

District Meeting Minutes
12 July 2008

Camp Updates

Blue Waters

1. No Incidents
2. There is transport to the clinic but no transport back to the camp
3. Why is there just juice and bread
4. Site management provided a bus to MP for shipping, but we don't know why they did this because we don't have any money.
5. Conflict
 1. There is conflict between two national groups and MMH
 2. *Recommendation:* If you do not have unified leadership there is a problem. You need to sit down and deal without mater for yourselves before we come in

Harmony

1. Site management : want to use cards to control access.
2. Blind man normally goes to the lights to beg, but the police stopped him, fined him and not allowing him ti leave the camp.
3. Food
 1. only getting sour milk,
4. Management
 1. saying that people must not come here
 2. wanted to throw some people out of the camp
 3. The police however were unwilling to take part in this.
 4. What are people rights in terms of eviction?
 5. Don' know if s

Soetwater

1. Main problem is the management
 1. Intimidation every day from the police from the security offices that are working there.
 2. Food
 1. Do not get enough
 2. Volunteers have been supporting us.
 3. We don't see the UNHCR, but the volunteers they support us
 3. Kennedy
 1. Tents: It's too windy and too cold. Some of the tents are leaking and are not strong enough. Trying to use blankets to keep the tents up but the tents are blankets are becoming moldy.
 2. NO light at night. i
 3. Over crowded
 4. Health
 1. Only one nurse who comes for 2 hours.
 2. Only send an ambulance if there are 4-5 cases at once
 3. No proper food for children.
 5. Police....??
 6. In the morning its is cold! But we only have a cold juice and bread
 7. It the same food over and over again.

8. Had a food meeting on Friday with City and WFP. They will be having their own kitchen in two sections: one haalal. Will start cooking their own food.
9. We need to start monitoring how much food is being provided.
10. Are children still eating tea and bread? (Louis, PHM)
 1. There is no specific food for children.
4. Silverstroom
 1. Thank you very much for inviting us here, this is our first meeting
 2. The problem is the food
 1. You can't even eat it
 2. The presentation of the food is not good
 3. 5, areas not 3
 4. It's very very cold. We do have blankets but it is till very cold. And there are lots of children.
 5. There is a creche there. I asked the one there is I can train the children. But he refused. I say we must teach our children but they said us the Red cross had to do that job But the RC don't come
 6. Breakfast
 1. Everyday we are eating bread
 2. we do not see tea or coffee.
 3. No vegetarian food.
 4. One says I was so weak, please I want to eat, why are just giving me bread.

Youngsfield

1. One lady was making food for children. Yesterday she resigned. She took the milk and food for and closed the container and left. So yesterday the children suffered.
2. Food: all the camps the same problems
 1. SNZAF provide
 2. Only bring food twice a day.
 3. Always rice and meat, it never changes.
3. One Congolese left the camp and when he came back the military threaten to shoot him.

Knysna

1. Selva phone called this morning that said that it will be used for educational purposes. They must leave at 4:00 in the morning. Been in touch PPPP from +++++ Provincial. One of their demands is to be moved to Cape Town. They may be a chance this will happen but we need a guarantee from a site.
2. Constant harassment and changing of plans is beating these people down If that not torture I don't what is

Chrysalis

1. Food is the same and never enough.
2. Health
 1. Nurse is meant to come 2 hours a day Monday to Friday.
 2. She is in the office but doesn't help anyone
3. Access
 1. No access for volunteers
4. Toiletries
 1. for the last few weeks we have had to take shower without soap
5. Babies
 1. Too cold for babies.

Khayelitsha

1. Integration

1. It is going well.
2. We have paid rent for people
3. CT refugee centre have assisted for 5 people's rent
4. TAC will send 15 people a day to CTRC for that assessment. TAC to provide transport
5. Government doesn't explain to people why they are moving people hall to hall
6. On Tuesday we found out that the policeman wanted to take people to camps.
 1. TAC assisted these people.

Klipfontein

1. TAC

1. Ingratiation is gong well
2. Food is an issue
3. Theareapeople want to use the community hall
4. KTC hall people move to Zolani centre.
5. Security is an issue

Mitchell's Plain

1. The traders want a permit to trade.
2. The registration started
3. Large number of refugee in MP did not reintegrate because they are a) too scared or b) not there, c) in a camp
4. Worry is that those who are not able to come are people who have stock but not able to be there because of the current crisis.

North

Tableview: going afterwards to take more information.

Sivlerstroom:

Health post only opening twice a week for 4 hours.
displaced people feel that it is not enough

The ambulances had a problem not getting back to the silverstrrom.... Also a rumour that the ambulance will stop

People feel very isolated, Would like transport and like to know what is going on.
Some people are jitchikiing into town to try and find work, this is a large problem.
No recpetion for TV.

Summer greens, Richwood and Tableview:

Micheal:

The problem is food.

Secondly for lunch time we could to cook for ourselves but we don't have a permanent supply for this.

It is very cold but those blankets after being used they are very duty and this is making people sick

Only have one shower, We are using the toilet for washing and this is unhealthy. There is no privacy.

For the babies not enough food for them.

