SM CHECKLIST FOR SPONTANEOUS

RETURN/LOCAL INTEGRATION/RESETTLEMENT

The definition **spontaneous** return, local integration or resettlement describes a situation where the displaced population voluntarily returns to their home areas, integrate into the local community or relocate to other areas without assistance or persuasion from external agencies.

Spontaneous return/local integration/resettlement may be triggered by changes in the home areas or in the areas of displacement.

The responsibilities of the SM agency are listed in the below checklist. But it is important to note that due to the unplanned nature of such a spontaneous situation, the SM agency may not always have the available funding, resources and capacity at hand to fulfil these responsibilities at the time. Thus the SM agency should aim to implement all the below tasks as far as possible:

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| **SM responsibility** | **Details** | **Yes** | **No** |
| Identify motivations for departure from the site.  | This may highlight other issues, such as political or military motivations or increased tensions in the site. Overall conditions such as insufficient resources and services may also force people to leave. |  |  |
| Deregister, transfer or destroy personal data of the displaced | As part of the deregistration process, the personal data should be transferred if possible to the relevant protection agencies in the new location, or if not possible destroyed. If they are transferred it is critical that this process respects the principles of confidentiality.  |  |  |
| Identify and address or refer people and groups with specific needs  | E.g. unaccompanied minors, elderly, disabled or sick people. Identify safe accommodation in new area if possible and necessary. |  |  |
| Notify all displacement site stakeholders  | The site coordinator, site administrator and service providers should be informed about changes in site population, the new situation and of any new needs the changes bring about.  |  |  |
| Terminate/modify service agreements  | Especially for service providers, including reviewing agreements for handover and decommissioning of site assets.  |  |  |
| Organize waste disposal to ensure dignified exit from the site  | A lot of waste is left behind when people leave a displacement site, carrying only their most important assets with them onwards. It is important for the people leaving and the host community to ensure the waste is disposed of properly. |  |  |
| Organize and provide transport if possible and necessary  | Displaced people have the right to assisted transportation as part of their durable solutions. If your agency or partner agencies have the capacity, and there is a need, this should be provided.  |  |  |
| Track and monitor the population in their new locations | If possible, this would help ensure continued access to protection and services, as well as facilitating referrals to relevant agencies. |  |  |
| Continued advocacy for the previous site population | For continued access to protection and services and for ensuring the principles of durable solutions are followed.  |  |  |