

- **Harmony Park Update (SAHRC/OCCHA)**

- There were about 150 people still at the camp and there was lots of deconstruction of tents and facilities.
- Seemed to be a lot of young children, vulnerable people , heavily pregnant woman, very ill woman, single mom with 7 children. They will apparently be moved to Bluewaters.
- There were many people who had a tag around their wrists which apparently mean that they are on the list to be repatriated
- Transport hadn't arrived as of midday. OCCHA was told that there was a delay in CTRC delivery of cheques and there was a delay in transport to make sure that those who didn't get checks would be moved to BWs until cheques went through.
- UNICEF has particular interest in moms, children, and vulnerable people –
  - Trying to get the government to deploy the CRWs to check up on people once they've reintegrated
  - Interested in maintaining contact and ensuring the safety of those vulnerable after reintegration

- **Youngsfield (Leadership)**

- Still waiting for cheques to go through, people who have filled out the forms have not heard any information so they don't know if they will be able to reintegrate successfully
- There is a big group of people who are undecided don't want to be reintegrate or repatriate
  - Vicki: I think that we also must consider the big group of people who are so traumatized, mental exhaustion aren't they vulnerable as well? These people who can't decide what they would like to do. We should not punish them.
- Youngsfield Organization has identified vulnerable groups and is trying to keeps tabs on them and ensure that they are looked after in this reintegration process.

- **Bluewaters (Leadership)**

- The situation is basically the same, we are still waiting and feel like our futures are uncertain.
- There has been no one who has come to our camp and there has been no preparations for the new people that are coming from other camps.
- City people used to come and clean toilets, etc... they are no longer coming for the last week: **health hazard**

- Home Affairs has come again to give SOME people their documents but there is still a big group of people who do not know the outcome
- Olivier (UNHCR) and another UNHCR rep (man) were stoned/chased out of the camp yesterday (Thursday) because he was apparently saying that people must go back to the communities and townships because there would be people from America who will track them down for resettlement.
- *OCCHA: In the JOC DHA said that they went to the camps and no one was there so they would not go back to the camps and people must go to Nyanga*
- HRC Caution with regards to Dr. Fast meetings:
  - We can't alienate her in the HRC and don't threaten litigation to her face in these meetings because we want to make sure that she knows that she is working *with* these people in good faith and
  - She has said that she really values and enjoys engaging with the leadership in the last meetings and it has been extremely helpful for her.
  - In the long run we will be more likely to get an outcome that we like and can work with
  - This will help us when it comes to dealing with the people who don't want to reintegrate and don't want to repatriate or can't.... we can perhaps try and find a solution that is at least bearable
- *Leadership asked question about what the civil society organizations can/are going to do to help the refugees in the camps with their needs going forward:*
  - SAHRC: We are an independent body and we must work within the confines and options that are currently available. Our mandate and limited budget only allow us to do this. However, if there are things that you (leadership) believe that we should be doing, please tell us. We would like to work with you and help in any way that we can.
  - LRC: A lot of people are concerned that they will not be able to find a place that is safe by the end of the month and that means that we are going to try and work with the government to make sure that BW stays open
  - OCCHA: First of all, we're not operational and we don't have a budget to take on the role to provide direct aid
    - What I've been focusing is avoiding what has happened in Gauteng in Acasia – no water, no facilities, etc.

- Worried that people will become so entrenched in their desire to resettle that the
  - Once people reintegrate we don't think that it's over and there is a lot of support and monitoring that must happen and OCCHA feels that we should be involved with that
  - We are concerned that government and SAPS aren't monitoring like they should and they get very defensive about it
  - We are looking ways in which the UN can help the government and encourage them to not forget about everything after reintegration.
  - We are looking into some pilot programs that Red Cross and other NGOs which are tracking vulnerable within communities so that we can come up better programs that will actually help
    - There are for instance some programs that look at partnering foreign nationals and South Africans to support each other. This is based on the idea that people are much less likely to harm or attack people that they know and are familiar with. It helps to break down stereotypes and xenophobia.
  - We are also concerned about the situation in Musina and are looking at programs to track Zimbabweans.
- Masipumelele situation update (PASSOP):
    - There was some xenophobic violence and threats that there will be attacks tonight (knew about it on Monday) and we will be continuing to be monitoring and everyone has Braam's # and he will be dealing with the police as part of the Safety Forum
  - VICKI: I think that the way in which the threats and mobs were covered in the media are inflaming the situation and I think that people should make a complaint to the broadcasting complaints commission about their reporting of the violence and the nature of the violence.....
  - TAC/ALP: For us, what we are try to do is contact all the organizations who helped in the first wave of violence and make sure that there is a network on standby to possibly temporarily shelter people in case Bluewaters closes and people are still not reintegrated or repatriated.
    - PASSOP: we must be very careful about saying this and have strict criteria for people to take advantage of this because it is not an indefinite solution.

Otherwise if people know that there will be further shelter, they will not want to reintegrate.

- LRC: really think that the authorities should seriously try and find alternatives to the reintegration process that they have in mind....
  - There must be consideration of areas which are the historically more affluent places and outside of just forcing people to go back to the same neighborhoods which they fled from.
- OCCHA: If a civil society organization could come up with a proposal around placing people in housing that is in other neighborhoods which they feel safer in, it could be an easy sell for the donor community and OCCHA will help.
- HRC: People must start taking some initiative and taking control of their lives rather than waiting for government or civil society or others to present the solutions to them. People must take the steps to move forward with their lives.
- LRC: I am concerned about all the talk of creative solutions. No one is going find a creative solution with the deadline of the 31<sup>st</sup> hanging over our heads.
  - We must organize that people get their documents sorted out before they can be expected to “take control of their lives”
- Leadership: People MUST have the outcome of the DHA process so that they can then engage
  - We tried to tell Dr Fast that because of the sham that the DHA process was and that we haven’t gotten our outcomes back, we cannot make decisions about what we would like to do.
    - People are reluctant to fill their forms because there has been nothing that will show us that we will get our status and all the papers we need.
  - Also, the people who want to reintegrate want to look at places that the packages won’t pay for because those are really the only places that we feel safe in.
  - Everyone in camps is there not because they want to be but because they have a problem.
- PASSOP: No one should leave the camps without documentation.
- **Resolutions of meeting:**
  - Tuesday meeting must include the DHA and can we please get an undertaking from Dr. Fast so that we will have in writing that the camps will not close if people don’t have their documents in order

- Civil society will engage with organizations to identify shelter temporarily while looking for accommodation or awaiting repatriation
- Civil society will help with the accommodation searching for those in the camps to help facilitate the process
- Leadership will continue to compile lists of people who are vulnerable, awaiting repatriation, still looking for accommodation so that civil society can help and we can all inform Dr. Fast for Tuesday.
- Leadership will compile list for Tuesday meeting of those in Youngsfield and Bluewaters who have not received DHA outcomes.