

JORDAN REFUGEE RESPONSE

Inter-Sector Working Group

Meeting Minutes & Action Points
2nd August 2015 • UNHCR Office, Amman



Agenda

WASH– inter-sector linkages discussion (40 mins)

Review of Action Points

JRP 2016-2018 planning and the 3RP

Gender Analysis Workshop Update / GEMS

WFP Assistance Update

Individual Indicators Dashboard

ISWG Update

AOB

ACTION POINTs FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	RESPONSIBLE	By When?
CFSME Initial Findings: share PowerPoint and FAQs.	WFP	Draft to be completed by the end of the month, will be shared next meeting in hardcopy.
Sector Performance Survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All comments to be sent to UNHCR by 9 July. The survey will be translated into Arabic. Sector heads are to advertise the survey in their department. 	Sector Chairs	To be launched Thursday 9 th July, 2015, encouraging to be advertised within sector, sectors to forward on direct with their members Deadline of 3 weeks for response
ISWG Update: Send issues to be raised at next IATF meeting to tyler@unhcr.org	Sector Chairs	Before next IATF meeting

Coordination Guide Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review document and add comments by the end of July. • Send a photograph of the Sector Chairs. 	Sector Chairs	Due by COB Wednesday 5 August 2015
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1. Inter-Sector Linkages: WASH

WASH highlighted the key coordination partners of the WASH Working Group, World Vision, ACF, Oxfam, JEN, Mercy Corps, Save the Children Jordan, ACTED, UNICEF, UNHCR, RHAS, RI, ICRC and MoWI-WAJ Government. The WASH working group's objectives:

- 1) To work towards a harmonized sector approach in order to provide a coordinated emergency WASH response in addition to mid-term and long-term interventions that will benefit the overall WASH situation in Jordan, as well as working towards a joint response with other relevant sector partners.
- 2) To work in partnership to ensure all refugees and vulnerable Jordanians have access to quality WASH facilities that are safe and dignified
- 3) To ensure prioritization, evidence-based actions and gap-filling ; and to enhance accountable, predictable and effective emergency WASH response to the affected population
- 4) To ensure efficient and organized coordination with the government, agencies, local partners, the private sector and other stakeholders in the sector with the aim of improving the quality of WASH interventions.

Potential cross sector integration

- Education Sector:
 - WASH in schools
 - Hygiene promotion
- Health Sector:
 - Hygiene promotion
 - Nutrition messaging
- Child Protection:
 - WASH in child friendly spaces
- Shelter Sector:
 - WASH in shelter
- Basic Needs:
 - WASH in service vouchers
- Food Security:
 - Ensuring access to water for irrigation
 - Water reuse at the camps and HC

Group 1: Linkages between WASH sector and Protection/ Health/Basic Needs

1. Community mobilization and outreach. This includes coordination of hygiene promotion/ community messaging on issues like water collection, food handling (Refers to all three sectors)
2. Follow up on safety audits recommendations on WASH through community consultations on facilities (Protection)
3. Joint surveillance on water borne diseases/joint M&E and improved information sharing (Health)

4. Examine potential for efficiency on joint vouchers (Basic needs)
5. Explore possibility of joint proposals like ERF, joint UN programs (Health, protection, basic needs)
6. Accessibility for PWDs (Health, protection, Basic needs)
7. Vector control (link to joint surveillance)- Health
8. Coordination of site planning and sustainability of services (health, Protection, basic needs)
9. Updating of response plans (health)

Group 2: Linkages between WASH sector and Education/Shelter/Food Security and Youth

1. WASH coordinator to give a presentation on minimum standards to Shelter working group meeting once the WASH standards for camps and host communities are finalized.
2. Shelter and WASH minimum standards to be agreed between sectors thereafter
3. Shelter and WASH to agree on boundaries and responsibility / referral systems for complex cases (i.e. WASH interventions at urban household level) and systematic approach from cross-linked interventions
4. Education: existing joint taskforce
5. Education: RHAS creating WASH minimum standard and guidelines for schools, to be disseminated once complete.
6. Education: Replicate material from joint taskforce, formal and informal curriculum education to be disseminated.
7. Education: would like information on rehabilitation of WASH facilities within schools / improved information sharing, opportunity for IM to assist in cross sectoral support for cross analysis and identifying areas for collaboration.
8. Youth: Need WASH facilities improvement for Youth, and in child friendly spaces (CFS).
9. Youth: Suggested to access youth through informal education to assist in information sharing and disseminating to the broader community, youth training angle would be a way to build on sectoral integration, i.e. plumbing training, (WASH already approaching women, but could target youth too).
10. Food Security: included some wash questions in latest survey, however there are limited livelihood projects occurring at that level. Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Exercise (CFSME) – reported huge increase in people not being able to find dignified WASH facilities.
11. Basic Needs: If necessary in future can WASH tap in to the WFP e-card system for WASH/ hygiene cash/ vouchers.
12. Health/Education/Food Security: Need for sectoral level taskforce education / WASH developing standards, health, hygiene and nutrition, joint promotion guidelines and joint messaging strategy: i.e. healthy diets for all, healthy eating packages.
13. UNICEF Education are intending on hosting a celebration of a global handwashing day – opportunities for cross sector involvement.

