

Protection Working Group Jordan

Meeting Minutes
11 March 2015



Agencies present: ACTED, ARRD-Legal Aid, AVSI, CARE, CVT, DFID, DRC, FPSC, ICMC, ICRC, ILO, IOM, IRC, IRD, LWF, NRC, OCHA, Premiere Urgence, UNRWA, UNICEF, UN Women, WFP, WVI

1. Right to work for refugees-ILO

ILO made a presentation on their recently completed study on refugees' right to work in Jordan, a view of the Syrian refugee crisis through labor law and policy.

The presentation discussed International Refugee Law, the UNHCR-Jordan MOU, labour and residency law in Jordan, government policies and practices and policy recommendations. The presentation is available on the UNHCR web portal:

<http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=8394>

2. Update on rental contracts for refugees – NRC

NRC's ICLA Project Manager made a presentation on the sample rental contract circulated to PWG members together with information regarding the urban verification exercise. A rental contract is a requirement for the urban verification exercise which began in February 2015. NRC are translating guidelines on the lease agreements into Arabic.

For more information on this, contact Joel Gaunt at joel.gaunt@nrc.no.

3. PWG Work Plan – group work

Participants at the meeting broke into groups to provide input on the work plan. Feedback was provided on strengthening coordination, information management, monitoring and reporting, capacity building, advocacy& resource mobilization, communications (information assistance materials), and linkages with other sectors.

The revised version will be shared by the sector coordinators.

Action point:

All agencies should indicate which sections where they will contribute

4. AOB

Iraqi refugees

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- The arrival rate of Iraqi refugees has gone down from its peak during the second half of 2014. There are 46,418 Iraqis registered with UNHCR in Jordan as of March 07, 2015.
- There are instructions from MOE that all Iraqi students should start paying their own tuition. This is being followed-up by UNHCR.

PSS reporting

- MHPSS SWG will provide an update on new MoH reporting requirements.

Urban Verification Exercise updates

- Different locations have reported that refugees have a number of challenges in fulfilling the requirements for the urban verification, including: (i) the cost of the medical certificate; (ii) the requirement of obtaining a signed rental contract and a copy of the landlord's ID.
- Urban verification information leaflets are now available for distribution and can be picked up from the UNHCR office. For leaflets, contact Philmon Haile at HAILEP@unhcr.org.