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Bangladesh

Agenda:
1. *3W and Rationalization*
2. *JRP Monitoring Framework / Response Planning and Monitoring (RPM) – 1st semester 2023*
3. *Secondary Data Review / Needs Assessment*
4. *Website*
5. *AOB*

Participants:
In person: ISCG, Shelter-CCCM, Health, Education, Protection, Child Protection, Nutrition, Livelihoods and Skills Development; UNHCR.

1. 3W and Rationalization
- The Rohingya Refugee Response needs to continue and enhance its rationalization, further reducing duplication of services, number of partners, possibly activities, while keeping the assistance and services up-to-standard for all refugees.
- ISCG has developed three online 3W dashboards so far (September 2022, JRP 2023, March 2023), showing the number of partners (programme partners and implementing partners) for each activity group by location (block level), and the number of activities by location.
- Excel template: ISCG has developed a rationalization analysis tool in Excel, which combines and compares the 3W data included in the three online dashboards.
  - For each dataset/period, the tool shows the number and acronyms of partners, up to block level, with colour coding ranging from green (1 partner) to red (many partners).
  - The second to last column '# of Implementing Partners: Mar 2023 vs. Sep 2022' shows the reduction or increase in number of implementing partners in Mar 2023 compared to Sep 2022; the last column '# of Programme Partners: Mar 2023 vs. JRP 2023' compares the number of Appealing Partners in the JRP with the Programme partners having activities in Mar 2023.
  - The 1st sheet shows the data for sectors, the 2nd for activity groups.
  - By right-clicking on the column title 'Blocks' and selecting 'Collapse', the data is shown at Camp level.
  - By default, both JRP and Non-JRP activities are shown; in the first filter on top, you can choose to see only JRP activities or only Non-JRP activities/partners.
  - By default, Child Protection and GBV activities are shown under the Protection Sector; in the second filter on top, you can choose to see only Child Protection or GBV activities. In the same filter, you can select Shelter/NFI or SMSD, which by default are shown under the Shelter-CCCM sector.
- Caveats:
  - data may be incomplete, due to partners not reporting to Sectors
  - some Activity groups have changed in 2023, but in the Excel tool we tried to harmonize the older ones as much as possible with the last ones
  - some Activity groups have moved to another Sector in 2023 (e.g. School feeding from Education to FSS)
  - new Sector 'Livelihoods and Skills Development' (LSDS) in 2023

- o 'JRP/Non-JRP' not always correct, especially in 2022
  - o Blocks: some are blank, or Do Not Know (DNK)
  - o JRP 2023: no data on Implementing Partners by location
- Remarks:
  - o As the Nutrition Sector clarified, there can be 2 or more programme partners, but only 1 implementing partner. This can also be the case for other Sectors.
  - o For rationalization, these three sources can be used: 3W dashboards, funding analysis, and reach/achievements against JRP indicators (linked to Activity groups).

2. JRP Monitoring Framework / Response Planning and Monitoring (RPM) – 1st semester 2023

- The structure of the JRP Monitoring Framework for 2023 (and the following years) is as follows:
  - o Strategic objectives (no indicators)
    - ▪ Sector objectives: Outcome indicators (max. 2 per objective)
      - ▪ Sector Activities (Activity Groups): Output indicators
- ISCG is sharing with each Sector a separate Excel file (available on SharePoint here), with three sheets:
  1. PiN, Target, and Reached: Sector caseload by location, prefilled with sector's People in Need and People targeted:
     - o **please fill the People reached by your sector from 1 January to 30 June 2023**

  2. Output indicators: your sector's activity groups, with the **sum** of the partners' targets in HPC for the respective activity groups prefilled for each population group
     - o **'Output indicators': please fill here your output indicators corresponding to your activity groups**; it can be the activity group rephrased as an indicator, e.g. # of people reached by *[Activity group]*
     - o **'Unit': fill the unit of measurement of your indicator, e.g. People, Individuals, Households, Facilities, etc.**
     - o **review the targets**: your sector target may not necessarily be the sum of the partners' targets; numbers highlighted in red exceed the total target of the sector for the population group, so need to be reduced in any case
     - o **fill the data source**
     - o **fill the achievements (e.g. number of people reached) for each indicator from 1 January to 30 June 2023**

  3. Outcome indicators: prefilled the indicators you shared with us last year:
     - o **Check if the indicators are really outcome indicators (many are output indicators); the online Indicator Registry can help you with this**
     - o **Check the Unit of measurement of the indicators**
     - o **Fill a Target for the indicators, for each population group**

  Note: as outcome indicators are usually difficult to monitor during the year, we will ask you for the achievements/reach against the indicators only by the end of the year.

  As agreed, the deadline to finalize your outcome and output indicators, their units and targets, is **Sunday 23 July 2023**, for your achievements/reach from 1 January to 30 June (sector caseload, output indicators) it is **Sunday 30 July 2023**.

3. Secondary Data Review / Needs Assessment

- Only about half of the Sectors have shared with ISCG a summary of the information they have, based on a Secondary Data Review (SDR). This is mostly due to a lack of recent data from assessments or reports; what is available is anecdotal, and not representative for the refugee or host community.
- Without an MSNA or other needs assessment, an SDR could be though the only source Sectors will have to develop their strategies in the next JRP.
- That said, the MSNA is back on the table, and could still be approved by the SEG Co-Chairs (*which in the meantime they did*).

4. Website

- The new website RohingyaResponse.org was finally launched on 26 June. A big thanks to the Sectors and their IMOs, who made a huge contribution.
- Questions:
    - Are the donors aware of the new website?
    Yes, they were notified by email.
    There is a reference to our new website on the landing page of the old website, https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/bangladesh, as well as on the Bangladesh page of OCHA's new website ReliefWeb Response
    - Can more people from the sectors have access to the website?
    No. For security reasons, access is limited to max 2 people from each sector.

5. AOB

- JRP Financial Analysis:
    - ISCG asked all JRP Appealing Partners to share their financial data as of June. The deadline was 25 June 2023, but some partners didn't submit their updates yet, and other partners shared inconsistent data. ISCG is following up.
    - As soon as the data from partners is complete, ISCG will compile it by Sector and share with the Sectors for analysis.
- Operational Plan 2023-2025:
    - The Zero Draft of the Operational Plan 2023-2025 was finalized and shared with the SEG Co-Chairs. The Operational Plan will be reviewed by Sectors at the end of the year.
- Cash-for-Work & Volunteer Data Collection:
    - Most likely from August on, UNHCR will collect all (individual) data on refugee volunteers, so ISCG will no longer need to collect (aggregate) data on volunteers from the Sectors.
    - According to the Guidance on volunteers issued in 2022, the governement is responsible for collecting data on volunteers from the host community.
    - ISCG will continue to collect data on Cash-for-Work.
- New GIHA Coordinator: Catherine, the new GIHA Coordinator, has joined ISCG (catherine@iscgcxb.org), and is available for any support on gender-related issues.

Action points:

- **23 July 2023:** Sectors share JRP outcome and output indicators, their units and targets

- **30 July 2023:** Sectors share achievements against JRP indicators from 1 January to 30 June (sector caseload, output indicators)
- **20 July 2023:** Workshop on rationalization with the Sectors and the Heads of Programme from the UN Agencies and major NGOs.

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