

Food Security Sector Working Group (FSSWG)

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Chair: WFP, JHCO

Participation: UNRWA, JHCO, AVSI, RFSAN, ZOA, Muslim Aid, SCI, UNHCR, World Vision, IOCC, Caritas Germany, Quran and Sunh Association, Muslim Aid and FAO

Agenda

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DISCUSSION

● Situational updates including the NE border and Azraq Camp

- 29,1274 refugees registered by UNHCR since 16 March, the majority in Rukban
- 45,000 refugees are stranded at the borders
- 100 refugees/day enter to Jordan from berm
- Security situation is tense and difficult to operate as there are many challenges such as access because of security issues and weather constrains, as a result of this situation no food distributed for the last two days
- UNHCR has been asked to stop registration activities in addition many of NGOs working on borders suspend their activities
- Feedback received from beneficiaries is to add rice and lentils to food ration
- Refugees coming from berms after security clearance moved to Azraq camp-reception area and referred after that to village 5, they kept separately on fence and secure area (welcome area) and receive welcome meal as well as one week ready to eat meal. IOM distributes bread
- Planning for 8,000 to be in fence area, however now the number of refugees are 2,700

Action required:

1. Any organization interested to distribute food does not need cooking facilities in Azraq camp (reception and welcome areas) to contact Nicole or NRC as manages those areas

● Jordan Humanitarian Fund Update

- Food security priorities has been circulated, but no feedback received, so similar sector priorities of last year will be same for this year with more emphasis on two issues;
 1. Prioritized Azraq camp activities (economic activities in relation to food security)
 2. prioritizing livelihood activities in terms of self-suitability for refugees including agricultural activities
- JHF steering committee will meet tomorrow to discuss way forward for JHF 2016

JHF-Advisory board will look on lessons learned from last year, improving the transparency, consistency across the sector and etc.

- Call for proposal will be shared
- Proposals will be reviewed at sector level by technical group, recommendations will be referred to steering committee accordingly
- JHF time line will be shared

Action required:

1. JHF details will be shared

● **VAF – review of food sector tree; review FS questions-Power Point Presentation (PPP) by UNHCR**

- There are two types of VAF Partners depending on which role is more applicable to your organization and based on need, level of programming and resources available to sustain and or/manage the process etc.:

Data User or Data Collector

A Data Collector

- Is a VAF Partner who undertakes and collects home-visit data and can integrate additional assessment questions in to the VAF questionnaire if needed to complement organizational verification and assessment criteria for targeted / specific programming (i.e. shelter, food security and so on), however does not change the existing questionnaire questions.
- Incorporated under the VAF MOU under Annex 1 and Annex 5. After signing of MOU support is given by UNHCRs FO Team by assisting in training enumerators in conducting the assessment, Privacy and Data Protection Training, providing software installation of XForms on ODK tablets (able to operate online and offline) and provide necessary access to RAIS modules to individual users via the UNHCR DAG Unit.

Two Types of Data Collectors:

- Data Collector uses VAF questionnaire and HV module (XForm) within RAIS and chooses not to publicly release results or data captured in the organizational assessment in to the broader pool and remains internal to the organization who collected it but also enabling access to vulnerability scoring of assessed cases
- Data Collector uses VAF questionnaire and HV module (XForm) within RAIS and chooses to release results and data captured in to the broader pool of assessed households/ cases; effectively increasing the pool in a coordinated manner to broaden operational targeting scope.

A Data User

- Is a VAF Partner who has signed the MOU, Annex 1; and coordinates via the Secretariat to obtain VAFed beneficiary lists on referral from UNHCR suited to program needs; i.e. 600 cases at level 4 vulnerability from Irbid, Ajloun and Madaba. Noting that it may take in some cases 3-5 days currently for cross-checking via the UNHCR cash office with regular monthly partner beneficiary lists.

Action required:

- Update activity info, deadline is 8th of each month
- Update FSSWG regarding current activities as well as sharing documentary pictures
- VAF and, VAF link and focal points contact to be shared with FSSWG partners after this meeting

● **RAIS – update**

Unified assistance types managed/provided access to:

- Implementing organizations, hierarchical structure of access
- Organizations utilizing the same assistance types – again able to be recorded individually by organization to reflect true data / records within reporting and analysis

- Reduced amount of choices enables better information analysis and less variables in recording food assistance.

Action required:

- RAIS PPP and focal point contact will be shared after this meeting
- As some of organizations use food voucher, e. card, food parcels, in-kind assistance and etc.
- Email will be sent concerning complementary food assistances ;
 - a. Organisations who provide in-kind food assistance to Syrian refugees (urban and camps) are kindly requested to forward the following details to Noha Gibreel (gibreel@unhcr.org)
 - b. Contents of parcel/package;
 - c. Package is per person or based on family size? If based on family size, are there different sized packages?
 - d. What period is the food parcel designed to cover? (i.e. one day/one week/one month
 - e. Is the food parcel designed to complement other assistance?

● **Service Advisor - UNHCR presentation**

- Mapping of services provided for refugees
- Help referral with visualization
- Centralized and systematized information. Help systematize and harmonize 4Ws
- Available to service providers and refugees, updated directly by service providers

Way forward

- Standardized list of activities specific to refugees – TAXONOMY of services
- Transfer any mapping exercise or template –the current 4Ws
- Assign focal points
- Training of the users ...continuous

Note:

- If organisation provides food services, either. Upload information on service adviser system with details or if beneficiaries come with health problems , organisation will be able to referred the refugees to health services facilities

Action required:

- 4Ws template for food services
- Taxonomy of the services

● **Assessments – upcoming assessments**

- WFP has conducted quarterly post distribution monitoring which was done on January 2016
- WFP plans for Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Exercise (CFSME). Data collection will be done in cooperation with ACCTED on mid of April 2016
- IRC doing cash assessment focusing on gender aspect, IRC will be contacted can give presentation on this next meeting

● **Update on FSSWG 2016 work plan**

- Will be discussed next meeting

Action required:

- NA

● **AOB**

ACTION POINTS	RESPONSIBILITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check activity info and follow-up on update activities - VAF and, VAF link and focal points contact to be shared with FSSWG partners after this meeting - RAIS PPP and focal point contact will be shared after this meeting - Email will be sent concerning complementary food assistances - 4Ws template for food services - Taxonomy of the services 	<p>Noha</p> <p>Noha, Nicole and FSSWG partners</p> <p>Noha, Nicole and FSSWG partners</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow-up on gender training - To check if London conference only for Syrian refugees - JHF details will be shared - 	Nicole CARN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distribution of food does not need cooking facilities in Azraq camp (reception and welcome areas) to contact Nicole or NRC - Update activity info, deadline is 8th of each month - Update FSSWG regarding current activities as well as sharing documentary pictures 	FSSWG Partners

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