

Energy & Environment Network (EEN):

Ad hoc EEN Coordination Meeting Notes

Date: 19 February 2025

Location: ISCG Conference room

Agenda:

1. Planning plantation activities in 2025
2. Partner updates on the current funding situation
3. Identify priority topics for EEN in 2025
4. Presentation on e-waste by UNHCR.

Planning plantation activities in 2025

The coordinator highlighted the need to coordinate the 2025 plantation activities. Plantations should be aligned with the landslide incident map to focus on areas that are susceptible to landslides. Partners are asked to submit their plantation plans for the year and EEN will share the plan with site management to ensure a coordinated response.

During the meeting WFP shared that they are preparing their detailed plan and will share shape files soon to identify their plantation plan. They highlighted the need to assess survivability of the plants and to strengthen care and maintenance. The group agreed that all plantation activities should include a care and maintenance component.

FAO confirmed their plans for plantation in 2025 in host communities and camps. The intervention in camps will be dependent on additional SAFE+2 funds.

Helvetas confirmed plans to carry out plantation activities in the host community areas.

Action point: *All members of the EEN are asked to share their plantation plans for 2025 which will then be cross checked with landslide incidents maps and duplication.*

Updates on current funding situation

UNHCR is still calculating the full impact of the US funding freeze its Agent of change and beehive projects had to temporarily suspend. WFP, FAO, Caritas and Helvetas mentioned that they are not directly affected but that a general decrease of funding has been noticed.

It was highlighted that advocacy in regard to landslide prevention through nature based solutions should be strengthened and that existing gaps should be highlighted.

Priority topics for EEN 2025

The existing three-year strategy of the EEN covers 2023 to 2025 and partners need to revise the strategy over the course of 2025. The current strategic objectives are:

1. Ensure sustainable energy solutions for cooking and lighting and solid waste management
2. Restore and rehabilitate the natural environment and conserve ecosystems
3. Strengthen community resilience against climate related and other environmental risks

The strategy will need to reflect the changing funding situation and list prioritized activities in line with the JRP and agency's strategic priorities. While cooking fuel will remain a critical activity the group need to agree on the overall objective to provide electricity in the camps, i.e. coverage and power level. Close cooperation with relevant sectors will be required to ensure energy and environment topics are mainstreamed throughout the response.

Additionally, EEN partners were asked which topics should be prioritized in 2025.

- Based on the 2024 ISNA the awareness of climate change and its role for the refugee population is low and increased awareness campaigns should be carried out to increase understanding of climate change impacts.
- Continue cooperation with WB and ADB on canal restoration, SSL and LA.
- Prioritize plantation locations and strengthen care and maintenance
- Promote the green-blue network with site development
- Strengthen linkages with the LSDS
- Maintain a gap analysis for EEN activities

E-waste presentation

Slides of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).