**Information Management Working Group Meeting**

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Location: MS Teams

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**IMWG Agenda 27.01.2021**

* Update on Population Data Task Team
* REACH update on CODs and Site identification tools
* REACH MSNA update
* Agency Updates of Data Collection Activities
* Analysis from Migration Service data
* Change of frequency of IMWG meeting?
* AOB

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| **Discussion** | **Action Points** |
| **Update on Population Data Task Team (PDTT)**  The task team met yesterday, it was a productive meeting where each WGs outlined future data collection activities. Most significant activities planned for later, so no contributions to the population data as yet but hopefully in the future.  Discussion of MS data sets took place. IMWG explained the number from 89,978 has been revised to 90,640 based on the latest dataset provided by IOM. | UNDP will share their latest dataset on some locations provided by Min. Territorial Administration. |
| **REACH update on CODs and Site identification tools**  There have been some edits to CC ID tool which will allow for key informant information to be collected and also disaggregated data on populations to be collected where available.  REACH is working on the shapefile for admin 4 (for mapping purposes). This will be shared by Friday. | REACH to share point shapefile of Admin 4 (settlements) |
| **REACH MSNA updates:**  REACH presented [MSNA Presentation on the Findings](https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/84463) where the key findings, methodology, ceasefire agreement and maps, in addition to the displacement timeline and zoom-in on different sectors like WASH, Protection, Health, Education, NFI/Shelter were all presented and discussed. The MNSA presentation was shared with the IMWG participants.  MNSA second round will be in the first half of March. There will be no possibility to expand the questionnaire but there would be possibility to add very few most important questions in case needed.  Astghik (UNICEF) expressed concern over unaccompanied children data. MSNA contradicts UNICEF data. Maybe UNICEF could do a qualitative assessment to complement the data.  Fred (CSG) asked when was the data collected. Yurii answered 24 Nov – 24 Dec.  There is an issue with how some of the food security indicators are captured. Needs revision for the next round of MSNA.  Milindi stated that it is important that data is made available as soon as possible after collection. Yurii stated the 2nd rounds will go marz by marz for less delay.  IMWG offered to support the 2nd MSNA review process, ensure inputs from all WGs. | The report will be cleared by REACH HQs by next week.  REACH will bilaterally approach the participants to discuss their suggestions and comments.  The data will be collected Marz by Marz.  During the meeting, it was agreed to use the term **Refugee-like persons** or **persons in refugee like situation** for the NK displaced population, as used in the Interagency Response Plan. The term ***spontaneous arrivals*** will no more be used.  IMWG will assist with the review process for 2nd round. Ensure WG all contribute. |
| **Agency Updates of Data Collection Activities**  **IOM:**  IOM provided updates on communication regarding data from the IT Department of State Cadastre. The latter may need technical support in the format of the files.  **UNHCR**:  UNHCR is conducting daily return monitoring at “Kilikia” bus station, where so far the departure of around 22.000 returnees was observed.  UNHCR is finalizing the protection monitoring tool. | REACH to follow up with IOM on obtaining data from the Cadastre.  UNCHR will share the kobo cascading for locations as promised earlier. |
| **Analysis from Migration Service data:**  UNHCR shared Migration Service (MS) data set on population data update. Most recently the MS informed on the registration of 95.636 refugee-like persons from NK as of Jan 20th.  The increase of registration could be as a result of the state cash assistance which was provided in the second half of November 2020.  According to MLSA, there are 22 government run collective centers.  According to the Ministry of the Territorial Administration and infrastructure there were 447 collective centers in November and their utility bills were paid in December by Armenian Red Cross.  Milindi presented some examples from the new dataset by MS. It shows a significant increase in the number of people moving to Yerevan and other urban areas. However, the data also shows major errors such as Goris appearing in both Ararat and Syunik, with very different population figures. Astghik (UNICEF) also noted Gavar is not in Yerevan. | In the MS data set some settlements were wrongly mentioned under wrong Marzs and they need correction. IMWG will seek clarification from MS. |
| **Change of time for IMWG frequency?**  Like other WGs, the IMWG will be conducted on a biweekly basis. | IMWG will set the meetings to bi-weekly |
| **AOB**  Musa suggested to have the following reporting cycle:   * 1st week to report for Jan. * 2nd week to validate and publish updates on the 5Ws.   In case there are no significant updates, the group could submit the report at the beginning of each month. | IMWG will clarify the reporting cycle |