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Attachments: Framework Migration Sudan UPDATED 24 08 2016.docx

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The version of the Framework Document I circulated was not the most up-to-date one (thanks Simone for pointing out). Please refer to the attached instead.

Best,
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Thank you for attending the Migration Coordination Group (MCG) on Tuesday 25th October. A summary and actions are below.

Introduction

Given the arrival of new members, the group was reminded of the purpose of the MCG according to the Terms of Reference, and work done to-date in developing a Framework for Migration Interventions in Sudan, based on a series of thematic meetings held by the group. The Terms of Reference and Framework Document are attached.

Recap on HoMs meeting and priorities for the upcoming period

The Co-Chairs proposed three priorities for the period ahead, to take forward the steers from the recent HoMs migration meeting. These were:

- a) Operationalising the proposed dialogue between the MCG and GoS coordination mechanism on migration. It was agreed that such a mechanism should include MoI, MIC, MFA, MoJ, MSW, CoR and the department linking to the regions. Ideally the mechanism would be the National Coordination Mechanism being developed by IGAD, but plans for this are unclear. *Action: MCG Co-Chairs will meet with General Dahia to propose the idea of a written request to MFA to establish the mechanism.*
- b) Developing a public communications script for local use and strategy for engagement. This needs to happen quickly given media criticisms and concerns of civil society/ opposition. We should use existing developed scripts in circulation as a starting point. *Action: Piotr will set up a sub-group to draft key messages. Please indicate to him if you are willing to be involved.*
- c) Continuing to strengthen group coordination and understanding. Now the Framework document is complete, we should move to thematic issues that need attention. The migration evidence base, and metrics to evaluate (and possibly to report, in view of La Valletta meeting in Feb 2017) success, as priority topics. November MCG meeting will therefore focus on a) Communications, and b) a presentation from IOM on their study into drivers of onward movement, c) feedback from the meeting with Gen. Dahyia and the next step on dialogue with GoS. Meanwhile it's important we continue to work to a common script and know what each other is doing. *Action: All MCG members to review the attached "Key Messages" and matrix of MS projects, and make updates/ suggest changes to Chloe by close Thursday 17th November.*

EU Trust Fund proposals

The MCG noted the Sudan Special Measure proposals by EUTF which had been discussed by Heads of Development Cooperation earlier in the week. Substantive discussion followed on the proposal for a Regional Operations Centre, with helpful clarification offered by France on the aims and modalities of the centre. MCG noted both the operational imperative for the centre and the need to balance this with sufficient risk mitigation and realistic delivery timescales. The proposal on Reintegration Programmes was welcomed, noting the potential to give more AVR options to those who may otherwise travel North, although further clarification was sought over who the implementation partner would be. *Action: EU Delegation to share the SMS action documents with Norway and Switzerland. MCG members to share comments on all proposals with the EU Delegation, including comments sent from Capitals to Brussels.*

Roundtable updates

- GER: noted recent migration delegation from German Development Bank, and reported of increased numbers of Syrians returning from Germany to Sudan
- NL: DG Home aspect of RDPP delivered by UNHCR is up and running
- SWE: Will start receiving applications for Syrian family reunion cases from January
- Italy: Funding IOM training for border police a week previously on border management, CT and counter-trafficking. Flagged new awareness raising website, ourmigrants.org
- Norway: Considering MOU on returns and interested in experience of other MS. *Action: Current MCG document on state of play on returns to Sudan attached. All MS to seek further data on return of foreign nationals to Sudan and send to co-chairs to update the document.*
- France: Reported comments from Interpol Sudan over numbers of Sudanese deported since the start of the year, including large numbers from Israel (not possible to verify)
- CHE: Starting project to give literacy classes/ income generation to Eritrean women via SIHA. Extended funding for IOM safehouse. Interested to engage in border management. Plan to send 25 CoR officials for training in Geneva.
- UK: IOM research report into onward movement nearing completion. IOM Judiciary training project at contracting stage. Migration delegation from London and Addis due 7 November. Will hand over Khartoum Process chair to Ethiopia at end of year.

Date of next meeting – 29th November at the German Embassy at 9am – 11am.

Many thanks,

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