Advocacy Strategy Action Plan

Outcome 2: Increased capacity and knowledge of government, international and local humanitarian actors to advance durable solutions for protracted displacement

Output 2.1.: IOM/RWG through the Durable Solutions Secretariat supports government and key partners to strengthen and enable their capacity to advance durable solutions

Activity	Output/ Product	Frequency of dissemination	Advocacy level and Target Audience	Success indicators
Governorate Returns Committee (GRC) secretariat	▪ Document developed outlining the mechanism of the GRC secretariat ▪ Advocacy note on RWG's position to durable solutions in Iraq	▪ One time ▪ (To be reviewed quarterly) (Can be updated based on changing situation on the ground))	▪ Government (JCMC- as coordination body for GRCs) ▪ Donor (DFID) ▪ OCHA (national and sub- national levels) ▪ Senior Advisor on Durable Solutions ▪ Humanitarian Coordinator (HC)	▪ Governorate-level coordination mechanisms (GCMs and governorate ICCGs) are used as the platforms to convene international partners and identify agencies able / willing to implement projects related to return and durable solutions ▪ Participation of relevant national-level bodies, such as the Communal Peace and Coexistence Committee, NOC, National Reconciliation Commission and many others in GRCs ▪ GRC role expanded to include stabilisation and development actors ▪ There exists a data-driven, inclusive, multi-stakeholder engagement along the humanitarian-development nexus ▪ Protection is mainstreamed throughout responses

Secondments to the government	Staff seconded to the government at governorate, regional and national levels: ▪ **National level:** JCMC and MOMD in Baghdad ▪ **Regional level**: Secondments to KRG (JCC Erbil and BORHA Dohuk) ▪ **Governorate level**: 50% to IDP Advisor at Governors' office in Salah al Din, Kirkuk and Diyala	▪ One time during the duration of the project	▪ Government actors (JCMC, MOMD etc) ▪ RWG team	▪ Increased support to the government at the governorate, regional and national level related to durable solutions ▪ Increased engagement at governorate level ▪ Consistent information sharing between RWG and government entities (JCC, JCMC and MOMD etc) ▪ Regular participation of government actors in RWG and GRC meetings ▪ Positive feedback from government regarding the collaboration
Protracted displacement Framework	▪ Framework document addressing the obstacles preventing the remaining IDP caseload from returning to their homes is developed.	▪ One time (To be reviewed annually if needed)	▪ Government actors ▪ Members of the RWG ▪ Clusters/ ICCG ▪ HC/ HCT ▪ Senior durable solutions Advisor ▪ NGOs/ international community	▪ Protracted displacement framework is endorsed by GOI and HCT ▪ The endorsed framework forms the foundation for development of Governorate Plans of Action ▪ Protracted displacement and alternatives solutions to return is a subject of parliamentary/ government discussions ▪ Strategic dialogue is taking place to address IDPs facing access and security-related challenges/ high level advocacy issues (Cat 3)
Governorate Plans of Action	▪ Governorate actions plans developed for main affected governorates (based on the protracted displacement framework)	▪ One time (to be reviewed bi-annually/ quarterly)	▪ Government actors ▪ GRC ▪ Clusters/ ICCG ▪ Humanitarian and development actors	▪ Implementation of projects directly tackling the categories of Protracted Displacement and durable solutions ▪ Resources are mobilized to implement activities required in the action plan

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▪ Senior Advisor on Durable solutions
▪ RWG members | ▪ Reconciliation activities are taking place (Category 2)
▪ Engagement with security actors and authorities at field level (Cat 3)
▪ Forced returns have stopped
▪ Government facilitation of safe and voluntary return
▪ All three phases of attaining durable solutions are addressed: 1) pre-departure 2) return, local integration or relocation 3) transition towards development
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Output 2.2: *The Returns Working Group is engaged as a means for information sharing and advocacy on durable solutions*

