

## Minutes of Gambella Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting

**UNHCR Sub-Office Conference Room, Gambella**

**Date: Friday 11 August, 2017**

**Time: 10:00 A.M.**

**Attendance:** ARRA, UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, IOM, DRC, RaDO, ANE, ADRA, NRC, ACF, IMC, GOAL, OXFAM, WVI, SCI, MCMDO, DICAC, PIE, NCA/DCA, UNOCHA, IRC, HI, HelpAge, LWF

- The meeting was chaired by the UNHCR Sub-Office's Head of Sub Gambella Office Mr. Philippe Creppy. The minute of the previous was shared and confirmed. All partners were informed to direct query to the rapporteur for further amendment if any.

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<b>Opening Remarks by UNHCR, ARRA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Head of Sub Office opened the meeting by extending his appreciation towards the partners for their support in the reception of Mission during his absence.</li><li>• UNHCR Head of Sub Office updated the forum on the sensitivity of security on the other side of Pagak, though, the situation in Gambella Pagak side is calm.</li><li>• ARRA also reported that they are assessing the situation and working closely with their Head Office and UNHCR.</li><li>• It was mentioned to the forum that a group of two teams are being sent to do assessment in Lare Woreda to check if there are new arrivals from Matar and Burbea, and the other team to Dimma Okugo refugee camp.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ARRA and UNHCR team to update the partners in any case of insecurity regarding Pagak.</li></ul>	UNHCR and ARRA

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<b>Sectorial updates and current programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR WASH Officers stated that, a technical working group has been set to come up with the best way of changing the latrine affected by the seasonal change in Nguenyiel refugee camp and a second setup of a working group for the reactivation of the Itang water point.</li> <li>• OXFAM reported to the forum that they have finalized installing 25 water points and 25km pipe line in Nguenyiel.</li> <li>• The UNHCR Head of Sub Office suggested that the technical working groups should incorporate different sectors.</li> <li>• UNHCR Shelter Officer started reporting by highlight the challenges they are facing regarding the drainage system in Zone A and C in Nguenyiel refugee camp.</li> <li>• He also reported the challenge they are facing regarding lack of funding on WASH for expanding the currently congested Okugo refugee camp.</li> <li>• ANE reported that the dining area at Metu way station should be ready in the next five days.</li> <li>• UNHCR Nutrition Officer reported that the preliminary data collection has been started. She also stated that they are currently strengthening the nutrition program based on the existing strategy.</li> <li>• The UNHCR Health Officer reported that the primary health care and the referral health care are ongoing well.</li> <li>• Based on the data analysis he mentioned that Malaria is increasing due to the seasonal change, in prevention to that, in all camps the door to door ant mosquito spraying will be done, except Nguelyyiel camp which will be receiving mosquito nets.</li> <li>• MSF Spain reported that they have started working in the hospitals and will be engaging in surgical procedure as of January 2018.</li> <li>• IMC reported that the Health and Nutrition activities are ongoing well in all camps. In Nguenyiel refugees camp 11,400 refugees were HIV screened whereas 120 refugees were tested positive and 118 of the refugees were linked to the program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All sectors to provide support to the WASH technical team for the Itang water point reactivation.</li> <li>• Health &amp; Nutrition Experts to follow to map up their actives in the different camps and their challenges</li> <li>• ARRA and UNHCR to inform partners on the situation of Pagak.</li> <li>• ANE to finalize with the dining area for refugees at the waystation at Metu.</li> </ul>	UNHCR, ARRA and Partners

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<b>Sectorial updates and current programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GOAL Ethiopia reported that they are facing challenges on the distribution of food to refugees in Akula due to the road access.</li> <li>• WFP also add on top of what has been mentioned by GOAL Ethiopia that they are looking for a durable solution regarding the accessibility of the road.</li> <li>• WFP emphasized to the forum that there will be reduction on the amount of cereals in August 2017.</li> <li>• UNHCR Head of Sub Office suggested that this has to be communicated officially in written to ARRA and UNHCR.</li> <li>• UNHCR Protection Officer reported that they are working on streamlining case managements especially on child protection case and avoid the lengthy procedures. Convoys by studies on why refugees want to go to Kule refugee camp as the capacity of the camp is already full.</li> <li>• Come up with analysis of the impact of the decrease in the food ration. Safe access to fuel and energy by asking questions like what are the alternative solutions for refugee's source of energy as SGBV happens mostly when children go looking for energy.</li> <li>• UNICEF mentioned that they will be doing awareness creation on the impact of children getting lost and separation from their parents.</li> <li>• RADO informed the forum that there was a safety audit conducted at Pugnido refugee camp vis-à-vis SGBV activities.</li> <li>• RADO also reported that the normal activities in other camps are ongoing well. However, they are facing challenges regarding the shortage of vehicle and high staff turnover.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WFP to provide durable solution regarding the distribution of food to refugees residing in Akula.</li> <li>• WFP to officially communicate the reduction of the amount of cereals</li> </ul>	
<b>Mission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No mission reported during task force meeting.</li> </ul>		

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AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACF introduced the new NCA (Nutrition and Case Analysis) who will be doing assessments on nutrition.</li> </ul>		

**The next meeting – partners to be informed.**