

Promoting Human Security Through Sustainable Resettlement in Zambia

Steering Committee Meeting – Third Quarter

2nd October 2018

Time: 14:30hrs – 16:30hrs

Location: UNDP Conference Room, Ground Floor

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting commenced with a welcome by the Director, Department of Resettlement to all attendees at the meeting. The agenda was reviewed by Director Banda and proposed and seconded by Muhau Sendoi and Milensu Kapaipi, respectively. A round of Introductions were made.

2. Review of previous minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the previous steering committee meeting were reviewed, and the following corrections and amendments were noted:

- Activity 2.1.9 (page 11) – UNICEF activities were conducted in quarters one and two of 2018, not until February 2018 as erroneously stated.
- Section 4 on Resource Mobilization (page 14)– on point one, the UNICEF visit with KfW was undertaken from June 16th, 2018, not June 20th, 2018 as erroneously stated.

The minutes were proposed and seconded by Muhau Sendoi and Milensu Kapaipi, respectively.

The action points from the previous minutes were reviewed, with the following matters arising:

- Updates were requested from participants at the meeting on resource mobilization. The following updates were provided.
 - UNICEF undertook a visit to Meheba and Mayukwayukwa Resettlement Schemes from June 16th, 2018 with the German Government (KfW) to focus on potential funding for WASH interventions. Following this visit UNICEF submitted a proposal in July to focus on WASH activities in the three refugee hosting districts (Kalumbila, Kaoma, and Nchelenge), which is expected to benefit refugees, former refugees, and host communities. Feedback on the proposal is expected in November 2018.
 - Application to the UN Trust Fund for Human Security was made on July 31st, 2018 through UNDP, which mirrored the application in 2017. The amount sought was USD 4 million for the next 3 years for the three refugee hosting districts. Feedback has not yet been received.
 - UNDP undertook a meeting with the Embassy of the Czech Republic on June 25th, 2018. A brief on the Sustainable Resettlement Programme as a pathway for rural development and poverty reduction was shared. Also discussed was the Resettlement Policy and the Department of Resettlement as a key entry point for rural development who manage over 80 resettlement schemes across the country.
 - UNDP had a call with the US Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (US BPRM) on June 21st, 2018. This functioned as a mid-year update on implementation of activities under the current grant. Reporting on results and expenditure by ILO, FAO, and UNDP will be completed at the end of this year.

- UNDP engaged in discussion with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, however the Sustainable Resettlement Programme is not currently aligned with their strategic focus.
- JICA has not received any concrete feedback yet from the Government of Japan on the proposed new project that will focus on supporting Meheba and Mayukwayukwa Resettlement Schemes in terms of planning and livelihoods support.
- Four UN Agencies (FAO (\$2 million), UNDP (\$2.8 million), UNHABITAT (\$1.5 million), UNICEF (\$800,000)) submitted applications in August 2018 for the Japanese Supplemental Funding for 2019. Feedback has not yet been received.
- The Solar for Health Project under UNDP, of which Zambia is one focus country, is beginning the next phase. Under the new phase, a feasibility study will be conducted which will review past implementation, solicit new partnerships for funding and implementation, and will define which clinics can be supported. Issues of sustainability, funding, and new partnerships will be addressed in the study. UNDP will continue to engage in this to lobby for the clinics in the resettlement schemes to be included in the next phase of support.
- Proposals for small grants under the Government of Japan Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects were drafted by the Scheme Coordinators, however the proposals were not submitted by the end of July 2018 deadline. The Department of Resettlement will re-check if there is still a possibility to submit the proposals.

3. Review of progress for Q1-Q3 2018 and planning for Q4

An overview of the Sustainable Resettlement Programme was provided and progress on implementation in the first three quarters of 2018 was reviewed.

Overview of progress is summarized below:

Outcome 1: Government at national and sub-national level undertake inclusive and participatory planning and governance processes that incorporate the targeted resettlement schemes

Activity 1.1.3: Support relocation of former Refugees to their plots in Mayukwayukwa and Meheba.

