

JORDAN INTER-SECTOR WORKING GROUP UPDATE

November 2016



This update is a coordination tool to improve communication between sectors and up to the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF). It focuses on processes, rather than achievements. The latter are covered through separate monthly sector dashboards, available through the inter-agency portal and at <http://data.unhcr.org/jordan/sectors/>

I. General / Inter-Sector Update



Trainings for Rollout of IASC Global Guidelines on Integrating GBV in Humanitarian Action

In collaboration with SGBV Sub-Working Group co-chairs and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, seven sector-specific training sessions were conducted in November to support mainstreaming of SGBV in sector response planning. These pilot trainings introduced new sector-specific guidelines that provide practical measures to help ensure that sector responses incorporate SGBV in their planning and implementation. Training was provided to over 150 staff from agencies in the Shelter, Protection, Health, Education, Livelihoods, WASH and Basic Needs Working Groups, at the conclusion of which action plans for each sector were developed for 2017.

The SGBV Sub-Working Group will work closely with the above mentioned sector coordinators and sector members to support implementation of their SGBV plans during the coming year.

Support to urban coordination

Based on recommendation to strengthen linkages between national and urban coordination, focal points were designated by some sectors to implement this cooperation (Basic Needs, WASH, Winterization, Livelihoods and Food Security). For urban coordination mechanism please see:

http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=72

II. Sector information

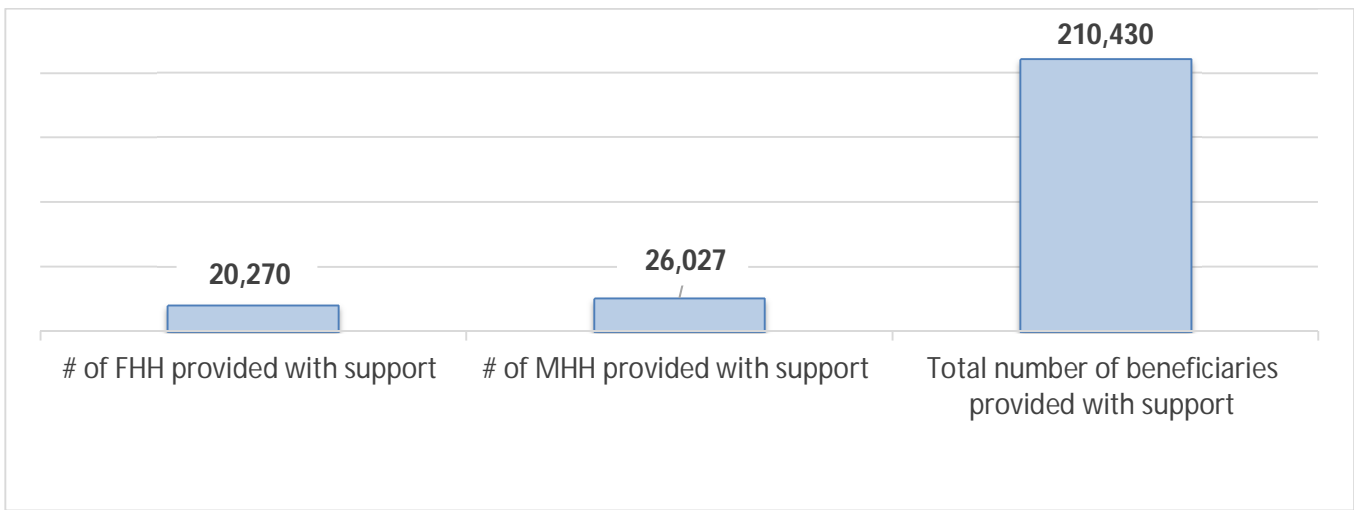


BASIC NEEDS

In November, the Basic Needs Working Group provided around 13,164,204 USD worth of regular cash and non-food item (NFIs) to vulnerable beneficiaries from the refugee and host communities.

