**Information Management Working Group Meeting**

Date: 13.01.2021  
Location: MS Teams

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**IMWG Agenda 13.01.2021**

* Population Data Issues
* Master Site List & Migration Services Data
* CODs (Admin Levels)
* Agency Updates of Data Collection Activities
* Adding NK arrivals data at Community Level (Admin 3)
* Change of time for IMWG?
* AOB

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| **Discussion** | **Action Points** |
| **Population Data Issues**  After welcoming the participants, Milindi informed that there is a main problem with having accurate population data regarding the number of NK persons in Armenia. According to the Migration Service numbers there were some 90.000 spontaneous arrivals from NK without counting the returnees. | -UNHCR is trying to get information on the locations of the collective centers and the populations in those sites in addition to information on people residing outside the collective centers like those in the private accommodation or hosted by locals.  -UNHCR is working closely with various Ministries for having more accurate data regarding these figures.  Updates will be shared with the IMWG soon. |
| **Master Site List and Migration Service Data**  As a result of cooperation among different agencies the Master Site list has been developed and it contains 226 sites with 11.500 NK persons.  **REACH update:**  A presentation was provided by REACH on the Master Site list. Since 23 Dec 2020 no submission of data collection took place due to the holidays.  There are some problems in definitions and inclusions.  According to the Master Site list there are 84 communities while according to the Migration Service there are 179 communities. There is a geographical gap and discrepancy in the available info.  The difference between the Admin level 3 (community level) and the Admin level 4 (settlement level) was explained by REACH.  UNHCR asked for having the data in a more friendly format from IOM (separate follow-up discussion will take place) | The data collection activities will be resumed next week. The updated picture for January regarding the collected data will be shared soon by REACH. |
| **CODs (Admin Levels):**  **REACH update**  REACH presented the legal act which is a kind of classifier for the communities and settlements and type of settlements and marzs with their respective codes. COD Excel file was presented as well. | The list is almost ready and will be finalized and shared on the 14.01.2021 with the IMWG. |
| **Agency Updates of Data Collection Activities**  **REACH update:**  REACH presented MSNA 2020 updates on the data collected on WASH, Shelter/NFI, Protection and cross-cutting issues. The presentation will be shared with the IMWG.    **UNHCR update:**  Since mid-November UNHCR has been actively engaged in the return monitoring which is conducted in “Kilikia” bus station on a daily basis and during which the return of 22.000 NK persons has been monitored.  **UNICEF:**  In cooperation with UNICEF, the World Bank might be working on the multi-sectorial needs assessment. There is another study as well about which UNICEF will update on next week.  **WHO**:  Is trying to map out mental health and psycho-social support sources (follow-up discussion will take place). | An updated presentation on the findings will be shared with the IMWG.  UNHCR will continue do protection monitoring this year.  Updates will be shared soon. |
| **Adding NK arrivals data at Community Level (Admin 3)**  As no accurate data is available regarding the population figures, MI asked the agencies to contribute in the provision of the population figures next to each community or settlement level for a better mapping. | A full explanation about the COD and the community and settlements levels will be shared with the IMWG by REACH for a better understanding of the differences. |
| **Change of time for IMWG?**  To be discussed in the upcoming meeting. |  |
| **AOB**  -On the data poral, Early Recovery working group is missing a focal point.  -No updates on the 5 Ws.  -Fernando (RC office) informed that he was in touch during the holidays with the Russian-Armenian Center for Humanitarian Response which is based in Yerevan and which is willing to have cooperation with the humanitarian center in Stepanakert so that more information could be shared on humanitarian needs and response in NK. | UNDP will inform about the assigned Early Recovery focal point during the upcoming meeting. |