

Meeting Minutes
Technical Working Group Meeting
Promoting Human Security Through Sustainable Resettlement Programme

Date: 10th June 2020

Venue: Virtual meeting via Zoom

1. Opening remarks and Introductions

The meeting commenced with a welcome by the Director, Department of Resettlement and a round of introductions were made from all participants present from government, UN agencies, JICA, and NGOs. The agenda was reviewed and endorsed. The objective of the meeting was explained, which was to review progress from the schemes, review the final multi-year work plan, to share updates and issues pertaining to COVID 19, the rapid assessment by IOM, the status of the JICA HOPE project, and the cashew nut activities in Mayukwayukwa.

2. Presentation of reports from Meheba and Mayukwayukwa

The reports presented from the two resettlement areas accounted for progress during the first two quarters of 2020. Details are contained in the presentations attached.

The relocation data for each scheme is as follows:

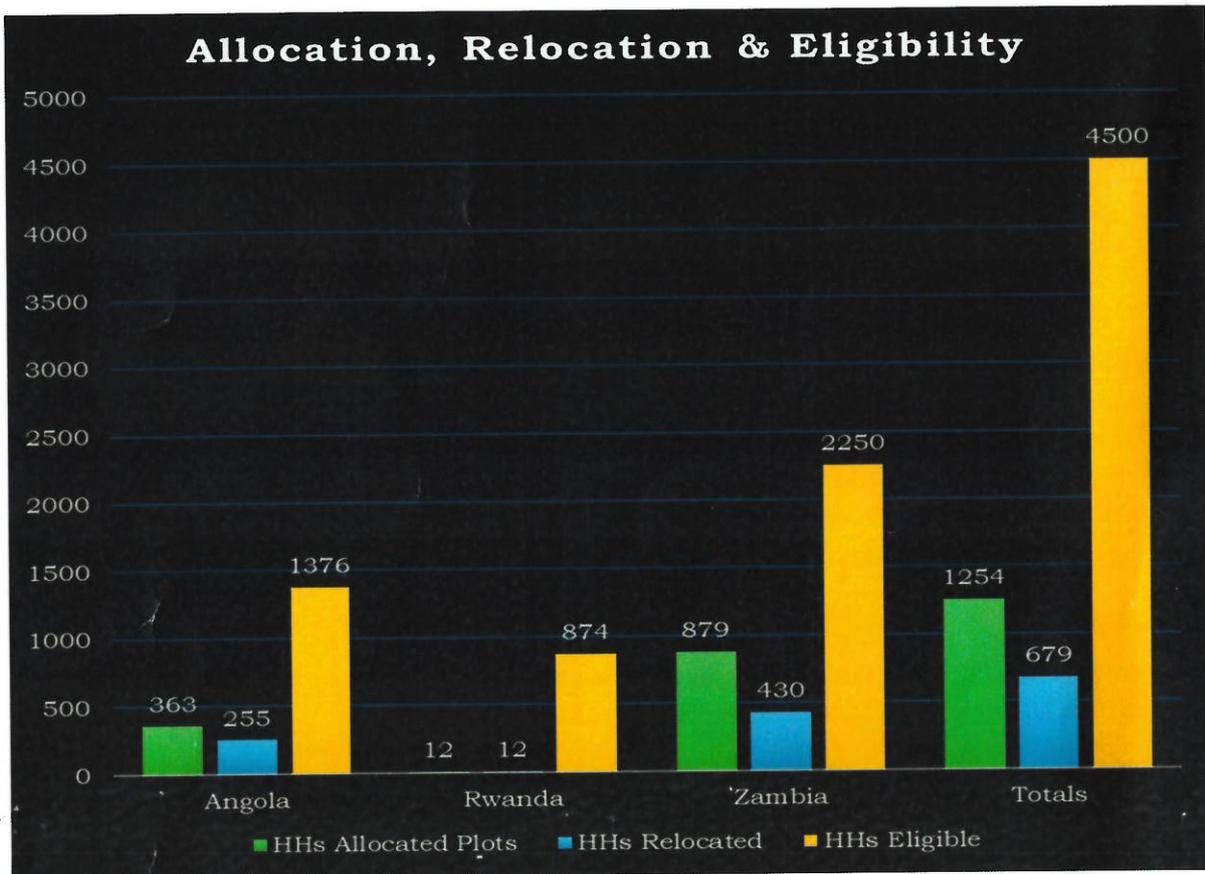
Mayukwayukwa:

Figures as of May 2020, however data represents information from 2 zones only. The cumulative figure will be updated as reports are received from the remaining 2 zones.

