Shelter Working Group Meeting, June 2025

Date: June 25, 2025
Place: UNHCR Amman Office
Chaired by: Lina Younis -UNHCR
Attendees: NRC, IRW, Habitat for Humanity, Caritas, IOCC, and UNHCR.

Agenda:

- **Introduction of the new WG co-chair**
- **Operational Updates (Including EJC, Returns)**
- **Partner Updates**
- **ISWG updates**
- **AOB**

Action Points:

- UNHCR Interagency to follow up with the partners who do shelter related activities and encourage them to attend the shelter WG meetings.
- Share the final report and the summary of UNITAR. The report can be accessible through the following link: https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/117180
- NRC will share the results of the rapid needs assessment once they are available.
- It was agreed to reschedule the next WG meeting to 2:00 PM on the same day, which is the last Wednesday of each month.

The co-chair welcomed the participants and started the meeting.

New Co-chair

- Announcing that the new co-chair for the shelter working group will be Mr. Mohammad Alsalem from Habitat for Humanity.

Operational Updates

- As per the most recent information, almost 93,000 Syrian registered refugees have returned to Syria since December 2024.

- Around 23% of the returnees are from Zaatari and Azraq camps.

- The EJC will be closed by July 2025. Most of the refugees who were residing there have returned to Syria, while the remaining individuals have moved to Azraq camp.

Partners Updates

Habitat for Humanity

- Still carrying out shelter rehabilitation and repair activities for Jordanian and refugees. The targeted areas are in eastern Amman and the budget is around 2,000 $ per households.
- 76 houses have been rehabilitated during the current phase.
- The second project which targets Hiteen Palestinian refugees camp still ongoing and target 84 houses.
- The new project OVG targets mainly the roads infrastructure and try to resolve the water flooding issues in certain roads.
- Briefed about the UNITAR report which looks on the energy saving and green buildings.

NRC

- Conducting a second round of rapid needs assessment. The preliminary report will be finalized soon, and it will be shared with the working group members.
- The assessment covers shelter, legal aids, education, and livelihoods.
- As per the initial results of the assessment, the rental support is the top priority for the refugees in host community while the rehabilitation support is for the refugees in camps.
- Also, the initial assessment data shows that rental debt constitutes an obstacle for many refugees from going back to their home country.

Caritas

- The target group for shelter related activities was 220 households. The eligible cases have been identified, and the first payment out of three installments have bent sent out to the beneficiaries.
- The beneficiaries are from all governorates and 70% of them are Syrian while 30% are Jordanian.
- The project funded by German government and will last until October 31st and there is a possibility of extension until the end of the year.

IOCC

- The first phase of the projects which is vocational training for women has been finalized and recently IOCC started rehabilitation related activities in Irbid, Amman, and Karak.

- Provision of Cash for rent and for utilities in Urban setting are still on going.

- Expansion of activities in Azraq camp to include new shelter construction, shelter rehabilitation (concrete flooring) as well as self-repair. These projects have been approved by MoPIC effective until June 2027.

IRW

- Rehabilitation activities have been finalized for 30 houses in Gaza camp, in Irbid camp, and in Mafraq.

- Preparing a proposal for shelter rehabilitation project targeting beneficiaries live in Irbid.

- Now IRW is conducting technical evaluation for 400 houses to provide rehabilitation related assistance for 194 houses for beneficiaries live in Irbid, Ajloun, Mafraq and Jerash.

UNHCR

- On EJC closure, UNHCR has established an intersectoral team in May to plan for the relocation. The team consisted of shelter UNHCR, NRC, IOCC, energy UNHCR, private latrines/ WaSH UNICEF, and waste management OXFAM/ WVI, where they managed to provide more than 300 move-in-ready shelters.

- In Zaatari camp, UNHCR distributed 2,070 fire extinguishers at community level. The tools handled to the fire wardens who have been nominated by their communities and get trained by the civil defense department.
- Rodent and campaign still ongoing in Zaatari and Azraq camps.

ISWG updates

- Brief about the prioritization exercise and laid out the results related to shelter sector. More information are available in the presentation material which can be accessed through the following link: https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/117181

- Remind about the upcoming gender and protection mainstreaming training and encourage the interested colleagues to register in the pertaining form to be able to attend the training.

AOB

Next SWG meeting 30/07/2025 at 2 pm, UNHCR terrace room.

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