



UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator**Humanitarian Country Team (HCT)**

Timor-Leste

Monday, 29 June 2009, 14.00-16.00

UNMIT Conference Room C

Summary**1. Introduction and adoption of the agenda**

Agenda adopted, minutes were shared and no comment received.

2. Political Update

(Presentation by UNMIT Political Affairs Section)

- The UNMIT Political Affairs Section reported that the suco election law was approved by parliament and was sent to the President. Subsequently he sent it to the Court of Appeal asking for a review of its constitutionality. At a recent meeting hosted by the A/SRSG with all political parties, they agreed that they would abide by the Court decision. The recent press release issued by Fretilin saying that they would abide by the decision of the Court on the National Petroleum Authority is positive in this regard and a demonstration that parties are respecting the roles of the institutions of sovereignty.
- Bishop Stalsett convened a meeting the previous week on the theme "National Consensus Dialogue on Truth, Justice and Reconciliation" with support from the Office of the President. Most political parties were represented. UNMIT held observer status. There was general agreement on the need to debate the CTF and CAVR report recommendations in parliament, creating a follow-on institution to the CTF and CAVR, and reparations. During the three day conference, the President called a side meeting with political party representatives where he discussed the possibility of an amnesty. Political parties have different point of view on this issue. At a recent meeting with political parties, the A/SRSG re-iterated the broad UN position on amnesties.
- Some participants raised issues on Public Cleaning. There were some cases where PNTL officers forced some NGO staff members to join public cleaning many times. The DSRSG/HC said that there is no official communication between the Government and the NGOs/UN System on this issue.
 - Action: The Police Commissioner requested those facing this problem to communicate all incidents to UNPOL/PNTL.

3. Update from the working group on advocacy

- Plan International presented the revised draft of the advocacy document on justice and amnesty, following the meeting of the working group on advocacy. The Plan Representative informed that comments were received from the NGOs, UNMIT Human Rights, Political, and Public Information sections were also members of the group. The Human Rights section made comments on the document. Plan International asked for feedback from the HCT about how best to use the document.
- The DSRSG/RC/HC expressed concerns about putting the document in the form of a statement or press release for advocacy, given that the UN system in Timor-Leste is conducting advocacy efforts on various issues at high-level meetings with Government, often closed meetings. He also clarified that the UN system would not sign a blanket document condemning amnesty, as that is not the UN's position.
- The Human Rights section indicated that they concur with the text of the document, but that they do not see the value added of having a public statement, since a number of the issues therein raised are already part of their ongoing advocacy efforts on justice and human rights. In their view, there is significant progress and effort made by the Government in advancing justice and human rights. A public statement pushing the Government for more action in this area could be seen as criticism and turn out counterproductive vis a vis the space that UNMIT currently has for open dialogue with high level of Government.
- Plan International expressed disappointment about the fact that a lot of effort was put to prepare the document, whereas there is no agreement on the principle of having a joint advocacy position.
- Oxfam suggested that the group discuss, rather than the specific content of the document, the ways in which the HCT could undertake joint advocacy namely, target audience, "messengers", and channels of passing the messages. The DSRSG/RC/HC encouraged the HCT members to proceed with that proposal.

Action: Sub-group to meet and discussed the proposal made by OXFAM.

4. Update on Metinaro Movement (IOM)

Nicolas Kroger, IOM OIC, briefed the HCT members that the Metinaro movement was going on well. There were 800 families left and 300 will leave next week. There are about 1200 families registered on the MSS system.

5. Post return monitoring surveys (December 2008-February 2009)

- There was a brief presentation from IOM on the third round of interviews with 218 *chefes de aldeias*.
- The data gathered covers displacement and returns, destruction and rehabilitation of homes, receptivity to return and reintegration, general stability in the village and access to the basic services and livelihood opportunities.

