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Subject: MCG Minutes - Thursday 27 July - British Embassy
Attachments: Migration Training.xlsx; Overview migration related projects Sudan_new model.xlsx; SSD Response - Sudan key priorities and gaps 15Jul2017.pdf

Dear all,

Please find below minutes of our last MCG meeting and attached slide regarding UNHCR's response to the situation of South Sudanese Refugees. Apologies for the delay in sending these minutes out.

Best,

David

Migration Coordination Group - 27/07/2017 at the British Embassy

Attendees. EU DEL (Piotr Zaporowski, Philippe Crespo), FR (Olivier Heddon), CH (fanny charmey), DE (Janine Rohwer), ES (José Lorenzo), NR (Cato Naeverdald), IT (Valeria Romare, Fabio Tutsch), ND (Rene Kersten, Bas Blaauw), ECHO (Esteban Arriaga). UK (David Foster, Ben Fisher, Alan Edwards),

1. UNHCR presentation – Situation of South Sudanese refugees:

Presentation by Andrew Mbogori from UNHCR on the situation of South Sudanese refugees. UNHCR presentation slide attached. There was limited time for Q&A due to the full agenda, so Andrew offered to discuss further with interested parties separately. *Action for co-chair UK – share Andrew Mbogori's contact details.*

Key points:

- 60% of S Sudanese refugees not in the camps
- It does not appear that refugees have the intention of returning to S Sudan soon.
- UNHCR still trying to understand the routes they are using. Some are travelling onward to Libya and other places.
- No evidence yet of smugglers or traffickers operating in this area.
- Refugee working groups have been set up to address concerns.
- *Action for Co-chair (UK) - share Andrew Mbogori's contact details. Mbogori@unhcr.org Tel +249912170877.*

2. Review of the MCG Mandate:

MCG members discussed potential for amending the mandate of the MCG and the scope of its remit. This followed discussion in the previous MCG meeting, where key questions were identified around the way MSs work together on migration and what the MCG's role should be. Key points suggested as roles for the MCG below:

- To coordinate programmes in Sudan to ensure that the donor community is providing assistance in the most effective way and thereby ameliorating duplication.
- To ensure that projects are complementary and link to the National Action Plan or other relevant strategy.
- To act as the link between the technical aspects of irregular migration and the political level. Providing a route for informing Heads of Missions of key issues.
- To provide analysis of issues on the ground and feedback findings to Brussels and Heads of Missions.
- To communicate between the Government of Sudan, NGO's, Home Governments and Brussels on the priorities that need attention

Discussion on Root Causes ahead of the Khartoum Process thematic meeting in October (to be held in Khartoum).
Agreement on priorities at the next MCG.

3. Rotation of Co-Chairs:

Discussion of new chairs, as there is a rotation due in October. DE and UK offered to continue as co-chairs if others felt they were not able to resource the role adequately. ND and CH expressed interest in taking over chairmanship. Formal expressions of interest to be considered by the group ahead of the MCG in Sept.

Action – All MSs to consider appetite for taking on co-chairmanship in advance of the next meeting.

4. Member States Updates:

Norway – Highlighted the upcoming workshop on 11/12 October, focussing on Root Causes. Important that agenda is not just looking at requests for development aid, but also the international community's asks. *Action for all – consider further ahead of next MCG meeting, where we will discuss in depth.*

EU Delegation – Raised the issue of the closing of the Sudanese Consulate in Kufra, Libya. Potential impact on migration (Action for all – share any updates received on this issue). Also a request from the EU regarding sharing information. *Action for all – share data/updates (including reports/studies/statistics etc) with the rest of the group if and when received.*

UK – UK briefed on the OIC thematic meeting in London and the Sudanese Mol's active participation (Mol's presentation attached). UK also briefed on an upcoming piece of research that will be looking specifically at forced labour and trafficking issues in Sudan (expected to take place in Sept/Oct).

5. AOB:

DE – a reminder to all to populate the excel spreadsheet (attached) with any training delivered during 2016/2017. *Action for all – input relevant info.*

UK - Alan noted that a new National Action Plan for Combatting Human Trafficking was being finalised, which he said would require an effective NCM to implement (*Action for all – consider lobbying opportunities in support of NCM*). Alan circulated the draft documents following the MCG.

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