

UNHCR-Irbid Coordination Meeting, co-chaired by NRC
Thursday, December 8, 2015, 10:00-11:15 a.m.

In attendance: IRC, Intersos, UNICEF, DRC, UNHCR, ICRC, UNHCR, MSF France, Handicap International, ACF, IOCC, German Red Cross, TDH, World Vision, Save the Children, NHF.

Agenda

- 1. Health Update**
- 2. Security Update**
- 3. Education Update**
- 4. Info about Canada's Humanitarian Admission Programme**
- 5. 16 Days Activities**
- 6. Winterization/ Cash Updates**
- 7. Discussion of future Town Hall Meeting**
- 8. AOB**

Health update done by UNHCR

UNHCR-Health unit launched the cash for health project in mid November. This will cover both the cost of natural and planned caesarean section deliveries in Ramtha and only planned caesarean section deliveries in Irbid. Beneficiaries will receive the estimated cost for delivery via Cairo-Amman bank.

Security update

Killing of two police officers last week in Irbid area. The killers were arrested. Security situation in Irbid, Ajloun and Jerash remains calm. One mortar has fallen in Ramtha area, with no casualties or damage.

Security coordination meeting will take place after the Irbid coordination meeting next month.

Education update

Update on registering children

Update on Mekani: waiting for approval from the government.

Announcement of British Council English training.

Info about Canada's Humanitarian Admission Programme

Explanation on the process of the Admission Programme, targeting 20,000 Syrian refugees from Jordan, to be resettled in Canada before the end of February 2016.

Important messaging: it's free of cost to participate in the admission programme.

NRC flagged that questions from refugees on how to travel to Canada and against what cost, what happens when in Canada, what are the obligations when selected, family reunification questions. NRC will email these questions to Kate. Also XXX gave feedback on questions such as criteria for selection, how to apply to the Canada programme (not the new admission programme).

If people here about text messages on this programme, please take a picture of it and send to Kate.

16 days Activities

Theme of 16 Days this year: The Role of Men and Boys in Preventing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.

Intersos has participated in the 16 days activities with a puppet show creating awareness on violence and conflict resolution, with a pre- and post-KAP survey.

UNHCR male staff are participating in trainings and conducting exercises. IRC conducted sessions in women centres and interactive theatre sessions.

Winterization and Cash Update

The **January** cash upload will contain money for January and February. [Correction, January, not December.] Special attention should be given to messaging this amount, which means that no cash will be given in the subsequent month. UNHCR will distribute blankets donated by USAID. next month in Irbid, Ajloun and Jerash.

TDH has received from UNICEF blankets, as well as Intersos. TDH asks if there is a coordination mechanism, such as the RAIS mechanism in order to avoid duplication. UNICEF will check how coordination can be improved.

Table with implementing NGO's, indicating who still takes referrals.

Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting was held in Mafrq. The general feedback was positive. Such meeting could be done in Irbid too, whether in the format of an information session on specific issues, or a general town hall meeting where refugees can ask questions to the organizations participating. Concerns were raised about the feasibility, with such a large community. In Mafrq, the sharing of information was useful for the participants, but doubts were raised about how effective the message was spread beyond the participants in the meeting. The positive aspect would be as well to be able to clarify the mission statement of the organizations to refugees.

Discussion next meeting

Winterization lessons learned presentation. CARE will be invited. As well, if other NGOs want to present their activities and lessons learned, please feel free to contact Katherine Dunn.

Additional Announcement

Intersos has a new project, funded by UNICEF, on Mekani and Mekani plus in North and South Jordan.

NRC has changed the number for the call centre: XXXXXXXX

DRC is starting a new project in the North, a livelihood project funded by the Canadian Government, in partnership with Save the Children.

Next meeting:

Thursday, January 14, 10:00 a.m.