

**Influx from Syria to Jordan
Area Coordination Meeting - Al-Ramtha
Governor's Office, Al- Ramtha
Wednesday, 18 April, 2012**

Chair: Al-Ramtha Governor, UNHCR Representative

Present: Staff of the governorate office, Al-Ramtha Mayor, UNHCR, Ministry of Health, WFP, MDM, IOM, UNICEF, IMC, IFW, JHAS, ACTED, Noor Hussein Foundation (NHF), UNRWA, Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organisation (JHCO)

The Governor opened the meeting with a note of thanks to UNHCR for supporting the coordination mechanism and expressed the Government commitment for facilitating and supporting the humanitarian response to the Syria situation.

The UNHCR Representative emphasized the need for a real and results oriented response to the situation by providing basic support to persons of concern, including the local host communities and suggested for fortnightly coordination meetings at Al-Ramtha level with the participation of key staff from each agency who are delegated to make decisions.

UNHCR requested the participants to share their ongoing and proposed activities with the UNHCR Senior Field Coordinator, who is compiling a “Who does What Where” (3W) matrix in order to further improve coordination and to avoid duplication of activities.

UNHCR briefed the participants about the situation in Beshebsha Transit site, and on the government plan of de-congesting the transit centre after the rehabilitation of the 6 storey building in the Cyber city, and the King Abdullah Park. UNHCR informed that absorption capacity of the 03 sites i.e. Beshebsha, King Abdullah Park and Cyber city, as per international humanitarian standards, is 550, 800 and 700 persons respectively.

The Governor informed that Kitab-ul-Sunnah has made 30,000 JDs available for the renovation of the 06 storey building. In view of the urgent need of de-congesting the Transit centre and shifting the families to the cyber city, it was agreed that while Kitab-Ul-Sunnah will go ahead with the renovation work, UNICEF, UNHCR and other interested partners would help in fixing the immediate civil work required in the 06 storey building.

WFP informed that the resources to provide 15,000 food packages and cooked meals to people of concern immediately. WFP also requested space for the installation of rub halls to be used as warehouses in the proposed new sites, and informed that they are ready to donate rub halls. WFP in coordination with UNHCR will start the distribution of cooked meal in the Transit centre and in the sport complex as of 19 April, 2012.

The city Mayor informed about the limited resources of the municipality in responding to the needs of the new arrivals and requested support in enhancing its capacity for maintaining the required level of wash & hygiene services in the city both for the local population and the new arrivals. According to the Mayor around 220 new persons are

adding to the local population on daily basis which is putting extra burden on the available resources of the municipality.

UNICEF informed that it will be conducting WASH needs assessment in the Cyber city through ACTED and the finding will be available in the next two days. UNICEF expressed concerns about the absorption capacity of the two new proposed sites in view of the large family size of the new arrivals. UNICEF requested space for the provision of child friendly spaces and health clinics in the site plans of the new sites.

The Health Director, Ramatha informed the lack of human, financial and other resources of the local health department in responding to the medical needs of the new arrivals and that though he has been informing his high ups of the additional needs, there is no response so far.

IOM informed that it is assisting the local health department and is renovating a public health facility in Ramatha city.

MDM informed about their work in the health sector in support of the Ministry of Health. MDM have additional capacity to provide health services for Syrian arrivals, and will further discuss with MoH where these resources will be implemented.

UNHCR briefed about the current sector coverage in existing and planned transit sites, as per attached site coordination matrix.

Action points:

- Focal points for sector coverage for three sites (Beshebsha, King Abdullah Park, Cyber City 6 storey building) to be finalised (Government/UNHCR with operational partners)
- MoH will agree with partners on health coverage in transit sites
- Rehabilitation/construction of sites at King Abdullah Park and Cyber City 6 storey building to be finalised as soon as possible, to de-congest the Beshabshe transit site
- Bi-weekly coordination meeting in Al-Ramtha

Next meeting: 2 May 2012 at 10:00, at the office of the Al-Ramtha Governor

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