WASH Sector Meeting
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Location	Hybrid (Online and in person) - UNICEF	**Meeting Date**	Nov 27th, 2025
Chair and Co-chair	Jesus Trelles (UNICEF JCO) / Mohammad Al Tawiel (World Vision)	**Meeting Time**	10:00 am - 11:30 am
Interagency Coordination Unit	**Lina Tu'aimeh** (UNHCR)		
Attendance	**UNHCR** (**In Person:** Lina Tu`aimeh, Layal Abou Darwiche) (Online: Lina Younis) UNICEF (In Person: Jesus Trelles,Tamara Rabadi, Tamam Adi, Ali Naser) **WVI (**Online: Mohammad Al Tawiel) **GIZ (**Online: Mohammad Abu Qtay) **UNOPS (**Online: Anna Saksagon)		
Purpose of Meeting	WASH Sector Monthly Meeting		
Next Meeting	**Jan 29th, 2025**		

Agenda Items

Item	Action Point	Focal Point/Organization
1	Agenda: • Welcome and introductions	**Jesus Trelles** (Sector Chief/UNICEF) **Tamara Rabadi** (WASH Officer/UNICEF) **Tamam Adi** (WASH Officer/UNICEF)
2	• Updates from ISWG, JoSH, refugee returns • 3RP financial summary • Updates from JRP process	**Layal Abou Darwiche** (Interagency Coordination Unit/UNHCR) **Lina Tu`aimeh** ((Interagency Coordination Unit/UNHCR))

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions (Welcoming of Partners), Updates from ISWG & Inter-Agency Coordination Unit

Inter-Agency Coordination Unit (Layal Abou Darwiche)

Updates on Syria Response and Coordination

Syrian Refugee Returns:

- **Overall Returns: Over 171,803 UNHCR Registered Syrian refugees returned from 8 December 2024 – 22 November2025**. **Nearly 7, 979 returns** were **recorded in November**, with over **167,500** since the **start of 2025**.
- In total, **over 925,000 Syrians have crossed the border since December 2024**, with **registered refugees accounting for 19% of movements** (informal figures from authorities).
- **Weekly Reporting Trend:** During **16-22 November 2025, 2,633 returns were recorded.** This reflects a **4% increase** compared to the **2,528 returns** during **09–15 November 2025.**
- **Age and Gender Disaggregation: The demographic breakdown of refugee returns remains consistent with previous reporting periods.** In terms of gender, women and girls represent 49% of overall returnees, while men and boys account for 51%. From an age perspective, children (under 18) constitute approximately 43% of total returnees, with 73,591 recorded since 8 December 2024. In addition, 32,415 men of military age (18–40 years old) have returned during the same period, representing 18.8% of overall returns.
- **Family Return Patterns**: A total of **57% of households** have had all family members return to Syria. In contrast, **43% of households** experienced partial returns, where one or more family members remain in Jordan. These patterns remain consistent with previous reporting periods.

Live updates on the number of refugee returns are available at the **UNHCR voluntary return dashboard.**

UNHCR cash assistance pilot for voluntary return: The pilot cash assistance program for voluntary repatriation began on 1 September in Za'atari and Azraq camps, targeting 10,000 refugees residing in these locations. As of 20 November 2025, approximately 2,444 individuals have benefited from the initiative. The program has expanded its eligibility criteria to include all refugees living in the two camps and provides 70 JOD per returning refugee with no cap on family size. This assistance is distinct from UNHCR Syria's reintegration support of $600 per family. After receiving the cash assistance, refugees are required to organize their departure within 15 days.

ISWG Updates: During the ISWG November meeting, it was noted that Jordan's 3RP funding has reached USD 227.42 million, representing 24.8% of the 2025 requirement, with the United States, United Kingdom, and European Union as top donors. Partners were reminded to regularly update funding data in ActivityInfo. For 2026 planning, a tentative 30% reduction in sector budgets was proposed, with flexibility for adjustments based on consultations. Sectors are expected to review priorities and submit revised proposals. While the planning process was originally anticipated in two phases (by late 2025 and early 2026), but further discussion with MOPIC in relation to the JRP indicated that further guidance will be provided to sector Ministries by early 2026, which is being followed up (see below) in order to continue the consistency between 3RP and JRP.

