



Protection working group meeting minutes April 30 2024

Location: Online TEAMS meeting

Agenda:

- Sector Chairs update.
- Open discussion on the funding shrinking issue and how to maintain the main protection activities. (Partners are kindly requested to come prepared for the discussion and to share innovative ideas.).
- Partners updates.
- A.O.B

Agenda items	Discussion	Action points
Sector Chairs update. DR. Mohammad Al Maqdady	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One of the main purposes for the PWG is to coordinate services to answer all the needs of the refugees in Jordan. - The meeting will focus on what priorities do all members of the PWG have and how can these priorities shift to deal with the fund reduction that all partners have faced recently. - The meeting also focused on how all members can coordinate the efforts to best serve the people in need and work on capacity building component. - On the 11th of June a meeting will take place, and everyone will be invited to brainstorm the priorities for the plan that will cover the next 5 years. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can capacity building be provided for all service providers under the current circumstances. 	
<p>Questions and open discussion on the funding shrinking issue and how to maintain the main protection activities</p>	<p>Q1: What strategies can be employed to ensure that development actors and other stakeholders are thoroughly acquainted with their responsibilities toward protection of refugees?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More analysis on protection risks is needed for this context and in the current situation, and delinking between social protection and core protection. It is important to differentiate between general protection risks like; lack of livelihoods opportunities and health care which are very important but not core protection risks in this protection context although they have huge protection implications, so delinking those risks and highlight the role of the core protection work in the humanitarian context and in engaging with the stakeholders and duty bearers. Share with stakeholders/ doners and development actors after analysing our data on Child marriage, child begging, and domestic violence are increasing due to the cuts of funding and share other data of other sectors that were affected by the recent funding cut. - Review strategies and action plans and conduct gaps analysis to ensure all gaps are met under the recent circumstances. exploring different modules of service delivery to ensure the flow of work/ services are continued to be delivered to beneficiaries, either by working with local partners or direct 	



	<p>implementation to deliver the services that partners used to deliver by the same agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Explore options to keep the capacity building and training delivery component for local protection actors despite the recent funding cut.- Inform the refugee community with the information on funding cut through regular sessions to have them understand that these funding cuts will affect the services delivered.- Dashboard of all services delivered which is accessible by all actors and refugee community to understand where and who delivers which services.- Focus while planning for the programs delivered by protection actors on medium- and long-term solutions, area-based approaches, and sustainability rather than short term solutions.- Invest more in state actors to deliver the needed services by refugee community and host community.- Engage the refugee community in planning phase through participating in working groups across the country.- Emphasize on the exit plans for all agencies that will stop providing services inside Jordan.- Capacity building for local organizations and CBOs in terms of training delivery according to the protection needs and more focus of funds on livelihood opportunities.	
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<p>Q2: How can we engage in discussions to be facilitated with various government bodies and civil society organizations?</p> <p>Answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Facilitating discussions between the protection actors and the protection working group along with the National Council for Family Affairs NCFA- Example from the field: maintain the already existing channels of communication between field offices and government entities and build on it. UNHCR's Irbid field office has already good communications with line ministries and government entities, replicating the child marriage taskforce while engaging colleagues from Mafraq office and Amman office and build on their experience, also Irbid office is facilitating discussion with Amman office to enhance the collaboration with FPJD.- Framing the capacity building component to be as a joint plan from all organizations as most of the members of the PRT WG have already delivered trainings and have in their yearly agenda a capacity building plan for government entities. The need now is to make this collective effort to cover all the needed topics and not to duplicate and therefore waste efforts and resources. <p>Q3: What steps can be taken to ensure that all humanitarian and development actors are actively involved in addressing protection issues, considering the fund reduction?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enhance and maintain the focus on mainstreaming of protection and Gender to all sectors in all conducted activities. However, highlighting the	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Follow up needed for the joint meeting between protection actors, protection WG and NCFA that will take place in June.
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	<p>core protection risks is also needed to be mainstreamed to donors to avoid any risks happening to refugee community.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners' updates 	<p>UNHCR Irbid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irbid Protection Working group (IPWG) created protection sub-sectors taskforces (CP, GBV, Legal, MHPSS, etc..). Now we are finalizing gap analysis for all the protection sub-sectors, mapping all the services provided in AoR, ensuring geographical coverage. Also, each sub-sector is discussing the priorities. In addition, to address the reduction of fund and the gap related to the lack of services in remote areas. Therefore, we have created a shared tool where members can add their planned activities (including the topic, location, and target group) and collaborate with each other to cover these remote areas. And the capacity building plan which will target the service providers in Irbid. Also we are networking the child protection community committees activities in Irbid to complement each other's, reaching the remote areas and avoid duplication in the initiatives. working on creating child marriage network in Irbid and adopting collaborative approach to work against child marriage along with all actors in Irbid including the governmental entities. 	



UNHCR Irbid is planning to conduct GBV safe referral training targeting the non-GBV staff in Irbid in May.

