

**CP Field Sub-Working Group Meeting Minutes – Za’atari  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, UNHCR Meeting Room # 2**

**Chair:** Save the Children International (SCI)

**Attendants:** UNICEF, UNHCR, UNWOMEN, SARD, Malath Canaan Rescue Jordan, IMC, SCJ, RI, SCI

- The main issue discussed in the meeting was the dogs’ problem in the camp. The dogs issue was raised in different meetings in the camp, as dogs are frightening children. “Malath” organization has been invited to assist CP SWG in finding solutions. Malath is non-profit organization, working on;
  1. Rescue of dogs
  2. Medically treat them
  3. Adopt them
  4. And offering awareness programmes in Jordan on how to deal with dogs.

**They mentioned:** type of dogs that are existing in this area, usually deliver high number of puppies (nearly 8) each three months, whereas the normal average is 6 puppies every six months.

Malath mentioned that there is a major type of diseases that can be transmitted from dogs to human beings, called Rabies, please see the info in below attached PDF file.

Those diseases can be avoided through vaccination and de worming

- Malath suggested that one of the solutions to minimize the problem is, to do castration operation for males in order to decrease number of puppies in each birth. The suggestion was that Syrians would help in catching these dogs, and Malath do the operations.
- SRAD suggested poisoning or shooting dogs; this was disagreed by the majority of the group as this will disturb the natural life in the area. The idea of poisoning or shooting the dogs will never solve the problem and will attract more dogs due to the vacation of space for them.
- Poisoning or shooting them will harm nature. Birds and other animals will feed on the poisoned dogs and might be killed. The handlers (human) of the dead bodies would also be on high risks.
- Two accidents were reported in the camp, mainly in district 4 and 9 two months ago.
- Sound of gun shots will only add to the psychological trauma of the refugees, especially children, from which they already gone through. It’s an inhumane act and should not be used in civilized countries or entities.
- Malath focused that kindness to animals means kindness to all God's creatures and suggested hiring two or three Zaatri residents to capture the dogs; they can begin with the friendly ones. Once, eight

or more are captured, Malath will arrange to get them medically treated for producing minimum number of offspring.

- You can also see useful information around the subject, clicking on below files.



- FPSC was supposed to give presentation about their theatre project, which they would present next week.
  - It was requested that all of the organizations to give their update to the CP WG's ToR
  - It was agreed that GBV and CP working groups will be merged; therefore, would be discussed in joint meeting of CP & GBV.
  - There will be election to nominate new chair of merged CP / GBV SWG (Za'atari)
  - As an update from UNICEF, IMC will handle the issue of children transporting gas Cylinders to their families
  - Winterization campaign will be extended till the end of March and all cards will be charged next week.
    - **Actions to be taken:**
      - **Protection working group:** to arrange focus group discussions to assess the size of Dogs presence problem in camp, and if it really is a problem from refugees' perspective.
      - To see hospitals records to see number of cases affected by dogs as an indicator to the problem
      - Draft an outline of the questionnaire
      - **Malath:** to bring to the camp any leaflets to share with the refugees in the camp
- Next Meeting: –Thursday February 26th @ UNHCR meeting room 2, base camp.