- JICA finalized a household survey in both resettlement schemes in August 2018. Below is the latest relocation data.
 - Mayukwayukwa: 416 households relocated in total (Zambians: 71, Angolans: 345 Rwandans: 0)
 - Meheba: 298 households relocated in total, however data from the Scheme Coordinator indicates that 378 household relocated in total (194 Zambians, 184 Angolans, 0 Rwandans).
- There is concern that the relocation of Zambians and Rwandans is still low. This may be due to a number of factors including:
 - Lack of infrastructure (social services – health, education, water), lack of livelihood opportunities in the schemes, and lack of community engagement. In Meheba, additional concerns are lack of access roads and incomplete demarcation which limits the number of plots available. In Mayukwayukwa, some settlers have complained that the plots are too small for farming and living, so the settlers only move to their plots in the scheme during the cultivation season, and back to the refugee settlement thereafter. For Rwandans, there may be an unwillingness to move because the length of the temporal permits they are entitled to are for a limited time (3 years).

- Scheme coordinators are requested to continuously update relocation data and communicate with DoR/JICA to update the database.

Activity 1.1.4: Field advocacy meetings and community engagement

- Scheme Coordinators continue with outreach and community engagement alongside line ministries.
- The coordination and engagement within the schemes is excellent and there is good district involvement and coordination amongst all line ministries.
- The Director, Department of Resettlement took a familiarization tour of Mayukwayukwa Resettlement Scheme in August 2018.
- ZAMTEL successfully identified a location in Mayukwayukwa Resettlement Scheme at the service centre where they plan to put up a network tower that aims at improving communication system in the Resettlement Scheme and the ward at large.

Activity 1.1.5 Conduct Land Audit which includes the inspection and verification of farm plots in Mayukwayukwa and Meheba Resettlement Schemes

- JICA concluded a household survey in both resettlement schemes in August 2018.
- A question was raised about the consideration of geospatial and geographical information when planning and demarcation of plots is undertaken in the schemes. The following clarification was provided by DoR:
 - Planning and demarcations do consider geographical information to determine where to put facilities, plots etc. In 2017 a soil suitability survey was undertaken to help in planning to determine where certain crops could be cultivated. This has assisted in allocating plots in both schemes as settlers are consulted and asked which crops they plan to cultivate. Unsuitable areas for farming have been designated as communal grazing areas or areas for facilities. This has helped with making planning more sustainable.

Activity 1.1.8: Preparation of Lay Out Plan for Meheba Resettlement Scheme

- The physical planning (field work) began in July 2018. The Kalumbila Town Council, Dept of Resettlement and Dept of Physical Planning participated in the process. The reconnaissance surveys and collection of geographical data was completed. The planning report from the department of physical planning will be completed by October 2018. All work, with the production of the final Local Area Plan is expected to be completed by November 2018.

Planned activities for quarter 4 (outcome 1):

- Activity 1.1.1: Convening of a Strategic and Policy Advisory Group Meeting.
 - The tentative date is November 6th, 2018. A draft concept note and agenda has been drafted.
- Activity 1.1.6: Support the upgrade of an electronic database for the Department of Resettlement and training of scheme Coordinators/Technical Staff in data collection using GPS, data entry and analysis using QGIS
 - The training will now take place from October 25th – 31st 2018 in Chongwe District.
- Activity 1.1.7: Marking and Cutting of the external boundary of Meheba Resettlement Scheme
 - DoR is revising and finalizing the concept note and budget.

Outcome 2: Communities in and around the targeted resettlement schemes have access to social services and sustainable economic opportunities

Activity 2.1.2: Procurement of two ploughs to be used with procured tractors to support land cultivation.

- Two ploughs were delivered to the schemes in July 2018, along with two all-weather vehicles. The tractors were serviced in both schemes in September 2018 in time to support land cultivation.
- Meheba successes:
 1. There has been engagement of the private sector around the district to develop partnerships in mutual areas of interest. Those approached are Kalumbila mine, Kalumbila District Farmers association and Kasco mining limited.
 2. The Kalumbila District farmers association is working with the Agriculture office in Meheba to do an out-grower scheme for yellow maize and soya beans. 54 farmers have since been recruited for the exercise.
- Mayukwayukwa successes:
 - Both the resettlement scheme farmers and the host community successfully sold about 14.5 tonnes of soya beans, more than 800 bags of maize, 20 bags of groundnuts and more than 400 bags of rice to PACORD Company Limited (through a contractual farming arrangement with the smallholder farmers). The market price was not far from the FRA considering transportation. The bulking centre was used as the selling point.