UNHCR Araq:

- The Protection Unit conducted the Joint PWG & CP-SGBV SWG – Azraq meeting on 20 March 2024, which is chaired by UNHCR and co-chaired by DRC & IRC with the following agenda: International Women's Day (Feedback), IBV's engaged in CP-GBV issues/criminal, Sexual Harassment on the way to the school-Walking to School Initiative, Agencies Activities During Ramadan, Update Matrix Sheet, EJC updates (NHF&TDH) and agency updates.
- The International Women's Day celebration took place in IRC WGSS Village 06 & UNHCR-CARE Community Centre Village 05 in Azraq Camp on Thursday 07 March 2024. The event included welcoming, a moment of silence, opening speeches, success Stories of Women Empowered by the Gender-Transformative activity, success Stories of Women who have made achievements in camp, an inspirational video featuring women who have benefited from the livelihood program and UNHCR honoured successful women during CARE event. This year's theme is " Invest in Women- Accelerate Progress ".
- IRC and UNFPA are concluding their partnership in the Azraq camp. Therefore, IRC will exit the Azraq camp by the end of June 2024. The exit of IRC from the camp does not mean the end of GBV service. UNFPA will lead the handover process, to find a new Implementing Partner to cover providing these services.
- The Protection Unit coordinated a meeting with the Protection Partners on 14 March 2024 to update GBV documentation: Gap analysis, workplan, TORs, GBV coordination calendar and Amaali App.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Protection Unit facilitated two trainings on the Protection Unit Activities in Azraq Urban, Azraq & EJC Camps for 23 male & 02 female participants from the SRAD HQ staff on 12 & 26 March 2024.- World Vision reached out and expressed their interest in expanding their existing project in Azraq camp aiming to add Child protection Case management to their portfolio.- The CP-GBV Unit attended an online meeting with Good Neighbours – Jordan to discuss their planned programs in the Azraq camp which includes CP-related issues.- The EJC Monthly Camp Coordination Meeting took place on 18 March 2024, at the TDH site, issues were discussed: Identification of Child Marriage Cases, International Women's Day - Feedback, Community Engagement, Info-Sessions, Challenges, and Agency updates.- ARDD conducted a Legal Awareness Session on 06 March 2024 in the TDH site at the EJC Camp, a total of 24 male participants attended the session, the topics were marriage, divorce, birth certificates, death certificates, children's & women's rights (custody, alimony), labour rights, juvenile law, and criminal law. <p>GBV WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Worked on the "Client Feedback Survey" with UNHCR partners (IFH, JOHUD and AWO). Templates were reviewed and partners were cleared to use them. Implementation of the survey through KOBO will be administered by partners by early April 2024 to GBV survivors to assess the survivor's feedback on GBV services provided during case management. The output of the survey will be shared in the partners technical monthly report.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2024 review of partner’s PPA and budget to allocate the budget reduction areas for CP/GBV. IMC and JOHUD were informed of the areas and amount of reduction (20% reduction). - GBV SWG finalized the 2023-2025 GBV SWG strategy and uploaded the document to the portal. - GBVIMS+ technical problem was resolved by the GBVIMS+ Global team. Task force members were asked to provide official GMAIL accounts for the staff to grant them access to GBVIMS+. Data Gathering Organizations will be asked to enter 2023 data retroactively. <p>GBV SWG meeting was scheduled on Tuesday the 30th of April 2024 in Arabic to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates on Amaali App - 4Ws update - Child marriage in Camps: Presentation on Zaatari and Azraq 	
	<p>PSEA Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revision of the workplan of 2024 was conducted. - Special mission on PSEA meeting was held in March and the points discussed were the achievements of the network and the framework of the PSEA in Jordan and the lack of funding. 	



<p>Cach for Protection TF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The first meeting for 2024 was held and most the discussion was on the funding cutting and ways forward.- Updated the cash for protection activities after the cuts from all members. More service mapping of cash for protection is needed to be done to cover more of the needs. <p>INTERSOS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- INTERSOS have managed to keep the activities delivered although the funding reduction happened.- The localization process has begun as the localization strategy is in place. Working with local partners on organizational capacity building. <p>Age and Disability WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meeting was held in April and points discussed on; tips on how to write success stories.- Members were encouraged to share their success and humanitarian stories twice a year in June and December.- IFH have presented their project of pay-in school for trauma affected students.- IFH have offered training opportunities for any member interested to take the training. <p>Movement for peace:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Shared training opportunity for refugees about employment	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- KOBO link was shared with all members as many members have left according to turn over caused by the funding reduction. A new mailing list is in place. <p>JRF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Case management is delivered in different locations.- Through UNICEF program services will be provided in May.- Prevention activities in place in all locations.- During April in collaboration with UNHCR started Youth program, started with interviews of youth to choose the youth committee who will be engaged with the activities of 2024. <p>IFH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Case management and PSS sessions are provided for GBV survivors and for children suffering protection issues.- With collaboration with NCFE new centers of excellence which will be in Irbid, another 2 centers will be in Zarqa and in the south through CBOs. <p>IRC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Staff are trained on a new curriculum named women rise which provides comprehensive guidance and tools for GBV centered PSS activities safe spaces for women and girls, and the tool is designed for GBV programming and focused on providing PSS activities for females. <p>LWF:</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Case management and counselling activities are in place. Case management for GBV will be provided soon.- LWF has in Zarqa center for gathering clothes to be donated to refugee community after going the cleaning process. <p>TDH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- TDH is working on children in conflict with law through local partners in Amman, Karak, Zarqa, Madaba, Balqaa and Irbid, the focus is referrals for children in conflict with law as the alternative to detention measures is activated.- The activities for the children are provided with integrated set of protection services as case management, MHPSS and to be enrolled in youth safe spaces.- In collaboration MOSD and Quest scope TDH is activating after care program for children after leaving juvenile centers.	
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