

**AAP Task Team – Minutes of Meeting on 15/3/2021**

Participants:

| Main Points of Discussion   | Action Points |
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| <p><b>1. Review of previous minutes</b></p> <p><b>Action points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yoko to book the slot for the AAP Task Team on the calendar of the working groups (Done)</li> <li>• Co-chairs to circulate the results of the survey on 2021 priority areas of the Task Team and the draft workplan with activities for input (Done)</li> <li>• Members to share back comments and input with co-chairs. (Ongoing)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Query whether SOPs for recording and referring SEA cases were looked into during stocktaking of SOPs. It was explained that the SOPs were not discussed during the meeting, hence reference not included in the meeting minutes. When stocktaking of SOPs will take place, the SEA SOPs will be considered and included in the stocktaking.</li> </ul> <p>Minutes endorsed</p>              |               |
| <p><b>2. Rumor Tracking Bulletin next steps (Ground Truth Solutions)</b></p> <p><b>Overview of Rumour Tracking Bulletin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interagency effort, multiple partners share rumors documented by their staff and volunteers</li> <li>• Analyzed rumors have been uploaded to the dashboard since April 2020 to make bi-monthly bulletins summarizing main trends and rumors captured over the last two months</li> <li>• Evolved to include key messages and recommendations based on demands from AAP TT and MoH suggestion</li> </ul> <p><b>Rationale of the Rumor Tracking Bulletin (RTB)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objectives:</b> Provide timely and relevant information around COVID-19 rumors in a useful format; Interagency approach and collaboration of risk communication and community messaging as supposed to separate efforts;</li> </ul> |               |

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| <p>Development of timely key messages and recommendations which can be used in risk communication and community engagement; Focus on sharing and dissemination findings at various levels to increase the uptake and use of the findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Current structure:</b> Over 2,500 rumors captures. Interactive dashboard, Bi-monthly reporting, and quarterly training for contributing organisations</li> <li>• <b>Current risks about submissions:</b> Number of rumors submitted decreasing over time – but then collapsed in early January. Informal consultations suggest that VHTs and other volunteers may be deprioritizing rumor collection. Some indications that the collapse in collection may be related to rumors related to the election cycle that are shared by VHTs. If rumor is believed, it is not reported.</li> <li>• <b>Evaluating the Rumor Tracking Bulletin Objectives:</b> Could the current structure be used for a different purpose? Is the focus on COVID-19 rumors still relevant? Could the current structure be pivoted to focus on other rumors, or be used to collect interagency perception data for the AAP Task Force for example? Could the current structure be integrated into a broader system (e.g. FRRM)?</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Areas of Interest:</b> Vaccines, KAP survey triangulation</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Steps for Rumor Tracking project – Live Poll with members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1: broaden the scope of rumors to not only capture COVID-19 rumors (50%)</li> <li>• Option 2: align tracking with common AAP interagency (33%)</li> <li>• Option 3: integrate into FRRM (8%)</li> <li>• Option 4: do not change (8%)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1 broaden the scope of rumours (still related to COVID-19) was highest will be explored, vaccines seem to have the most interest at the moment.</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>3. 2021 Workplan for AAP Task Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the latest draft Workplan was provided. Volunteers by a few members willing to lead on some activities were reflected in the draft Workplan. Some activities will be done jointly by the Task Team as a whole. Members were requested to indicate which activities they are able to lead on, in consultation with the other Task Team members.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members to inform the Co-chairs (<a href="mailto:Ann.Mbeiza@rescue.org">Ann.Mbeiza@rescue.org</a>,</li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALIGHT volunteered to support the mapping of community-based feedback and complaints mechanisms and stocktaking of SOPs.</li> <li>• Lead agencies will be requested to come together to develop the “Description and Expected Outcomes” for the respective activities.</li> </ul>  | <p><a href="mailto:iwasa@unhcr.org">iwasa@unhcr.org</a> ) by end of the week which activities they will participate in.</p>   |
| <p><b>4. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion for (co)chair of the AAP Task Team to participate in the monthly SEA coordination meetings</li> <li>• UNHCR Public Health colleagues were requested to reach out to the MoH to request information and key messages on COVID-19 vaccinations, that could be used for communication within the refugee communities.</li> <li>• New FRRM Bulk SMS platform available for partners if they want to send any messages, it is a two-way SMS system. Demonstration of the tool will be done at FRRM coordination group meeting but can also be done in the AAP Task Team</li> <li>• Outbound capacity of FRRM: in response to COVID 12 FRRM agents were hired to conduct outbound activities, such as post-distribution monitoring. Members interested in using the outbound capacity are requested to reach out to Harrison (<a href="mailto:laniganc@unhcr.org">laniganc@unhcr.org</a>).</li> <li>• Suggestion to increase efforts to roll out the rumor tracking tool in the field to increase collection of rumors.</li> <li>• Next meeting: 29 March 11:30-12:30</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider a slot in the next AAP Task Team meeting to discuss the new FRRM Bulk SMS platform and outbound capacity of FRRM</li> </ul> |

Endorsed meeting minutes, inter-agency rumour tracking bulletin and other key documents from the CwC Task Team can be accessed on the Uganda refugee response portal at: <https://ugandarefugees.org/en/working-group/253?sv=0&geo=220>