Activity 2.1.3: Conduct assessment of business opportunities in the area that will provide enterprise and employment opportunities for members of the community and surrounding areas.

- The rapid assessment is in progress. Data from Meheba has been collected, only data from Mayukwayukwa remains to be collected.

Activity 2.1.5: Conduct training in entrepreneurship using the ILO's Gender and Entrepreneurship Together GET Ahead, Training for Rural Economic Empowerment (TREE) and the SIYB to take advantage of economic and business opportunities in local value chains

- This activity is ongoing. A total of 200 potential and existing entrepreneurs (settlers and host communities) are being targeted (100 in each scheme) for the entrepreneurship training. They will then develop their business plans.

2.1.6: Support the establishment of business membership organizations to represent producers and other value chain players in accessing input and output markets

- Discussions with business membership organizations have started as well as discussions with other value chain players who are interested in partnerships.

Activity 2.1.9: Facilitate the provision of Boreholes at Meheba (20BH) and Mayukwayukwa (30BH) Resettlement Scheme

- In Maykwayukwa:
 - Due to the efforts of the line ministries and provision of WASH infrastructure Mayukwayukwa is now a 96% Open Defecation Free zone.
- In Meheba:
 - JICA's support through AAR Japan has led to 11 self-help groups maintaining the boreholes in Meheba Resettlement Scheme.

- AAR Japan assisted in changing the pipes from galvanized to UPVC of 54 boreholes out of 64, to reduce the high iron content in the water and improve the quality. 10 boreholes are remaining.
- AAR Japan also conducted a follow up training for 11 water management committee groups.

Planned activities for quarter 4 (outcome 2):

2.1.1: Support the establishment of cooperatives in the resettlement schemes

- DoR has engaged with the Department of Cooperatives to come up with a concept note. The activity will take place in October 2018.

Activity 2.1.4: Provide skills/vocational training based on economic and related employment opportunities informed by the assessment

- This is planned to start following the entrepreneurship training (after October 15th). From the 200 beneficiaries who have received entrepreneurship training, 100 will be chosen (50 each scheme) based on their business plans to receive skills training and seed funding/startup capital.

2.1.7: Facilitate the establishment and training of savings and credit cooperatives

- To be completed by December 2018

2.2.1: Provide training and extension in agriculture production to farming households in Mayukwayukwa and Meheba resettlements schemes, through the promotion and demonstration of climate resilient agricultural techniques that supports production of nutritious food to curb malnutrition and stunting.

2.2.2: Promote innovative value addition initiatives and conduct cooking demonstrations for the utilization of promoted nutrient dense crops

2.2.3: Facilitate the establishment of two market and bulking centres in resettlement schemes and facilitate market linkages with the private sector.

- For activities 2.2.1, 2.2.2, and 2.2.3, FAO has had community engagements with line ministries, NGOs and other partners to develop a detailed workplan of livelihood activities, which will take place in quarter 4. Funds will be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture by the end of the first week of October 2018, which will be disbursed to both Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock in both districts.
 - Consideration should be given to the following in the future:
 - Bulking centers to accommodate livestock marketing.
 - In Mayukwayukwa, there is a possibility to extend the bulking center to accommodate livestock.
 - In Meheba this could be considered in the future once the bulking center is established.

Other areas of discussion:

- All 15 low cost housing units were completed (all 5 completed and occupied in Mayukwayukwa, all 10 completed in Meheba.) There is a need to construct more low-cost housing units as these will function as a pull factor for settlers to move to their plots. There

is also the importance of building local capacity to do the construction and have a revolving fund so that the community can organize themselves to do the construction. Procuring block making machines for the communities can increase their self-sufficiency.

