

# Mafrq Monthly Coordination Meeting – Minutes

## 18.04.2016

<b>Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- brief update on the ITS</li> <li>- update on Livelihoods WG</li> <li>- info on work permits and livelihood opportunities</li> <li>- PSEA network: Inter-Agency Community-Based Complaint Referral Mechanism</li> <li>- introductory meeting with the governor</li> <li>- other updates (new arrivals, health, etc)</li> <li>- AOB</li> </ul>	
<b>Highlights from the last meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <span style="background-color: yellow; display: inline-block; width: 1em; height: 1em; vertical-align: middle;"></span></li> </ul>	
<b>Brief update on the ITS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At the end of March UNHCR informed that there would be ITS eviction. There have been very clear instructions that all ITS would be evicted if they didn't move voluntarily and moved to Azraq camp. The plans for eviction of ITS were subsequently cancelled. There will be a stable situation (no evictions) for at least the next three months until further discussion will be needed.</li> <li>- ITS monitoring visits: majority of the ITS population reports they will stay at the current location for the coming months.</li> <li>- Documentation for ITS population is very accessible. Access to MOI is actually higher for ITS than in other places. Documentation is not a serious problem facing ITS population.</li> </ul>	
<b>Updates on Livelihood WG(LWG):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNHCR coordination Associate briefed members on the last update regarding the LWG that was established by the IATF in March ims at strengthening coordination of the livelihoods activities both in urban and camp settings; effectively utilizing the information on the refugees available on UNHCR databases (such as ProGres and RAIS) through information sharing agreements with partners; continuously applying a coherent selection criteria for livelihoods activities among partners through the established frameworks (including the Vulnerability Assessment Framework) in urban areas and respective frameworks in camps; informing partners in Amman about livelihoods programs in the camps shared by the respective field-level livelihoods coordination structures.</li> <li>- First LWG meeting held on 29th of March, ToRs were finalized and endorsed by ISWG and was circulated to members, a copy of the ToRs was circulated to Mafrq Coordination group with a brief on the main highlights.</li> <li>- Next LWG meeting will be held on the 5th of May, Co-chair election will take place, last date for submitting a candidacy is the 20th of April.</li> <li>- All the essential documents can be found on UNHCR data portal – Livelihood WG Jordan <span style="float: right;">page</span>  <a href="http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&amp;LocationId=107&amp;Id=73">http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&amp;LocationId=107&amp;Id=73</a></li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A discussion on UNHCR pilot project to issue 4000 working permits in both garment and agriculture sectors for Syrian refugees, a job fair was held in Zarqa on 2 sessions, refugees expressed their concerns and interest during this job fair.</li> <li>- UNHCR and ILO is preparing a basic employment contract for Syrian Refugees that will be sent to MoL to be approved.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Security Update:</b></p> <p>UNHCR security officer briefed the partners on the security system for refugee camps throughout Jordan. This system includes a group of security focal points from NGOs and UN agencies around Jordan. Unfortunately there is no representation from the NGOs and UN offices in Mafraq. The security officer asked for Mafraq partners to nominate security focal points in order to improve security in Mafraq. After this is completed, a security coordinator for the region will be implemented by the government.</p>	<p>Mafraq partners should nominate a security focal point and attend Security Working Group Meeting.</p>
<p><b>Info on work permits and livelihood opportunities:</b></p> <p>Following the announcement from the GoJ regarding the waiving of fees for annual work permits in the coming 3 months (until the 4th of July). FAQs outlining work permit information for Syrian refugees was given, the FAQs were circulated among partners, reviewed and discussed for members to be able to provide counselling for their refugees</p>	<p>Members to send feedback from partners about FAQ questions based on refugee responses.</p> <p>FAQs to be circulated to Coordination Group</p>
<p><b>introductory meeting with the governor + Presentation Mafraq governorate structure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A discussion about facilitation an upcoming meeting with the Mafraq Governor to be held in May in UNHCR-Mafraq with the present of the NGOs that provide activities in Mafraq, the goal is for members and Organizations to be able to give an introduction and brief about their service provision in the Mafraq Governorate, no specific agenda is planned for this meeting, it will be only a formal discussion and introduction for organizations to the Governor and the Governor to receive their questions.</li> <li>• A suggestion by members to have a specific issue/topic to discuss the governor with, this issue have to be agreed by the whole coordination group.</li> <li>• Presentation On Mafraq governorate structure – Mohamad Altaher – UNHCR: UNHCR Mafraq Liaison Officer gave a brief about the Mafraq governorate structure, the purpose is to understand the difference between the governor and Municipal system, the district and sub-district were presented on map with contact numbers for the people heading each area, the Municipalities, structures, focal points numbers and areas in Mafraq were also discussed during the presentation</li> </ul> <p>The ToRs for Governor, Head of Districts, Head Of Sub-Districts and head of Municipalities was briefed to members.</p>	<p>Chairs to contact the Governor Office to set a meeting date.</p> <p>Invitation by email to be circulated by Mafraq Coordination Group chairs when the meeting is confirmed.</p> <p>Any members that think of a point that wish to be raised with the governor to share it with the chairs</p>


