

WASH Sector Chair and Co-Chair ToR

Context

WASH response in any humanitarian emergency forms part of life saving interventions and, due to the dynamic nature of the Syrian refugee emergency, WASH interventions are expected to remain a priority area of response through 2015 (and onwards). As of now more than 700,000 refugees are expected to continue to reside or be new refugees in camps or in hosting governorates off of camps.

In refugee camps, WASH facilities are basic pre-requisites and must be maintained throughout the camp lifetime. On 2016, approximately 100,000 individuals are expected to reside in 5 refugee camps; these refugees would have to be all provided with lifesaving WASH services as per minimum agreed standards.

Where Syrian populations have taken, or are expected to take, refuge in host communities, often water and sanitation coverage is already below standard, the increased burden on drinking water supplies and sanitation infrastructure, if existing, can increase vulnerabilities to water, sanitation and hygiene-related diseases.

The key objectives of the WASH sector in Jordan are as follows:

- 1) To ensure safe, equitable and sustainable access to a sufficient quantity of water for drinking, cooking, personal and domestic hygiene practices;
- 2) To provide safe and appropriate sanitation facilities;
- 3) To minimize the risk of WASH related diseases through access to improved hygienic practices, hygiene promotion and delivery of hygienic products and services on a sustainable and equitable basis;
- 4) To establish and maintain effective mechanisms for WASH coordination at national and sub-national levels.

The WASH response is designed to respect a list of WASH minimum standards and requirements for water supply, hygiene, sanitation, and WASH in camp and non-camp settings. These standards are based on national standards, Sphere standards, and UNHCR WASH standards for refugees and have been agreed by all WASH partners including the Government of Jordan.

UNICEF is leading the WASH sector in Jordan and have dedicated HR capacity for this purpose. Realizing the complexity of response and the fact that coordination is required in multiple forums and with multiple stakeholders, it has been decided by the sector partners to appoint a WASH Sector Co-chair. ACTED is Co-chairing the sector until December 2015 at which point the sector partners will democratically elect a new chair.

Objective

The principle objective of the WASH Co-Chair¹ is to support the WASH Sector Chair in coordinating the sector as well as its established working groups and task forces. The WASH Co-chair will contribute towards the effective provision of emergency assistance to the refugee, returnee and displaced populations through the timely and efficient coordination of sector activities.

The WASH Sector operates and conducts operations:

1. Following strategic needs of WASH actors in Jordan
2. With the best interest of beneficiaries in mind
3. Based on credible assessments, information and requests
4. According to realistic and operationally achievable objectives
5. In collaboration with the MoWI

¹ The mandate for the sector's Co-Chair will have a duration of 6 months with the possibility of renewal if the sector agrees in consensus

Tasks

Specifically, the WASH Chair and Co-chair will be responsible for facilitating and guiding the following actions:

Planning and strategy development

- Support development of a common strategic framework and guidelines on the WASH sector response;
- Coordinate with Camp and off camp stakeholders on ensuring participation and review of the strategies at operational levels;
- Identify geographical and thematic gaps in coverage;
- Update agreed response strategies and action plans according to the context evolution;
- Coordinate and promote synergies with other actors active in complementary sectors; and report back to the WASH WG.
- Draw lessons from activities and beneficiary feedback to revise strategies/plans and project implementation accordingly;
- Facilitate the development of technical standards for WASH actors in Jordan at all levels of response;
- Ensure that the WASH sector response is guided by relevant policies, technical standards and commitments that the Government has undertaken under international human rights law;

Assessment and analysis

- Collect and analyze available data related to WASH sector activities;
- Participate in joint sectoral needs assessment and analysis;
- Analysis of WASH actors responses and gaps;
- Carry out specific needs assessments when necessary.

Coordination of programme implementation

- Ensure that national and/or internationally accepted and relevant standards and policies are applied and adapted in close coordination with the GoJ and relevant UN agencies and partners;
- Ensure appropriate coordination with partners and other sectors in implementing the WASH strategy;
- Ensure endorsement of the WASH strategy at a national and international level;
- Promote the integration of agreed cross-cutting issues (gender, environmental impact and disability), using participatory approaches in coordination with other sectors;
- Secure commitments from participants in responding to needs and filling gaps, ensuring an appropriate distribution of responsibilities, with defined focal points where necessary;
- Undertake needs and resources assessments with partners in order to prioritise needs and services

Monitoring, reporting and information

- Support in ensuring adequate monitoring mechanisms are in place to review the impact of activities and progress against plans;
- Support in ensuring adequate reporting and effective information sharing from all WASH actors;
- Provide input to information material to be disseminated through the sector website;
- Regularly exchange information and best practices with relevant stakeholders;
- Provide input to WASH sector-specific 3W and 5W charts and regularly update Inter-Sector Coordination on changes;
- Facilitate knowledge sharing between all relevant sector partners.

Advocacy and resource mobilization

- Support in advocating for donors to fund WASH activities, alongside encouraging participants to mobilize resources through their usual channels;
- Support in discussions with main stakeholders on prioritization, resource mobilization and advocacy on WASH issues.

Training and capacity building

- Support capacity building initiatives so that refugees and other persons of concern and partners acquire the needed knowledge, skills, and sense of responsibility and ownership of programmes;
 - Promote and support training and capacity building of partners and beneficiaries;
 - Support efforts to strengthen the capacity of the national authorities and civil society;
 - Share relevant guidelines and information materials on refugee education.
 - Provide technical support to all relevant partners through the sub sector themes
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Deliverables

- Strategic document / Guidelines
- Monthly Sector Activities reports (outputs, lessons learned, best practices, outcomes, impact)
- Sector assessments reviews and analysis
- 3W and 5W charts (including gap analysis)
- Website updates
- Consolidated monitoring reports