Activity	Output/ Product	Frequency of dissemination	Advocacy level and Target Audience	Success indicators
Advocacy strategy	▪ Advocacy strategy document to influence the government's policies, programme implementers' approaches and donors' strategies is developed.	▪ One time ▪ (to be reviewed quarterly if needed)	▪ RWG team ▪ Donor (DFID) ▪ Senior Advisor on Durable Solutions ▪ Donor working group on durable solutions	▪ Government and other implementing actors have incorporated durable solutions into their policies ▪ The affected population is included in the decision-making process for humanitarian response ▪ IDPs are given an alternative durable solution option beside return ▪ Secondary displacement is not occurring anymore/ minimized

Feedback mechanism to returnees/ affected populations	▪ Key messages for returnees communicated via the Iraq Information Centre (IIC) are developed	▪ Every 3 months (quarterly)	▪ IIC ▪ GRC members and secretariat	▪ High call resolution rate ▪ Positive feedback from callers ▪ Information is used by the GRC to inform discussions on required responses
Information on services at the areas of origin and feedback to GRCs	▪ Regular field updates on key return issues are developed from return index dashboard and other sources.	▪ Monthly	▪ HC ▪ GRCs ▪ Senior Advisor on Durable solutions ▪ ICCG (national and sub-national) ▪ Donor working group on durable solutions ▪ Government	▪ Key issues from the field are raised and discussed with relevant authorities ▪ Information on concerned areas of origin presented at GRC meetings ▪ Information shared has influenced decision on interventions in areas of origin ▪ Partners are more informed on conditions in areas of origin, and able to prioritize interventions.
Emerging issues/ urgent interventions	▪ Advocacy messages with information on emerging issues/ urgent interventions e.g., areas of non- return and the barriers to non-returns, compensation, as well as possible interventions required prior to and after return of IDPs	▪ As required/ whenever emerging issues arise	▪ Government ▪ OCHA ▪ HC ▪ GRC ▪ ICCG ▪ Donor working group on durable solutions	▪ Urgent action undertaken to address ongoing issue ▪ Conduciveness of conditions are ensured before the return of IDPs ▪ Interventions are taking place before and after the return of IDPs ▪ Forced returns stopped/ happen in a dignified manner
Best practices and lessons learnt	▪ Document developed highlighting best practices and lessons learnt on projects to facilitate voluntary returns etc.	▪ Every 3- 6 months	▪ International community ▪ Government actors ▪ GRCs ▪ HC	▪ Facilitated returns projects implemented in other areas using lessons learned and best practices ▪ New partnerships established in projects related to facilitated returns.

			ICCG Senior Advisor on durable solutions	Project plans cover a higher number of beneficiaries Success stories are replicated in other governorates
Local integration case studies	Case study reports	Every 6 months (bi-annually)	RWG ICCG GRCs Government actors	Local integration recognized as a durable solution by government Local integration and other options to durable solutions is being exercised in concerned areas Enabling factors for integration and success stories are shared across governorates
Areas of no return (AONR)	Insight reports on areas of no return	Monthly	ICCG Donor working group on durable solutions HC Government	Debates within the government have started regarding areas of no return Areas unblocked Advocacy campaign by ICCG to implement programs in these areas AONR information used in tailoring programs Programs are implemented in these areas
Return process	Return Process documents that details the return procedures required for each governorate of return	Every 6 months (in case of changes in the return processes)	Humanitarian, stabilisation, development and reconciliation actors	Engagement with humanitarian, stabilisation, development and reconciliation actors in an exercise aimed at consolidating knowledge and experience Success stories used to ease return procedures in other governorates
Training on Durable Solutions	Trainings on durable solutions conducted	Every 6 months	International and government partners	Durable solutions are integrated within international and government actors' programming

				- Lessons learned documented - Increased political interest in durable solutions
Workshops	Four workshops on durable solutions	Every 6 months	Government, international and local partners	- Workshop action points agreed upon - Next steps from workshop have been carried out - More budget allocated to implementing durable solutions - Increased political interest in durable solutions