

JORDAN INTER-SECTOR WORKING GROUP

RRP6 REVIEW

22nd April 2014



In line with the RRP 2014 Calendar, the RRP6 will undergo a mid-year review, starting in late April, and concluding in June 2014. The review will be light, with minimal changes to the main RRP narratives, including the Sector response plans.

The main focus of the review will be at the Output/Activity level, requiring changes on-line to the appeal database on Syrianrefugeerresponse.org.

While we have retained the projection of 800,000 Syrian refugees, sectors are expected to reduce the appeal with i) the removal of projects that are now covered under the NRP; ii) removal of projects which are now double-appealed, 0% funding or of costs that will no longer be spent (see criteria below). The overall direction should see a reduction of the total appeal even if some new organizations may be permitted to add activities, or activities are added where there is a demonstrated gap at the sector level.

1) Population planning projections

The projection of **800,000 refugees** by end 2014 was confirmed at the IATF Contingency Planning meeting on 27th March 2014.

Given that all refugees arriving from the border are transported through Raba Sarhan to the camps, the total receiving at least initial one-off assistance in camps is confirmed at **250,000 refugees** (Dec 2014 figure of 800,000 minus the Jan 2014 figure of 550,000).

However, it is assumed that there will continue to be a departure of refugees from the camps to urban/rural areas, so the total assisted at any one time in camps will be **200,000 at its peak**.

For the proportion of refugees in camps vs in non-camps, the projections continue to be **200,000 refugees in camps** and **600,000 refugees in urban/rural areas**.

The RRP6 continues to cover **700,000 Jordanians** with short term humanitarian assistance and community based projects, even accounting for reductions of target population of some projects that are being moved to the NRP.

2) Updated Needs Analysis, a summary of achievements by sectors, as well as funding received.

The Regional Technical Steering Committee is undertaking a desk-review of existing sector information, and then conducting interviews with a sample of sector chairs, across the region. They will then draft the updated narratives as an annex, and send to country-level sector chairs for review.

A key contribution to the mid-year narrative will be an updated Sector Dashboard, submitted as normal by mid-month (mid-May for April dashboard and mid-June for May dashboard). This requires no additional work for the sectors, beyond the normal monthly reporting.

UNHCR is collecting financial information by partner and by sector for the first quarter of 2014 by end of April. This information will be used to identify funding trends/gaps at the sector level. Contact: rehmank@unhcr.org

3) The Objectives and Outputs architecture will not change, except where an output is also covered by the NRP.

Based on the fact that there has not been a significant change in the operating environment, the overall RRP6 Strategic Objectives will not change.

At the sector level, it is recommended to keep the same objectives and outputs. However, if the sector believes that a new situation has arisen, which cannot be covered under the existing objectives and outputs, this should be communicated to the ISWG by **30th April 2014**.

Where there is overlap with the NRP and the output is more development-orientated, the output and associated appeal will be removed from the RRP. Where there is overlap with the NRP, but the output is humanitarian and short-term, the HCSP is being asked to remove it from the NRP planning.

Sector chairs need to identify by **30th April 2014** outputs under the RRP that will be removed.

4) The main changes will be in updating Syrianrefugeeresponse.org in terms of revising appeals at the Output/Activity level.

This will result in revised Sector/Objective/Output and indicator level information, as well as the budgets by partner and sector, over a 12 month time-frame.

This revision will be conducted by partners in consultation with Sector Chairs. The Sector Chairs have the authority to approve or reject changes made by partners, based on the criteria below. The emphasis of the review is on rationalization and reduction of budgets, not on increase and expansion.

The Inter-Sector Working Group has oversight of the Sector chairs to ensure consistency and quality control. In particular, the ISWG will ensure that there is no duplication between the NRP and RRP, at least on the side of the RRP. Should there be disagreement on whether a project should be removed from the RRP, the IATF will review on a case-by-case basis in mid-May.

Criteria for revision

- 1) Sector chairs should review the NRP project sheets for duplicate activities for host communities, and discuss with the partner on removing the project from the RRP, if development-orientated/medium to long term programming. This rationalization should lead to a 'transfer' of some of the target population from the RRP to the NRP. This will mean a reduction in budget/target for some activities relating to host community support.
- 2) New partners may add activities, where there is a demonstrated need/gap at the sector level not already being met by the RRP or NRP, and based on prior agreement from the Sector Chair. However, total increases should not go beyond total decreases of budget by sector.
- 3) Where partners have shifted budgets between sectors since the original appeal, within the same total budgetary envelope for that partner, these can be reconciled.

Other reductions will be pursued where:

- 1) A UN agency appealed for funds and an NGO appealed for funds for the same activity. Such double-appealing may not have been apparent in December 2014, and will now be reduced.
- 2) A project has been 0% funded as of early May, and where it is no longer feasible to implement within the next 6 months, the partner will be asked to remove the project from the appeal.
- 3) Where 'consumable' budget items have not been funded or spent (e.g. staffing costs not hired; rent; material items not purchased).

As part of this process, UNHCR will generate tables for sector chairs, listing the projects by partner under the appeal. This information will then be compared against the RRP6 Monitoring database, indicating which projects are active/funded. In parallel, the financial reporting for the first quarter by partner will be shared with sector chairs, although noting that this will be information at the sector rather than project level.

To allow partners to make the revisions, UNHCR Information Management will create a duplicate database of the RRP6 Appeal under Syrianrefugeeresponse.org, and will open the database between **Monday 5th May and Monday 12th May COB**. Further information on operating the system will be circulated shortly beforehand.

Calendar for the Revision

	Task	Deadlines
April	Sectors to discuss the revision approach and criteria.	30 th April
	Sector chairs to define if objectives/outputs need to be revised	30 th April
	Sector chairs to identify outputs from the RRP that are covered by the NRP, and could therefore be removed from the RRP.	30 th April
	IATF to confirm pop. planning projections	By 22 nd April
	Regional Technical Committee to send draft versions of the Needs Assessment/ RRP6 Annex narrative. <i>Revision by Sector Chairs by 15th May</i>	25 th April
	UNHCR collection of first quarter financial tracking / budget received by partner and sector.	By mid-April
	UNHCR to share analysis of RRP Appeal database, compared to the RRP Monitoring database, to help sector chairs in identifying 'inactive' or unfunded projects during the appeal.	By 30 th April
May	UNHCR to send instructions on updating of the appeal database in Syrianrefugeeresponse.org	By 4 th May
	Partners to edit the appeal database, according to the criteria outlined above. Any increases or new activities need to be cleared with the Sector chairs	Between 5 th and 11 th May
	UNHCR to generate revised RRP6 Output/Budget tables, for review by Sector chairs	15 th May
	Revision of Needs Assessment/ RRP6 Annex narrative by Sector Chairs	15 th May
	IATF to consider projects that are duplicates between the RRP and NRP	mid-May
	First draft revised RRP6 Output/Budget tables submitted to Regional Technical Steering Committee. Further revisions can still be made by Sector chairs until 14 th June	22 nd May
June	Final RRP6 Output/ Budget tables submitted to Regional Technical Steering Committee	15 th June
	RRP6 Update released by Regional Level	30 th June