

Nigeria, Crisis

Global ETS teleconference #5

Date: 10/11/16 TIME: 12:00 UTC

Attendance

Chair:	Caroline Teyssier	UAE
ACF	Victor Yusuf	Nigeria
Catholic Relief Services	Gbenro Ogundipe	Nigeria
Ericsson Response	Lars Ruediger	Germany
UNHCR	Fardy Mandy	Senegal
UNICEF	Runar Holen	United States
WFP	Michael Dirksen	Nigeria
	Karén Barsamian	UAE
	Pastor Lovo	UAE

Teleconference / Meeting started at 12:03 UTC

Agenda

1. Security update
2. ETS update
3. Updates from partners
4. AOB

Minutes

Security update

- Security incidents continue to occur in Maiduguri and multiple Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks continue to take place on roads.

ETS update

Funding

- Although no funding has been received to date, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) is planning to provide funding for the Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) to provide Information and Communications Technology (ICT) services.

Activities

- The ETS Coordinator finalized the list of telecommunications and Information Technology (IT) equipment that is needed to provide ETS services in the International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP) camp in Gwoza.
- As part of its revised portion in the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2017, ETS is looking to expand its services to cover 11x humanitarian hubs. This will focus on three states, including Yobe, Borno and Adamawa.
 - ETS is appealing for US\$4.4 million (on top of the existing budget for 2016) to provide services in these additional sites.
- International Organisation for Migration (IOM) is currently developing the future humanitarian hub in Gwoza. This is expected to be done in 10 days. Once ETS equipment has arrived, ICT can start to be deployed.
- ETS has prepared two letters to government authorities. One to the Nigeria Television Authority (NTA) to request moving a radio repeater to improve Very High Frequency (VHF) coverage; the second to Ministry of Telecommunications (MoT) to request more VHF and High Frequency (HF) frequencies to be used by United Nations (UN) agencies and Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) for security communications. This also includes possible ETS cross-border operations with Niger and Cameroon.
- ETS has taken over the lead of Local Telecommunications Working Group meetings, including scheduling meetings and preparing minutes.
- Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) is moving towards the official activation of the ETS.
- Discussions are ongoing with NGOs in Monguno as ETS needs an NGO to provide Internet connectivity in an Internet café.

Staffing

- Michael Dirksen, the current ETS Coordinator will leave the Nigeria operation on 12 November 2016. He will be replaced by Pastor Lovo from World Food Programme's (WFP) Fast IT and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team (FITTEST).
- Two ICT specialists will join the ETS team in Nigeria: one Information Technology (IT) specialist (he will help to deploy Ericsson Response equipment) and one telecommunications and radio trainer.

Update from partners

UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)

- UNICEF has recruited an ICT officer who is expected to arrive in Maiduguri in the next week.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

- A UNHCR staff member has arrived in Abuja to be based in Maiduguri from this weekend. He will be the ICT focal point for UNHCR.

AOB

- Anyone who wishes to be included in the Local Telecommunications Working Group are requested to send their contact details to Nigeria.ETS@wfp.org

Teleconference / Meeting ended at 12:22 UTC

Next Teleconference/ Meeting will be held on Thursday 24 November.

Acronyms

ACF	Action Against Hunger
COMCEN	Communications Centre
CwC	Communications with Communities
DHC	Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator
ETS	Emergency Telecommunications Sector
FITTEST	Fast IT and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team
HC	Humanitarian Coordinator
HCT	Humanitarian Country Team
HF	High Frequency
HRP	Humanitarian Response Plan
IASC	Inter-Agency Standing Committee
IDP	Internal Displaced People
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
IHP	International Humanitarian Partnership
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organisations
ISWG	Inter-Sector Working Group
IT	Information Technology
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisations
NTA	Nigeria Television Authority
OCHA	Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
UN	United Nations
UNDSS	UN Department of Safety and Security
UNHCR	UN High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	UN Children's Fund
VHF	Very High Frequency
WFP	World Food Programme
WIDER	An Ericsson Response tool that manages and distributes Internet connectivity



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