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| **PSN sub working group meeting Minutes** |
| **Date** |  **15 July 2020**  | **Venue** | Online  |
| **Agenda** | 1. Review of action points from previous meeting
2. Updates from members
3. Presentation from HI: outcomes from survey on impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities
4. AOB
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| **Attendance** | UNHCR, HI, AAR Japan, IRC, Alight, Finn Church Aid, NUDIPU, DRC, Help Age International, Give Directly, SCI, LWF, MGLSD |
| **Facilitator** | Gemma Woods (UNHCR)  |
| **Discussion points** | **Recommendations/Action points** | **Responsible** |
| 1. **Review of action points from previous meting**
2. Share request to PSN SWG members to input into review of Policy on Persons with Disabilities – pending; an inception meeting was held and regional meetings will be held toward the end of July. MGLSD will extend an invitation for the participation of PSN SWG members.
3. HI to present findings from study to PSN SWG members – complete
4. HI to share learning around costs of living for PWDs – pending
5. LWF to share lessons learnt and challenges from multipurpose cash provision to PSNs – pending
6. PSN SWG to consult with ESP team on learning around tailored cash assistance for PSN - pending
7. **Updates from members**

Alight: BPRM funding has been received to implement a programme on shelter support for PSNs in the mid and south-west. Assessment has been done and construction has started in some locations. A PSN verification exercise is also ongoing and support is being provided to PSNs during food distributions.DRC: DRC is supporting food and cash distributions to PSNs in West Nile and the mid west. Home visits are also being conducted to PSNs – the main issues being identified are the impact of reduced food rations, the need to replace old/worn out CRIs and collapsed latrines and damage to shelters in the rainy season. The lack of a dedicated shelter partner in Kiryandongo is causing issues as there is no one on the ground to provide technical support for shelter needs. With the lifting of some of the lockdown restrictions, minimal FGDs are being held around the causes of suicide cases recorded in the settlements in partnership with TPO and UNHCR. DRC are also manning protection desks, receiving cases of PSNs and responding to cases referred from the FRRM. FCA: Currently identifying PSNs in Kyaka to benefit from livelihood interventions and cash for work – FCA is ensuring that families with children with disabilities are supported to access education and providing assistive devices. FCA is also working on a project to extend electricity provision to Pakelle primary school, in order to be an inclusive school and accept learners with disabilities. IRC: NFI support is being provided to PSNs in Bidibidi and also support is being provided to PSNs at food distribution points. There is an ongoing initiative with UNHCR to provide tricycles to community groups in Bidibidi to act as a source of livelihood and provide transport support to PSNs at food distribution points. Major concerns in attempts to improve the living conditions of PSNs include NFI support, access to health and inadequacy of food rations. A training was also provided to PSN caretakers to help them better understand the additional support needs of their family members.Give Directly: In June, cash transfers were provided to 12 PSNs in Kiryandongo totalling 12 million UGX. This is an ongoing exercise to provide support to all PSNs identified as in need of support in 2019. Through Give Directly’s programmes, PSNs received $1000 per household in 3 instalments. GD confirmed that support is provided to PSNs based on lists provided by UNHCR. The previous GD focal point has now left the organisation – the new focal point is Simon Gift (simon.gift@givedirectly.org)AAR: In Imvepi, an assessment is ongoing on children with disabilities. The main finding has been that most have not received any home learning packages as they were out of school prior to lockdown and have therefore not been included in the distribution of home learning materials. There is also a lack of parental support for some children with disabilities.NUDIPU: Continue to promote disability inclusion in COVID 19 including through messages on the radio. NUDIPU has been promoting inclusive food distribution and inclusion in education and health responses through engagement with the national COVID 19 taskforce. NUDIPU has provided food distributions in Nakawa, Kampala central and other areas, also to persons with disabilities affected by landslides.HAI: An assessment has been done in Adjumani on the impact of COVID 19 on older persons in refugee settlements.1. **Presentation from HI - outcomes from survey on impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities**

(See attached presentation for details on findings)Discussion: there are now sufficient data sets from inside and outside of refugee settings on the impact of COVID 19 on PSNs. This could now be developed into messaging on key advocacy points to make sure that donors, UN, government are aware of the issues and needs and adapt their responses accordingly. There is also a need to better explore how government, private sector work together around these issues.1. **AOB**

**Next meeting: Wednesday 29 July, 2pm (online)**Link to shared Google drive for PSN SWG with minutes of meetings and key documents: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1qh4gpf2cHNFrRCvOCyXaQpgV2GByOl_6>  | Share request to PSN SWG members to input into review of Policy on Persons with DisabilitiesHI to share learning around costs of living for PWDsLWF to share lessons learnt and challenges from multipurpose cash provision to PSNsPSN SWG to consult with ESP teamPresentation on Give Directly’s programmes in Uganda refugee contextPresentation on HAI’s assessment findings on impact of COVID 19 on older refugeesMeeting amongst PSN SWG members on ideas for joint advocacy strategy on impact of COVID 19 on PSNs | Emily / Ministry of GenderRyan / HIGeremew / LWFGemma / UNHCRSimon / Give DirectlyEmily / HAIGemma / UNHCR |