

# ISWG Meeting Note

August 2023



Inter-Sector  
Working Group  
Jordan

## ISWG Meeting Note and Action Points

<b>Date / Time / Venue</b>	<b>Sunday, 06 August 2023, 14:30 - 16:00, UNHCR office</b>
<b>Attendees</b>	UNHCR Deputy Representative, Sector Coordinators, Leads/co-leads of the Health, Protection, Economic Empowerment, Shelter, WASH, Food Security Basic Needs and Education sectors and MHPSS sub-sector, chair of Assessment, Analysis and Learning Hub, Senior Protection and Senior Gender Advisors, JIF and UNHCR Development Officer

### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND OUTCOMES

- **The sectors to actively engage in the JPRP process, apply optimal collaboration between the ISWG sectors and the JPRP taskforces**
- **Through the JPRP process, the sectors to focus on operational responsibilities vis-à-vis the stakeholders and beneficiaries of the refugee response**
- **The sectors to complete discussions on the challenges of reprioritization and submit three top sector areas to ISWG**
- **The sectors to provide feedback on the 4Ws mapping tool**
- **The Economic Empowerment sector to update the ISWG of the sector transformation**

### 4WS MAPPING TOOL

Due to the current funding environment and having consulted with the Sector (co)Leads, the decision is taken to withdraw from the Services Advisor as an inter-agency service mapping tool. Instead, the UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit designed a 4Ws online tool to be hosted at the operational data portal. Based on the inputs of the organizations, the 4Ws aims to incorporate services provided through different sectors, it allows easy navigation by sector, service, location, agency, as well providing a potential to expand.

The 4Ws will be further enhanced and adapted to the needs of the sectors based on the sectors' feedback.

### JPRP 2024 – 2026 LAUNCH

The Jordan Priority Response Plan (JPRP) 2024 – 2026 kickoff meeting on 30 July gave the process an official start. The Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC) flagged linkages of JPRP with the Global Refugee Forum (GRF) of December 2023, encouraging formulation of the JPRP priorities to feed the GRF pledges.

Currently, the JPRP taskforces are composing membership or started convening. The ISWG sectors largely map with the substantial areas of JPRP which provides an opportunity to align the priorities of JPRP and the refugee response, without creating parallel processes.

The sectors are encouraged to explore optimal collaboration with the JPRP focusing on the sectors' essential operational responsibilities of the refugee response. There is a fundamental requirement to the sectors to be strategic and operational, focusing on the priorities of the response and needs of the beneficiaries and stakeholders, allocate resources appropriately, identify and flag strategic challenges.

Given the uncertainty of funding, the JPRP three years' timeline implies difficulty for the sectors to project. The ongoing GoJ dialogue with the Deep Dive demonstrates the GoJ's keenness to have predictability of the resources, while the donors hesitate giving promises for a long perspective. Foreseeing challenges of the JPRP taskforces discussions regarding predictability of funds, the sectors are recommended to focus on addressing the needs versus targets.

The sectors are advised to utilize their technical expertise to ensure the appropriate JPRP deliverables. Meanwhile the logframe offered by UNHCR for the refugee response can be used as a guide for JPRP.

The ISWG Secretariat will follow up with MoPIC for a more specific JPR3 timeline to ensure that the final drafts are submitted by the taskforces in accordance with the JPRP calendar in October 2023.

## REPRIORITIZATION: BRAINSTORMING BY SECTORS

The ISWG has been replicating the fruitful discussion at JOSH on identifying core needs and critical gaps in light of the looming decrease of funding. Encouraged by the ISWG to demonstrate operational thinking, the sectors are engaged in the reprioritization consultations, identifying three top priority areas (including gaps and resources) at each sector.

Understanding of the critical unmet needs is valuable to define the areas to be most critically impacted and beneficiaries to be affected if funds are cut.

The sectors admit importance of the evidence-based data to in determining critical areas of concern. The recently created AALH (Assessment, Analysis and Learning Hub) can provide the snapshot of the available data.

The sectors are at different phases of discussions, the ISWG and the UNHCR IACU are working with the sectors. The outputs of reprioritization exercise are expected to be finalized and submitted prior to the next ISWG meeting in September.

## SECTORS' OPERATIONAL UPDATES

With inputs from the ISWG sectors, the VAF (Vulnerability Assessment Framework) questionnaire for urban is finalized. After piloting in August, the VAF will be launched in the field in September to be finalized in November 2023.

The Food Security and Basic Needs sector: the WFP and UNHCR have conducted a retargeting exercise, which included defining of criteria, the new strong retargeting model will roll out in September.

Due to the continuous funding decrease, WFP introduces reduction of assistance amounts in camps, similarly as it had been done in urban.

The Health sector is reviewing the Health Access Utilization Survey (HAUS) report for urban. Some HAUS indicators are aligned with VAF, for example, identifying the increase of refugees accessing public health facilities. The finalized report will be shared.

The Health sector is preparing for the HAUS in camps.

In the spirit of inter-sector collaboration, the Protection sector launched a rapid survey to assess impact of WFP assistance reduction on the protection environment. The initial analysis demonstrates increase of GBV and CP cases.

The Shelter has been focusing on establishment of stronger referral pathways among agencies. As well, the sector has been strategizing to prepare for the JPRP discussions.

The WASH sector launched a survey among its members aiming to define sector priorities. The results will trigger further sector discussion and help to define core areas of reprioritization.

The Economic Empowerment sector has entered into a transformation phase. The ongoing sector discussions centre around the idea of the working group, including leadership, being more inclusive (i.e., other sectors, private sector, consultancy groups, donors), engaging in problem solving and research dissemination, and becoming more focused.

The Inter-Sector Gender Advisory Team (ISGAT) is convening to set priorities of the gender mainstreaming pilot. The ISGAT assumes the rapid gender analysis to become a valuable product to support sectors' programming, facilitate JPRP, as well to test the pilot.

The Education sector has noticed growing participation of partners in the sector meetings, and particularly strong contribution to the recent reprioritization discussion and identifying of the critical sector needs.

The annual review of the Education Strategic Plan is received from the Ministry of Education. The Education sector is working in alignment with the recommendations formulated in the Pln.

## AOB

The 2023 mid-year Jordan Financial Tracking (JFT) is being finalized and will be shared shortly with the sectors.

Further to the active discussion of the above, overall, the meeting participants concluded the followings:

- Sectors to complete consultations on reprioritization
- Upon the official call by line ministries, sectors to take active part in the JPRP process
- ISWG Secretariat to follow up on the timeline of the JPRP TFs' meetings and more specific JPRP calendar
- Sectors to discuss format, contents and application of the 4Ws service mapping tool and send feedback to ISWG
- Sectors to approach the AALH for available evidence-based data

## ROAD MAP OF ISWG DEADLINES

Based on the above, the road map of the key actions and the respective deadlines were updated:

Action Point(s)	Timeframe	Focal Point(s)	Status	Note(s)
Complete reprioritization exercise and submit templates to ISWG	before 3 September	Sector (co)Leads	ongoing	
Participate in the JPRP Taskforces	upon call of the line ministries	UN Secretariat/focal points	ongoing	

Share 4Ws link and template	asap	ISWG	done	
Feedback on 4Ws to ISWG	August	Sector (co)Leads		
Share AALH dashboard	August	AALH	done	
Follow up with MoPIC on a more specific JPRP timeline	asap	ISWG		