Outcome 3: Effective and efficient project implementation and coordination

Activity 3.1.2 Procurement of 2 all-weather vehicles to support the work of 2 National UNVs

- Delivery of the vehicles to both schemes was completed in July 2018. The vehicles have greatly aided in improving the mobility of the Scheme Coordinators thereby increasing project coordination and facilitating settlers to move to their plots.

Planned activities for quarter 4 (outcome 3):

3.1.3: Reporting

- The end of year (annual) report and donor reporting are to be completed at the end of quarter 4.

Other points of discussion:

1. Mwange Youth Resettlement Scheme has not been able to solicit additional funding, however the ambition to resettlement of more youth is strong.
2. There is a window of opportunity for 500 beneficiaries (including youth) from all provinces to be included under the Zambia Aquaculture Enterprise Project. This is a good opportunity for the settlers in the schemes to be included in such an initiative where they will be trained for 1 month in aquaculture related activities and then attached to an entity to which they are interested. The Scheme Coordinators and line ministries are in a good position to help assess which settlers are interested in the initiative and who can benefit.

4. Discussion/planning of Strategic and Policy Advisory Group Meeting

An overview of the Strategic and Policy Advisory Group (SPAG) for the Sustainable Resettlement Programme was provided. It was highlighted to the meeting participants a SPAG meeting is being planned for the first week of November 2018 (tentative date is November 6th, 2018). This will be a high-level meeting chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Vice President, with the participation of the UN Resident Coordinator, Ambassadors, government line ministries, UN agencies, CSOs, private sector and others. A concept note and agenda has been drafted and is awaiting finalization.

Thoughts and comments on planning the proposed meeting from members of the steering committee were welcomed.

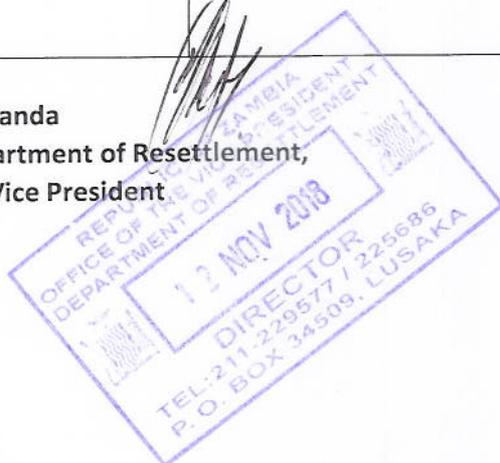
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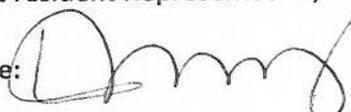
- Sub-division of plots in Mayukwayukwa is still a concern as some plots have two or more families living on one. This issue will be discussed internally by DoR.
- Additional vehicles for the provinces (Western and North Western) and DoR HQ for use by the Principal Land Resettlement Officers and the Director are requested. As these were not budgeted for in the 2018 work plan, if funds and priorities allow, they should be included in 2019 work plan which will be drafted at the annual planning meeting for 2019.

- Working closely with Ministry of Agriculture on farm block development is encouraged. This will aid in greater collaboration and resource mobilization as the overall aim of rural development and poverty reduction is the same.
- The annual meeting will be held at the end of the year or in January 2019.

ACTION POINTS			
No.	Item	Follow-up action	Responsible party
1.	Relocation data	The baseline information has been collected by JICA. The Scheme Coordinators are requested to continuously update data in the database and inform JICA and DoR HQ. Data should also be disaggregated to capture more detailed information on number of female headed households etc.	Scheme Coordinators, Department of Resettlement
2.	Livelihood interventions under FAO	Actualization of disbursing funding to the districts and schemes through the Ministry of Agriculture so that work can commence. Reporting on the use of BPRM funds is due by mid-December 2018.	FAO
3.	Quarter 3 progress report	To be drafted by the secretariat and shared.	DoR, UNDP
4.	Zambia Aquaculture Enterprise Project	Ministry of Agriculture to share information with Scheme Coordinators and line ministries in the schemes who will identify settlers, including youth, who are interested in applying for the aquaculture projects.	Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Scheme Coordinators, Ministry of Youth, Sport, Child Development

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