2. Review of Action Points

Previous meeting Action Points still work in progress, due dates updated and carried over.

3. JRP 2016-2018 planning and the 3RP

The strategy for the new JRP process has included initiating planning processes earlier, inviting stakeholders and counterparts to raise their concerns bridging gaps from the previous planning cycle

and more structures enabling greater inclusion of partner and NGO representation. The new JRP planning process has taken significant positive steps forward to avoid the replication of previous difficulties encountered.

UNHCR has started discussions with MoPIC on issuing an interagency appeal in support of the JRP. There will be no separate 3RP narrative. Rather, once the JRP plan is near completion, an inter-agency appeal would be organized. The discussions are on-going and an update will be provided at the next ISWG meeting in early September.

A discussion ensued on the best approach to ensure refugee programming are properly reflected the JRP project sheets, and how the inter-agency appeal – if agreed – could best align with the JRP.

4. Gender Analysis Workshop Update / GEMS

Education sector hosted a gender analysis workshop last Sunday as an initial pilot study. The aim of the gender analysis workshop was to teach sectors to conduct gender analysis in a greater construct focusing on gender issues specific to the education system.

While sectors were commended for doing a great job collecting age, sex, gender disaggregated data, further gender/ individual sectoral analysis can enable gender to be included in to existing workplans to improve gender response. This initiative can incentivize partner organisations and increase sector capacity as utilizing a gendered component within activities can assist applications for major pools of funding such as ERF and CERF.

Protection volunteered to work with Gender Unit on a similar initiative going forward, and Gender Unit will attend the next WASH sector coordination meeting.

5. WFP Assistance Update

With expectations of a cessation of WFP assistance across Urban Areas as a result of funding shortfalls, last minute generous donor contributions from the USA and Europe have provided the WFP with a way forward that tries to balance the needs of the refugees with giving some continuity and predictability over the coming months.

From this month (August), with the current financial situation, WFP can provide the following assistance:

- **Camps** – full assistance of JOD20 per person per month for refugees living in Za’atri, Azraq, Cyber City and King Abdullah Park. This is now confirmed for August, September, October, November 2015. Bread distributions will also continue in Za’atri and Azraq.
- **Community**
 - o Extremely vulnerable – half assistance of JOD10 per person per month for all refugees classified as extremely vulnerable under the WFP targeting. This is now confirmed for August, September, October, November 2015.
 - o Vulnerable – half assistance of JOD5 per person per month for all refugees classified as vulnerable under the WFP targeting. This is confirmed for August and we have informed all refugees in this category that this will be their last WFP assistance.

While better than the worst case scenario predicted in early July it will still cause considerable hardship to the refugee families. WFP realize that this will cause a further deterioration of the food security and vulnerability indicators that were shown in the recent WFP/REACH CFSME already to be declining rapidly. WFP are therefore continuing to appeal for additional funds, requiring another US\$55.6 million for the rest of this year to complete planned commitments to the refugees after the April targeting.

IATF organized tentative return contingency planning, 25% of the population has been estimated to return to Syria (est 100,000 Syrians) as a result of the first expected food cuts, regardless of the numbers and since WFP can now continue to provisionally provide support to a lesser extent, fears remain high that Syrians shall choose to return as a result of being pushed further in to the extremely vulnerable category.

It was emphasized that conditions are not conducive for return, nor would such a return be voluntary if largely caused by reductions in assistance in the country of asylum. The focus of return planning is rather on the principles and limits to the humanitarian community's engagement should spontaneous return take place.

6. Individual Indicators Dashboard

Sector overview and Indicator overview provided, advising a new view has been created allowing to view individual indicators, for further information please contact Intersector Coordination Unit, Information Management Officer Kaleem ur Rehman. Specific tailoring available if required, located within sector dashboard: <http://data.unhcr.org/jordan/sectors/2015/>

7. ISWG Update

The block on approval of urban shelter projects has been lifted. JHAS has received project appeal.

8. AOB

ACTION POINT	RESPONSIBLE	By When?
Potential 3RP appeal process be discussed with UNDP	Alex Tyler	By next ISWG
Sectors Chairs to send photos to UNHCR for the Sector Key Links Document	Sector Chairs	By 6 th August
Sector chairs to approach Snr Gender Advisor for potential sector-specific gender workshops	Sector Chairs	By next ISWG

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