FSBN Working Group Meeting, January 2026

Date: February 23rd, 2026
Place: Online
Chaired by: Hala Alnawaiseh -UNHCR, Osama Muhsen WFP
Attendees: WFP, IRW, TDH, Plan International, IOM, TUA, PRM, Caritas, and UNHCR.

Agenda:

1. Welcome & introductions.
2. ISWG update
3. Syrian Returns update.
4. Member updates

a. UNHCR presentation "2025 basic needs Cash assistance Annule Assessment results"

b. Funding updates

5. AOB

Opening and Introductions

FSBN Co-chairs opened the meeting, welcomed participants, and led quick introductions.

ISWG update

The co-chairs summarized recent ISWG updates:

- UNHCR's Irbid sub-office closed; staff relocated to Irbid Governorate office with a helpdesk at NHF. Members interested in North updates should notify co-chairs for focal point sharing.
- RP and JRP Planning Updates: The sector submitted a -30% plan for 2026 3RP, approved regionally despite calls for more details from other sectors. JRP discussions (UNHCR/UNDP/World Bank/MoPIC) aim for multi-year planning focusing on refugee protection and voluntary returns; early outcomes expected June-July. JORIS platform upgrades ongoing, with manual reporting persisting until mid-year. Long-term integration of 3RP tools into JORIS discussed.

Syrian Returns Update

- government approved extending cash assistance (currently $100/person) to host communities alongside camps. Discussions with regional bureau on potential increase ongoing for harmonization; no timeline set, but imminent. Implementation awaits final value agreement to avoid double payments.

Members Updates:

WFP

- Operating on 2025 carryover; no 2026 donor confirmations. Food assistance in host communities ends March (last for ~30,000 families/135,000 individuals); camps continue (projections not fully funded but no cuts planned).
- Announcement to refugees on March 1 unless updates received; stakeholders (MoPIC, etc.) informed. Key messages/FAQs to be shared by Wednesday.

Caritas

- Winterization project (330+112 households, 70% refugees/30% Jordanians) delayed by funding/vendor issues; distributions start early March.
- Ramadan Iftar at Kitum Ali Mu'a et Rahman (5,000 daily attendees Sat-Thu).??

Islamic Relief

- Completed 2,300 Ramadan food parcels (Syrians, Palestinians, Jordanians in Mafraq/6 governorates); 900 more by Ramadan end.

Plan International

- No updates; facing activity shortages.

6. UNHCR PDM Presentation

- 2025 cash assistance: 73.6M JOD delivered (camps: universal; host: poor/vulnerable per PCS). Key findings (sample ~1,660 cases):
- 89% unable to fully meet basic needs; covers ~53% survival basket.
- Improved rent/utilities vs. 2023; 90% positive well-being impact.
- High stress/emergency coping (e.g., food credit, skipping meals, borrowing); emergency strategies up from 2024.
- Spending: host (rent/food/health/utilities); camps (gas).
- 97% satisfaction with delivery; full spend, high debt reliance.
- Social: improved living/stress reduction; low risky behaviors.

- Accountability: 62-74% aware/use complaint channels; 90% of complainants submitted.
- Full report in April.

- UNHCR: Q1 caseload down to 10,000 families (from 30,000).

IOM

- NPCA impact evaluation (RCT, end-2024 to end-2025) finalized; positive results on well-being; presentation soon for advocacy.

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