they cannot do it at the entrance of Souda, due to the lack of sufficient storage. Action: SP to explore the option of distributing winter jackets at the ex water container, in the middle of the camp.

☐ TABAKIKA/PORT: NRC highlighted the fact that the same number of NRC staff members have to work in more than 3 sites now, so the sites are understaffed and clothing distribution in the boutiques in Tabakika and Port is a challenge. However, NRC stated that basic needs are covered and that if clothing/footwear is over-offered, PoCs just throw away what they wear, without them being wet or worn out, just to take brand new items. Action: UNHCR to check if more clothing is available in their pipeline the future.

☐ There was a discussion about how certain items (mainly ponchos and backpacks without content) should be distributed – regularly or upon request. There was no conclusion on this.

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UNHCR mentioned the advanced reporting requirements are now needed for UNHCR items distributed by SP and NRC (nationality, sex, age, number of families). SP clarified they will do the whole reporting only for whatever they distribute. **Action:** SP to start collecting beneficiaries data for what they distribute. NRC highlighted the difficulties of providing such info while having people trying clothing. NRC also suggested that one staff member of SP could join the clothing distribution team to keep tracking and reporting. **Action:** NRC to discuss with their team to check if they can provide these reporting requirements and SP to check if they could put staff in the boutiques to assist with the reporting.

About limited copies of common key of 3 Vial warehouses: SP said that Vial Coordination suggested that only them should have keys. NRC, SP and UNHCR agreed that whoever uses the warehouse should have keys. NRC stated they have one key, while Vial Coordination has another two copies. SP suggested that Vial Coordination should be asked to change the locks and give out copies to NFIs actors. **Action:** UNHCR to check with Vial Coordination about the lock changing.