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### Action points

1. Publish a position / policy paper that includes different contexts in which the approach can be applicable and appropriate, as well as how it can potentially contribute towards HDN.
2. Define and communicate the roles of CCCM actors in Area-based Approach at the inter-agency level, engaging with donors, OCHA, and other clusters.
3. Publish Terminologies document and FAQs.
4. Integration of ABA in CCCM training materials, standards, and other resources

The session opened with an introductory presentation summarizing the Area-Based Approach (ABA) within the context of the CCCM Cluster. In 2011, the CM practitioners strongly requested guidance to work outside of camps. In response to this, since 2012, there have been evolving discussions starting with responding 'outside of camps', then the introduction of the UDOC, and more recently the 'mobile' and 'area-based' approaches.

With these evolving discussions, together with other Clusters working on similar approaches, it has been difficult to create a common language on terminologies. For example, the 'mobile approach' can be used within the ABA as a modality to deliver CM but can also be used as a CCCM approach in itself. The Shelter Cluster has termed ABA as the Settlement Approach. These challenges and ongoing evolving discussions have brought about the creation of the CCCM ABA Working Group, three case studies on mobile approaches and the 'mobile approach' guidance paper.

James Shell (IMPACT) was then invited to present on the Shelter Cluster Working Group – Urban Settlements. James defined the Urban Settlements approach with four key principles:

- A localized geography with a local authority counterpart.
- Multi-sectoral.
- Response considers the whole population and not just the displaced.
- Multi-stakeholder – Government, Humanitarian actors, Development actors etc.

The Shelter Cluster Working Group sees ABA as contributing to social cohesion due to the inclusion of the host population and urban poor. It offers the opportunity for collaborative programming as well as engaging explicitly with local authorities and offers possibility for sustainability as international support decreases.

The working group has collected 30 case studies and is working with other stakeholders to develop guidance to apply this approach.

Annika Grafweg (IOM) presented the recently published GCCCMC ABA themed case studies. A review of these case studies looked to identify common challenges as well as common learnings that could help shape the CCCM ABA Working Group's planning.

Participants were then divided into three groups to discuss either:

#### Discussion 1

- Key points of CCCM ABA positioning paper
- What do we need to say as CCCM Cluster on ABA?

#### Discussion 2:

- What are the key issues regarding ABA that we need to explore/better understand?
- What kind of support can the WG offer to the field? Ideas for webinar, activities and tools, etc.

The groups proposed a number of activities for the working group, which have all been recorded, and the four main action points above were formed from these.