Identity documents: Zimbabweans won't get jobs if they don't get papers.

Want to know the role of volunteers: in Richwood they are frightening and threatening people. They are dividing nations.

Four halls are in a problematic situation. There are different groups of volunteers there is a lot of miscommunication. One of the volunteers at Richwood set up a soccer trip for the children.

But 4 or 5 men stopped the children to go the reason they aid was that id document. May also have been it was too cold.

How can they get to Barrack street if they stay there?

Richwood: volunteer doing wonderful job can't leave it just to the volunteers, they are doing a wonderful job but Maybe also need some professionals

Someone was punished by the volunteers not being allowed to eat.

Richwood and summer green integration is nonexistent because these people have come from DuNoon. About 150 people. Since then no one has left the hall.

Bluewaters

Someone came from transport for School but do not know who he was.

Who is going to the camp? If we have children there is a very big issue

Privacy? what can do for couples who need privacy

Integration: they way it is being done it so not the proper way. Never see any plan from government to put it into action. We want volunteers and NGO and put fwd this issue.

Pinelands Methodist church

There is still short of food although we are receiving some food from TAC Documentation.

Need transport for children to go to school

Health: explained.

Need details about incidences.

Elan has made an incident log sheet. If this done not right we cannot act.

Norms and Standards

1. We have been asking government to give us list of appropriate norms and standers
2. However they did not produce any
3. Then TAC have government a list of norms of standards

Youngsfield

Registration started on Tuesday

1. People are not educated on what is going on
 - a. is it city officials or people from HA?
 - b. questions from people from surrounding sites when and how people will be registered?
 - c. people who already have the card need this 6 month card?
2. The card is also being used access.
 - a. some have refused on principle to not get the card
3. People who are night time security guards that have been missed in the registration process and they are worried that will not be allowed back in to the camp if they go to work
4. LRC and from TAC have sent a letter demanding a clarification on these issues
5. We need clear communication from government on what this registration entails
 - a. what sites? how long? when? > what is the card going to be used for? how can get it? what does "proving you were affected" mean?
 - b.
6. William Kerfoot met with HA this week. HA will start printing new documents on Monday.
They did not clarify
7. SERGIO!!!!

Gilad talked about how monitors were initially denied access to the monitoring process.

We received and undated memo from government which explains what they are doing

Two types of card

1. one with section 2.2b
 - a. This gives expectation from deportation and time to apply for other document
 - b. People who have documents now don't have section 2.2b
 - i. what if they run out in month?
2. From the registration from it looks like

City official acting as home affairs aid on Monday: anyone whose id documents expires in the future should get this card as it is quicker

Leaders used to decide who live in the camps

Voluntary repatriation is now in place for everyone. Expect Solamiai.

HA is operating per normal.

Some documents have been revised without fingerprints which makes them worthless. We need to watch for this.

UN says access control is standard practice. But under who suspects, how etc?

Why they forces us to live in South Africa if I do not want to.

Why I've a card that expires in 6 months.

What about people who have already integrated?

Please can the TAC work hard to find out what is happening with these cards.

If you want to resettle then the advise is to tick no to integration

If you have lost documents then you only get an access control card...likely to be illegal?

IS access to one site or many sites. Should allow as families are in different sites.

Shit should have not circulated the form with personal details.

Workshop

1. Rights on the constitution
2. legal rights under international law
3. Get in touch with UNHCR and IOM and demand answers. Have UN answers on resettlement.
4. Who you can call in emergencies.
5. For refugee leaders and people working in sites.
6. At Salt River community house.

UNHCR you can download the 100 pages book about resettlement.

UNHCR have said no, so this is to pressure them to change this opinion.

But is also dependant on South African and 3rd countries

"22 July" eviction

Sent a letter to the mayor to ask for clarification on the date seen in the posters up in Zolani centre and communicated in table view. Suspicion is that is not official.

Education

Key issue for next week

In Khayelthisa

People want to reintegrate. Main obstacle is the rent. TAC have been working with this. Next week we will follow up on government's plan for this

Press

10 articles written and 3 radio interviews and a brief showing on ETV.

Important that this helps people doing lose sight of the current needs.

Press found the personal stories useful

Including story of the man who was killed

Will need more personal stories for next week.

Website is up and running.

Need for newspapers and radios

MMH

Confusion

Thank everyone

Shows we are building pan African unity and this is very important.

Shows we can and must work together

South Africas consitin is under treat from Jacob zuma and ANC. It is a very diffuculat time and we need to defend out snsituion. Otherssie we couldnt do any of this: couldnt go to court, countl have press confereence
Duty as citxens goably to make sure this doesnt happen.

Refugee leaders have prepared a letter to the premier.

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Gavin Mooney

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Late night live in ABC.
Every nights
Leader current affairs prog in Aus
Philip adams

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Do we have nayone who could mediate in silverstroom??

Ask mohamnd for any rgilus leadre tyeps who can emdaite.

To arranhe metin between leaders of norerhn suburbs sites.

Table view conditons are shit.

Board room free 15:00 Tuesday for lader of norter subbradbs!! let sergio know.

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brief introduction as felt exculde for new refugees

camp meeting afternoon.