S/N	DETAILS	NATIONALITY						TOTALS BY SEX		GRAND TOTAL
		ZAMBIANS		RWANDEES		ANGOLANS		M	F	
		M	F	M	F	M	F			
1	Total Number of Farm Plots Allocated to beneficiaries	271	186	1	0	356	271	622	452	1085
2	Total Number of Households that have settled in the Resettlement Area	80	57	0	0	246	193	311	238	576
3	Total Number of Letters of Occupancy Issued (Department of Resettlement)	149	95	0	0	216	141	365	236	601
4	Total Number of Surveyed Farm Plots by Regional Surveyor Office)	1336								

The current cumulative number of settlers settled on their respective plots is five hundred and seventy six (576).

Meheba:



3. COVID 19 interventions in the scheme and the gaps

Through the scheme presentations, various interventions to respond to the COVID 19 pandemic through different partners were highlighted. This has included provision of soap and hygiene items and distribution of IEC materials. UNHCR is currently spearheading a rapid assessment on the impacts of COVID 19 on livelihoods in the refugee settlements and host communities, including the local integration areas. Field staff have been assisting with coordination and data collection for the rapid assessment. It is expected that the results of the rapid assessment will be available by 20th June 2020, which will assist in informing what other multi-sectoral interventions need to be undertaken.

4. Presentation of the Approved Multi-year Work plan 2020 – 2022

An overview of the approved multi-year work plan was made, which will guide planned and proposed activities for the period of quarter two 2020- quarter one 2022. The signed work plan is attached for reference.

5. Findings of the rapid assessment by IOM

IOM presented findings from a recently undertaken rapid assessment of vulnerability in Meheba and Mayukwayukwa Resettlement Schemes that tackled aspects of social cohesion. The main objectives were to: i). conduct a rapid assessment on integration, child marriage and other forms of violence within the local integration areas; and ii). develop a communication strategy on individual rights, responsibilities, prevention and response to violence, abuse and exploitation.

The results of the assessment revealed a myriad of essential information, which gives insights into successful interventions thus far and will assist in informing future implementation. The findings can be found in the attached presentation.

6. Presentation from JICA on status of the HOPE project

An update was provided on the status of the JICA HOPE Project which was due to commence in April 2020 but was postponed due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. JICA has suspended the dispatch of all Japanese experts of JICA to Zambia until the end of September 2020.

It was advised that the project has not been cancelled and some project activities will continue remotely, however some will need to be postponed or reviewed as they were originally linked to the farming seasons.

The results of the rapid assessment currently being undertaken by UNHCR as well as the findings from the IOM vulnerability assessment will be examined in order to inform what interventions can be revised and implemented. An amended action plan will be developed in collaboration with the Department of Resettlement, tentatively by the end of June 2020.

7. Progress made on the 50 Hectares Cashew Plantation in Mayukwayukwa

An overview of the cashew nut activities in Mayukwayukwa and the findings of the recent familiarization tour were provided. It was noted that this activity is being implemented in cooperation with the Cashew Nut Infrastructure Development Project, under the Ministry of Agriculture with the view to expand long-term livelihoods prospects and mitigate against the effects of climate change. The target groups for this activity are established farmers (Angolan and Zambian) in the resettlement scheme and selected institutions.

The details can be found in the attached presentation.

8. Closing and Way Forward

All meeting participants were thanked for their presentations and active participation in the meeting.

The next technical working group meeting will be scheduled in the third quarter of 2020 and the date will be communicated in due course.

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