JRP Updates: The Government of Jordan, through MOPIC, has initiated preparations for the JRP 2026 update. Letters were sent to ministries requesting internal prioritization exercises, but official guidance has not yet been issued. The aim is to ensure a single strategic vision for government priorities rather than fragmented plans by individual ministries. Technical details will be developed later, but the overarching goal is a prioritized, evidence-based plan aligned with national objectives. Ministries are expected to avoid launching task forces until guidance is shared. Once finalized, the process will involve multi-stakeholder consultations, including NGOs and UN agencies, with international partners ready to provide technical support. The timeline for full-scale revision remains unclear, though initial internal work by ministries is underway, and guidance is anticipated in the coming months

	The Jordan Strategic Humanitarian Committee (JoSH) - below from UNHCR summary notes The JoSH Committee convened on 11 November 2025 to review key developments in the refugee response and coordination efforts. Members welcomed the Government of Jordan's positive consideration to launch a new strategic planning process for the refugee response, emphasizing the need for an inclusive, evidence-based, and coherent approach across humanitarian and development frameworks. Updates included progress on services mapping for Azraq and Zaatari camps, operational trends in refugee returns, and funding status under the 2025 3RP, which currently stands at 24.8% of requirements. UNHCR presented findings from the Health Access and Utilization Survey (HAUS), highlighting persistent challenges in healthcare access and affordability, while UNICEF briefed on outcomes from the Sub-Regional Inter-Ministerial meetings on continuity of learning for Syrian refugee children, introducing Jordan's Return Plan for Education. The meeting also discussed regional coordination initiatives, protection concerns for female-headed households, and next steps for reviewing JoSH's Terms of Reference and structure. ○ .
2. Reporting	
Inter-Agency Coordination Unit (**Lina Tu`aimeh**) **UNICEF** (Jesus Trelles, Tamara Rabadi)	**Reporting, Jordan Financial Tracking (JFT), and Activity Info:** ○ UNHCR provided an update on reporting under the **Jordan Financial Tracking (JFT)** and **ActivityInfo** systems, highlighting that continued underreporting across the WASH sector remains a significant challenge. As of the latest WASH Sector meeting (November 27, 2025), the sector has received **USD 10.72 million of the USD 67 million required**, covering **only 16% of total funding needs** and leaving a **gap of USD 56.41 million (84.03 %)**. Although **10 partners have submitted their financial appeals**, **only three partners have reported the funds actually received**, limiting sector visibility and coordination. ○ Partners were reminded that updating both **JFT** and **ActivityInfo** is **essential for donor engagement, advocacy, and evidence-based sector monitoring.** They were urged to report monthly on **JFT** and quarterly on **ActivityInfo,** including zero achievements where relevant, to clearly distinguish non-implementation from non-reporting. **The WASH sector teams (UNHCR and UNICEF)** will continue bilateral follow-up and provide technical support to partners facing reporting challenges. ○ Funding reported so far is primarily from UN agencies, with limited financial reporting from INGOs. **The Q3 reporting window opened** in early October 2025, **allowing retroactive submission for previous quarters**; however, most partners have not yet updated their data. The WASH sector team (UNHCR and UNICEF) **will provide clarification to partners on how to distinguish between organizations that reported a zero value, which indicates that no funding was received during that period, and those with no submitted records, which reflects non-reporting.** Partners will be requested to verify their entries accordingly to ensure accurate funding representation.
UNICEF (Jesus Trelles)	**WASH Sector Working Group – Co-Chairing Update** The importance of partners reviewing the current project mapping table was highlighted, with a request to provide feedback on whether activities will continue in 2026 or be phased out, along with revised budget figures. It was suggested that additional columns be added to the table to capture the continuation status of activities and updated funding values. Activities related to capacity building, system strengthening, and contingencies may need to be phased out if they remain unfunded. Partners were encouraged to begin internal reviews immediately to prepare for the upcoming JRP revision, noting that the mapping currently includes organizations such as ACF, GIZ, Habitat for Humanity, Islamic Relief, UNICEF, and UNOPS. The updated table will be circulated, and feedback is expected within two to three weeks, as this exercise is essential for aligning with both JRP and 3RP processes for 2026.

Next Meeting action points:

- **Sector Chairs and Partners:**
- Review current project lists and indicate:
- Activities to continue or phase out.
- Revised budget figures for 2026.
- **All Partners**
- Prepare for potential 30% budget reduction scenario.
- Familiarize with JRP and 3RP processes for upcoming revisions.