

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
30 August 2018

Advisory Board members	Present
Humanitarian Coordinator (HC)	x
SHF Technical Unit (OCHA/UNDP)	x
DFID	x
ECHO (observer)	
FPDO	
Germany	
INGO Steering Committee	x
Norway	
Sweden	
Switzerland	x
UNFPA	
UNHCR	x
USAID/OFDA	x
WFP	
UN DF (observer)	
DCPSF (observer)	

Action Points:

1. OCHA to share the final case for funding for Refugee Response in Khartoum Open Areas in September
2. OCHA will share the final 3rd Standard Allocation Strategy Paper that includes analysis on the prioritized geographical coverage in September
3. OCHA to prepare a detailed report on key findings of the field monitoring missions by end of September
4. OCHA will give a presentation of the Grant Management System to provide the AB with an overview of the entire programme management cycle at the next AB meeting in November
5. OCHA to prepare a paper on the complementarity of the current SHF and CERF allocation in September

SHF Funding Situation and Allocation for Standard and Reserve	<p>The Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) noted that the Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SHF) had received an additional contribution of US\$ 2.6 million, making the total expected balance for the 2nd semester 2018 stand at \$ 20 million.</p> <p>As such it was necessary to discuss with the Advisory Board to agree on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Funding level of the Standard and Reserve until the end of 2018 ii. Revised strategic direction for the 3rd Standard Allocation both in terms of the geographical focus and size of the allocation. <p>Key discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HC proposed following three options for allocating funding between Standard and Reserve allocations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Option 1: \$10 million for Standard and \$10 million for Reserve - Option 2: \$13 million for Standard and \$ 7 million for Reserve - Option 3: \$16 million for Standard and \$4 million for Reserve
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INGO Steering Committee (SC) expressed support for a larger standard allocation that allows wider geographical coverage particularly as the flood season has not yet come to an end and current available resources are limited. • UNHCR emphasised the importance of maintaining sufficient balance for the Reserve for Emergency taking into consideration current cases in the pipeline and potential floods. • Switzerland inquired whether there was analysis on expected emergencies at this time of year and what additional contributions were expected until the end of this year and into 2019. In addition, the assessment mission to El Meriam indicated high-levels of food insecurity among refugees and noted that it is important to have a balance in the reserve for unforeseen emergencies. • The AB members, on the whole, agreed on a larger proportion for the Standard Allocation. This was because there are significant gaps in the HRP that are already known that need to be addressed. In contrast, the allocation for the Reserve can be smaller since potential emergency cases (i.e. floods response) are likely to subside since the rainy season is ending (September – October). • Based on the discussion, the HC concluded that the Standard will be maintained at \$13 million and Reserve at \$7 million to cover unforeseen emergencies until the end of 2018. Any balance will be carried forward into 2019.
Reserve for Emergencies: Cases for Funding	<p>EI Nuhud – West Kordofan Floods Response:</p> <p>The HC presented the case for EI Nuhud flood response which was endorsed by the Board pending some adjustment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring the presence of Care-Switzerland in the state and confirming if they are the best positioned to respond; if they are not, then OCHA will endeavour to identify another partner. • review the current interventions in EI Nuhud and ensure the proposals are still relevant and adjusted to reflect the current situation on the ground. <p>Refugee Response in Khartoum Open Areas:</p> <p>The HC informed that she had agreed with HAC on a visit to the Khartoum open areas, which will be facilitated by UNHCR. The HC also requested for another assessment to be undertaken. Further information will be shared electronically with the Advisory Board.</p>
3 rd Standard Allocation	<p>The HC briefed on the current proposal for the 3rd Standard Allocation as per break down below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$12.5 million for Multisectoral and Integrated Livelihood response b. With additional funding, OCHA with relevant sectors to explore how to increase geographical areas (North Darfur and Jebel Marra (Central Darfur)). c. The strategy remains the same but ensure complementarity with the CERF d. \$500,000 to IOM for Displacement Tracking Matrix activities. <p>Key discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INGO SC mentioned that a recent FSL sector gap analysis indicated that North Darfur was a priority while Blue Nile and South Kordofan were not

	<p>prioritized and requested OCHA to seek further guidance from the FSL Coordinator on the prioritization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFID requested more analysis on the geographical targeting in the allocation paper; OCHA explained that the prioritized localities in each targeted state were not yet finalized, however the starting point will be those in IPC Phases 3 and 4. • UNHCR and Switzerland proposed to include protection in the current allocation. • The HC requested OCHA to prepare a paper outlining the complementarity of the SHF and CERF allocations.
2017 – 2018 SHF Field Monitoring Performance	<p>OCHA presented the new Monitoring and Reporting setup including achievements so far (presentation attached).</p> <p>Key discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board commended the performance of the team and DFID requested (i) more information on key missions' findings, (ii) explore the possibility of joining OCHA on monitoring visits and (iii) copies of the field monitoring reports. • OCHA mentioned that the next donor field mission is planned for November. <p>The HC requested OCHA to provide regular updates on field monitoring including key findings.</p>
AOB	None.