- It was reported that most of the changes in this monitoring were positive. Some *chefes de aldeias* said that almost three-fourths of IDPs have returned to the *aldeias*. People reported that they can generally live safely in the *aldeia*, but still some security support is needed.
- Despite this, there are still some *aldeias* like Camea Terminal, Camea Fatuc Francisco, Becora Berbidu, Vila Verde Lemorai, and Lahane Temporal, where the community members have rejected to receive returnees because of martial arts problems.
- In cases where resettlement was not accepted, this was largely due to a lack of clarity regarding land and property issues. Issues of access to clean water are also very present.
- Co-chair Alfredo Zamudio recalled that in the past some HCT members had made recommendations about questions that should be asked in the post-return monitoring interviews. He suggested that the IOMG may discuss this at the technical level, to determine whether it is relevant to have a survey, for example, on what the return package given to IDPs has been used for. HCT members asked for clarification about what will be the use of these additional surveys/information. NRC, on behalf of the Shelter Cluster, expressed that the knowledge gathered on housing deficit and infrastructure needs would be beneficial for planning purposes. This information could benefit the eventual reshaping of some of the early recovery programs.

Action: ICCG to discuss the need for additional issues/questions to be explored as part of the post-return monitoring, and if so, which agency is best placed to take the lead. ICCG to revert back to the HCT.

6. Update on Land and Property Law (ARD/USAID, REDE ba Rai Timor-Leste)

- It was reported that the land claims collection process was done in Liquica, Manatuto, Aileu, and Baucau. The collection of data will be continued in Oecusse, Bobonaro and Dili in a next phase.
- There are 2000 claims received from the data collection and about 7% have been disputed. For disputes amongst families and relatives, the programme has encouraged discussion amongst the members as a first step to settle the ownership.
- Some participants questioned why data collection has started if the law is still being discussed. ARD clarified that they just collect the data and information to see how many claims and disputes exist, but they do not make final decisions regarding land ownership.
- Rede ba Rai briefed participants about the consultation process in all districts, led by the MoJ, to discuss the draft law. Rede ba Rai encouraged other NGOs to participate in the discussions about the land law draft at the community level.

Action: ICCG to discuss whether it would be pertinent to have a set of comments on the draft land law put together by the HCT or the clusters.

7. Report back from the ICCG

Contingency Planning

The Chief of the HC Unit briefed participants that the ICCG has agreed on the Contingency Planning process, timeline and outputs. He made a brief presentation to participants regarding each output and timeline.

Early Recovery

The Head of RC Unit briefed the HCT members on the proposed way forward for the development of an early recovery framework.

Proposal for work planning process is:

- To review the TSA and NRS in the framework of each cluster to see if the assessment of each cluster still relevant or not. If not it should be updated based on latest assessments. To identify if there are any recommendations in the TSA/NRS and did these recommendations were addressed or not. To liaise with the relevant government counterparts to identify outstanding issues/areas of concern.
- To identify what recovery projects are currently being implemented in their cluster, where the project being implemented and how long do they run for.
- To identify the planning assumptions for each cluster.
- To identify gaps and areas where each cluster can add strategic support to the government.

She informed participants that a work plan template and time line will be circulated in the coming days.

Action: An ICCG meeting will be held to brief cluster leads in details. The HCT members agreed with this approach. The RC Unit will make available the recovery advisor to work with the clusters in their process. Similar support will be made available by the HC Unit for the contingency planning process.

8. HCT membership

The Head of the RC Unit said that the justification documents on the HCT new membership have been shared by email with the HCT members.

Action: The HCT formally endorsed the proposed new membership.

9. AOB

a. Update on VSAT

WFP updated the HCT members that the law on VSAT is under revision and will be finalized in November this year. In the meantime, the Government has confirmed that all VSAT use outside the service provided by Timor-Telecom or direct agreements with the GoTL is illegal.

b. DSRSG meeting with MoFA

The Head of RC Unit briefed the HCT members on the meeting of the DSRS/RC/HC with the MoFA where he raised, amongst other issues, the issue of regulation and registration of NGOs. A subsequent letter was sent to the Minister with the names and contact information of the INGO HCT members, to encourage the Minister to discuss these issues with the group of NGOs. The Minister asked for a brief document highlighting some of the best practices in other countries dealings with this issue.

c. Call for volunteers to participate in the management committee of humanitarian response assessment

The Co-Chair made a call for volunteers to participate in the management committee of humanitarian response assessment. The committee should be composed of 3 members from NGOs and 3 from the UN system.

d. Next HCT meeting will be held on 11 August

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Meeting Attendance Sheet - Total Participants: 23

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