



Protection Working Group (National/Gauteng)
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Agenda

1. Review of minutes of last meeting
2. Recent developments since last meeting
3. Flash appeal
4. Reintegration strategy

Summary of discussions and actions points

Camp regulations and access to sites

- Access regulation should not prevent the SAHRC from carrying out their mandate.
- Guidelines should address issue of how to deal with new arrivals.
- **Gauteng:**
 - Partners to input on DMS' "site access" document. Send inputs to UNHCR by Friday, 4 July.
 - UNHCR, together with CoRMSA and SAHRC, will share the PWG's inputs with DMS. A meeting should be organized as soon as possible.
- **Western Cape:** UNHCR will contact its representative in the province to see what measures are being taken in this regard.
- **Kwazulu Natal:** UNFPA, together with UNHCR's NGO partners, will assess measures taken in this province.

Registration

- Registration started over the weekend in DBSA site.
- Residents of sites in Gauteng, Western Cape and possibly Kwazulu Natal, will be given temporary ID cards. For undocumented individuals, these cards will include a temporary permit allowing them to stay in South Africa for 6 months.

Follow-up to Incidents

- SAHRC has started the roll out of legal working groups to look into legal issues related to the sites and to the xenophobic attacks in general.
- A systematic approach needs to be applied to (xenophobic) incidents which are occurring:

- Incidents need to be documented and followed-up upon (by Lawyers for Human Rights and SAHRC).
- Trends need to be identified. LHR can start working on these early next week.
- Responsible authorities need to be held accountable (including government and police) and advocacy for change should be undertaken. Communications by the Resident Coordinator and the SACHR could be issued in this regard.
- Tools need to be developed for the victims of such incidents:
 - Set up a hotline:
 - SAHRC has been tasked to set up a hotline, but is lacking human and financial resources. The flash appeal could cover these needs.
 - UNHCR should look into DHA's anti-xenophobia hotline in the meantime.
 - Community structures need to be supported
 - Communication with people and awareness raising about options available needs to be improved: OHCHR should develop a pamphlet on the issue
 - Other tools should be developed
- SAHRC stressed the limitation of its resources in general: additional resources could be made available through the flash appeal
- LHR is also in need of additional means which should be included in the flash appeal

Flash Appeal

- A working group is to convene to finalize the protection dimension of the flash appeal. OHCHR, UNHCR, OCHA will integrate all inputs and finalize the document.

Coordination

- Accessibility of the DMC toll free number should be verified.
- **Gauteng:**
 - OCHA's protection working group schedule should be filled out by partners and sent back as soon as possible. Site protection focal point could be identified thereafter.
 - Oxfam is about to sign a contract for daily monitoring of sites. OCHA will follow-up on the issue.
- **Western Cape:** Oxfam is monitoring sites with the assistance of TAC.
- **Kwazulu Natal:** DMC is planning to coordinate the monitoring of sites. The possibility on calling upon an independent body to do so should be looked into.
- Partners were reminded to finalize the 3W matrix and to submit it to OCHA.

One-page protection guidance

- Final comments should be sent to UNHCR by 7 July in order to finalize the documents.

GBV

- UNICEF GBV consultant, arrived and will be working in coordination with the sub-working group on GBV (UNFPA, UNICEF, UNHCR). She asked for the PWG's support in meeting key partners. Contacts should be transmitted to Mendy Marsh cell: 0715216727 or mendy.marsh@yahoo.com

Reintegration

- Partners agreed on the importance of working on this issue. They stressed the need to start looking into the possibility of some individuals refusing to leave the sites.
- The PWG should also look into issue related to the closing of the sites and advise the government on pending protection issues if and when closure is anticipated.
- Authorities are currently trying to develop a national reintegration strategy. CORMSA and UNDP are looking into the issue.
- SAHRC is furthermore commenting on this national strategy. This document should be circulated to PWG partners for their input on key protection elements.
- CORMSA is moreover coordinating a civil society advocacy group in this regard.

- UNDP should attend the PWG to brief partners on the issue. OHCHR will contact them.

Zimbabwe Preparedness

- Partners stressed the importance of looking into issues linked to a potential influx from Zimbabwe. It will be on the agenda of the next PWG meeting.
- PWG should look into advocacy on the stay of deportation of Zimbabweans.

Next meeting

Tuesday, 8 July 2008, 10:00 – 12:00 at SAHRC

Follow up table

#	What	Who?	By When?
1	Finalize protection component of flash appeal	OHCHR, UNHCR, OCHA	3 July
2	Protection working group schedule to filled out and sent back to OCHA	All PWG partners	4 July
3	Provide comments to UNHCR on DMS' site access/regulations document	All PWG partners	4 July
4	Share PWG's inputs re. site access/regulations with DMS and share information with other provinces	UNHCR, CORMSA and SAHRC	Week of 7-11 July
5	Submit final comments to UNHCR on one-page protection notes	All PWG partners	7 July
6	Prepare protection elements for government consideration with regard to the reintegration strategy/programme	SAHRC, UNHCR, OHCHR	ASAP
7	Invite UNDP to participate in PWG on initiatives regarding reintegration.	OHCHR	ASAP
8	Incidents of xenophobia to be documented and followed up upon	LHR and SAHRC	ASAP
9	Set up hotline for incidents of xenophobia	SAHRC with financial support from the international community	ASAP
10	Finalize the 3W matrix and to submit it to OCHA	All PWG partners	ASAP
11	Develop pamphlet on options for victims of xenophobia	OHCHR	ASAP
12	Contacts re GBV to be sent to Mendy Marsh	All PWG partners	ASAP