

**Southern Region
Operational Coordination Team (OCT) in Nimroz**
Minutes of Meeting – 14 March, 2017



Participants

OCHA (Chair), IOM, WFP, UNHCR, ANDMA, Relief Int., SAF and DoRR

Agenda Item and Discussion

Action Point

By Whom/Status

<p>Opening remarks. OCHA thanked all participants for attending OCT meeting. The meeting started with short introduction. Followed by short humanitarian updates about recent floods in Chakhansor and Khashrod districts damaging infrastructure and disrupted communities' access to basic services. Moreover, OCHA highlighted increase returnee and IDPs issues.</p>	<p>Nil</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>1. Assessment and response to recent floods</p> <p>IOM briefed participants about floods owing to overflow of river water in Khashrod and Chakhansur districts. This has resulted damage infrastructures, agricultural lands, livestock's and hundreds of houses surrounded by flood water. He informed about 50 families being assisted by IOM NFIs and shelter as well as food by ARCS in Chakhansur districts. Moreover, he informed about fresh assessment conducted for families surrounded by flood water in Chakhansur where the joint assessment team hardly managed to reach and conducted assessment. The assessment found 209 more HHs. IOM WFP will start distribution of NFIs and food assistance for newly verified 209 HHs. Relief Int. informed that they have provided hygiene kits for 259 HHs in Khashrod district.</p> <p>Regarding Khashrod ANDMA informed that 264 HHs are affected due to floods. The families are in dire need of food and FNIs assistance. He emphasized that the organizations present in Province should go to verify the caseload or provide assistance base on ARCS figures. ANDMA has already dispatched emergency food assistance for 244 flood affected families in Khashrod. ARCS informed that their volunteers in the field can verify the figures, however, about other organization joint assessment the situation may not be feasible for HH assessment.</p> <p>ANDMA once again warned about existing threat of water overflow which may cause cut off of all routes connecting to Nimroz. Therefore, he requested for urgent repositioning of stocks.</p>	<p>Inform Aid agencies about existing threat of future flooding due to water overflow and ask them to preposition stocks in province</p>	<p>OCHA</p>

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<p>Regarding ANDMA proposal for conducting joint assessment under ANSF security, OCHA and OCT team informed that the humanitarian team must remain Neutral and does not take sides. Therefore, the team cannot work under government security.</p>		
<p>2. Conflict IDPs in Nimroz</p> <p>OCHA tabled the information about conflict IDPs displaced to Zaranj (provincial capital) during 2016. And asked partners about their current status as a follow up.</p> <p>UNHCR informed that currently around 1300 IDP HHs are living in Nimroz. Since, most of the families were displaced from Farah and Hilmand, and there is still ongoing conflict in two provinces, therefore, the families preferred to settle in Zaranj (for being commercial hub and having border with Iran). However, those families which were displaced from Northern provinces have either returned back or moved into Iran.</p> <p>Moreover, regarding Khashrod IDPs he informed that, there were 273 families displaced to KHashrod DAC and the families were assisted by ICRC. Later on ANSF conducted joint military operations, which reportedly, has caused displacement of around 200 more families from surrounding villages to district center. Moreover, there are also reports about displacement of population from Khashrod to Charburjak district.</p>	N/A	N/A
<p>3. Undocumented returnees in Province</p> <p>OCHA asked participants to update brief the meeting about current status of undocumented returnees coming through Milak (Nimroz, Iran border). DoRR director informed that the number of undocumented returnees has been increased significantly due to closure of Islam Qala border in Iran. In normal days the number of returnees was 200 individuals which has increased to 2,000 per day. Where the available resources with IOM hardly covers 10-15 % of returnees. DoRR asked OCHA to advocate and asked more partners to intervene. Moreover, he informed that 'Iran government has not been cooperative in coordinating returnee's information and timing. Most often they are deported at mid night.</p>	Raise the returnee increase issue at regional and Kabul level and advocate for more resource mobilization	OCHA
<p>4. AoB:</p> <p>Despite the aforementioned challenges in province, the existing humanitarian capacity is very low to address these most urgent needs. Therefore, there is need for more frequently OCT meetings as well as coordination mechanism to address and respond to urgent needs more rapidly. Participants agreed to conduct more regular and ad-hoc level OCT meetings.</p> <p>SAF (health partner) informed that, they have sufficient stock of emergency health kits prepositioned in all health facilities across the province. The kits are aimed to be used during conflict and natural disaster situations.</p>	<p>Conduct OCT meeting once every two months and on ad hoc level.</p> <p>Participate in joint assessments more regularly</p>	<p>All partners present in Nimroz</p> <p>SAF</p>

Attendance Sheet – 14 March, 2017

S/No	Name	Agency	Position	Attendance
1.	Abdul Ahad Wafa	WFP/ PAT	FM	Yes
2.	Ahmad Wali Raisi	OCHA	HAO	Yes
3.	Noor Ali	OHA	Provincial manager	Yes
4.	Mohammad Hasham	ARCS	Director	Yes
5.	Mohammad Ishaq Shahbaz	UNHCR	LO	Yes
6.	Ahmad Hussain	DoRR	Acting Head	Yes
7.	Sadullah Baloch	Relief	Supervisor	Yes
8.	Kawita Seddiqui	WFP	Fm	Yes
9.	Abdul Shakor	Relief Int.	PPC	Yes
10.	Dr. Nawabi	SAF	DPM	Yes
11.	Safora	Relief Int	So	Yes
12.	Wahidullah Maiwandi	IOM	F/A	Yes
13.	Faizan	Relief Int	S.O	Yes
14.	Samira	Relief Int	S.O	Yes