Communications and ER Working Group Meeting - Minutes

19 June 2023, 14:00-15:00 ♀ Coordination Hub



Participants: BRAC, IOM, IRC, MSF, Save the Children, UN Women, UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP. The meeting was chaired by the ISCG External Relations Coordinator.

Update on key messages

- ISCG Inter-Sector Coordination Officer Marisa MacLennan presented the current context of the Rohingya refugee response and the key advocacy messages.
- The current funding situation leads to cuts in some assistance to the refugees, and self-reliance and livelihood issues are increasingly on the agenda.
- Frequent fires, cyclones and monsoons are bringing the issue of fire-resistant and weather-resistant shelters. Similarly, the security situation is also very much related to the funding status of the operation. For any query, contact Marisa at marisa@iscqcxb.org

Update on Donor Missions

- ISCG presented the upcoming missions in June and July to the WG Members. The first half of 2023 has seen around 80 high-level missions reported to ISCG. Around half of them were facilitated by ISCG.
- The members of the WG have been reminded to inform ISCG of their planned incoming missions on external <u>visit tracking sheet</u>.

Update on Food Ration Cut

- WFP Bangladesh's Head of Partnerships, Communication & Reporting, a.i. Kun Li gave an update on the repercussions of the recent food rations cuts and how WFP manages the relevant news pieces and inquiries.
- For any query related to food ration cut, direct to Kun Li at kun.li@wfp.org

Update on Recent Press Pieces and Camp Rallies

- UNHCR Communications Specialist Christine Pirovolakis presented how UNHCR handled the recent press pieces alleging "The UN is not giving food to the Rohingya who agreed to repatriate" and consequent camp rallies focusing on the repatriation issue.
- She clarified, there was some misunderstanding among the stakeholders and consequently misquoted by some of the local journalists.
- For any queries, please direct to Christine at pirovola@unhcr.org

Key UN and Special days

- ISCG presented the approaching UN and special days to the WG members. And UNHCR's Shagufta Tazin Shathy presented the theme of this year's World Refugee Day and planned activities in Cox's Bazar and Dhaka.

Update on Website and RRR logo

- ISCG's Syed Md Tafhim presented the features of the new website of the Rohingya Refugee Response, which will be launched soon. He also guided using various logos and the RRR logo on sectoral and intersectoral products.
- Rohingya Refugee Response (RRR) <u>logos are available here</u>. For more information, contact Tafhim at <u>tafhim@iscgcxb.org</u>

AOB:

- The next WG meeting will be held on 24 July at 14:00
- Here are all the ER WG meeting minutes: trello.com/c/1cshD4F7