RETURNS WORKING GROUP (RWG): INFORMATION MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

ROAR, ABA

- Return Assessments e.g. ROAR, ABA
- Research
- Monthly Meetings

ABA

- In-depth assessment and analysis

RNA / RVA / Household / Intention Surveys / Exit surveys etc

- Return Process Guidance Notes
- Advocacy Notes
- Return Index
- Communication with Communities Materials

DTM

- Baseline
- First Line
- Second Line
- Third Line

Linkage with clusters, CRCs, ICCG etc.

PRODUCTS

- Strategic and Operational
- Technical Guidance
- Information / Coordination

- Return Dashboard
- Return Trends
- RWG Website
- Monthly Profiles
## Introduction

- Established by the Returns Working Group, this IM framework aims to provide information to support partners to deliver principled, timely and comprehensive assistance in areas associated with IDP return. This IM framework encourages regular and systematic collection of data relevant to returns, and establishes a common approach of sharing information among RWG members and humanitarian partners working on returns.

## Purpose of the Framework

- Increase understanding of key actors and processes associated with IDP return
- Identify issues of priority importance to affected communities and individuals
- Facilitate delivery of principled, timely and comprehensive assistance in areas associated with IDP return
- Strengthen advocacy efforts around IDP return
- Support systematic and regular monitoring in areas of IDP return

## I. STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL

### Return Area Assessments

Return area assessments (ABA, DTM, etc.) are aligned with the RWG Multi-Sectoral Response Framework and will be conducted in areas witnessing high rates of return or in areas where high numbers of returnees are expected. They aim to inform evidence-based programming and service delivery at the settlement level.

### Service mapping

The RWG together with UNOCHA will maintain regular database on partners providing assistance to returnees at the sub-district level based on key return indicators, as well as the contacts and focal points in each area.

### Research

Based on increasing rate of secondary displacements to camps and out of camps, the RWG will commission a study focusing on secondary returns and aim to determine what is causing the returns to not be sustainable.

## II. TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

### Return Process Guidance Notes

This will be developed per governorate, given the differing return processes per governorate, and will aim to:

- Create profiles and flowcharts which outline the processes and actors associated with IDP return per governorate. This includes mapping the entire chain of commands of decision makers involved in triggering returns.
- Increase understanding and accessibility of concerned actors in returns areas through information (actor/power mapping), evidence-based analysis and research;
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<td>Using DTM data as well as data from field partners, the RWG will develop a monthly national dashboard, which will include: Overview of returns per country; Trend of returnees; Key areas of concern; Needs and gaps per sector; Feedback and concerns from returnees; Assessments conducted in return areas</td>
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