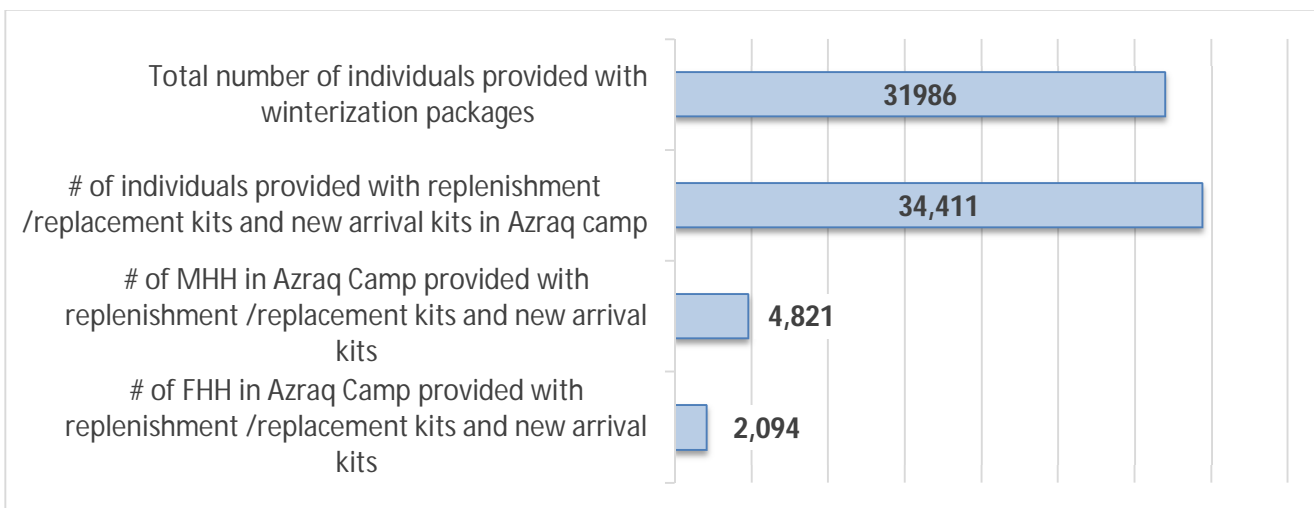
Urban:

Number of individuals and households provided with the basic needs support in form of cash or NFIs assistance is as follows:



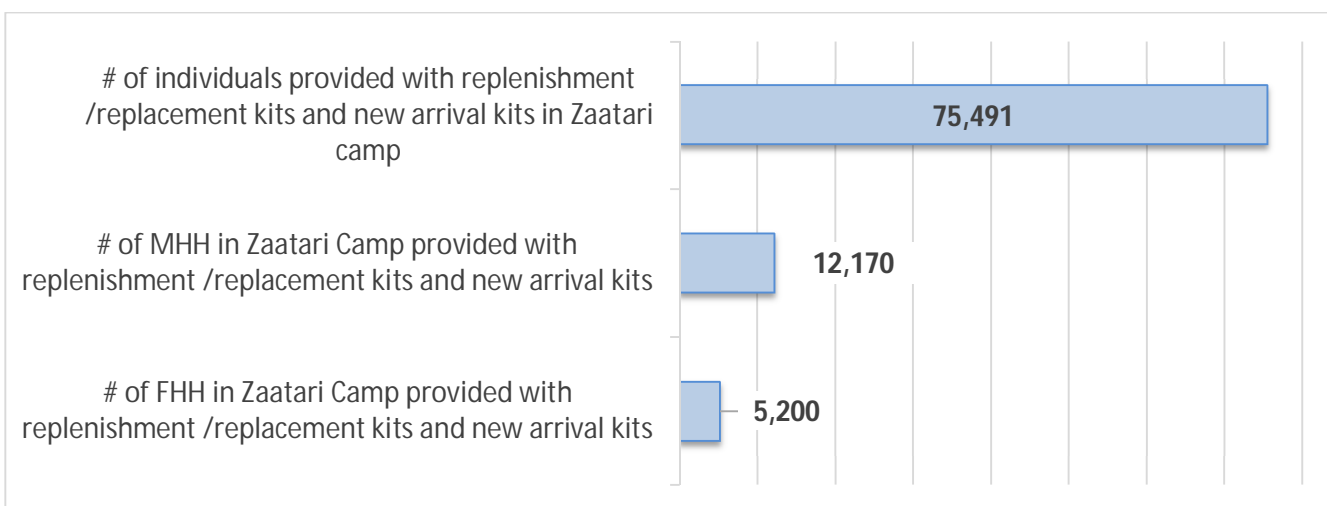
Azraq camp:

Distribution of NFIs in form of replenishment / replacement kits and new arrival kits to Azraq camp population is as follows:



Zaatari camp:

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EDUCATION

Inclusive education:

During the month of November, a total of 136 children with disabilities (CWD) were integrated in either formal education (68 boys and 53 girls) or Makani (13 boys and 2 girls). To cover the increased number of children enrolled in schools, three "shadow" teachers were hired in Zaatari and Azraq camps to follow up on the newly identified cases of CWD.

Makani:

Since the beginning of 2016, 51,617 children (50% male and 50 % female) were enrolled in Informal Education (IFE) classes provided in the Makani programme operated by UNICEF through its network of partners.

During November, an open day activity was organized in Makani Centres in Maan (one event), Mafraq (two events), Zarqa (two events), Amman (three events) and Ramtha (one event). The activities included, but not limited to, awareness sessions on how to deal with people suffering from disabilities; competitions, songs, games, designing different handicrafts and clay shapes, healthy breakfast with staff and distribution of candy and giveaways.

Education Sector Working Group:

The UNICEF Information Management briefed the group members on application of Complaint Mechanism.

UNHCR provided a brief presentation about VAF (Vulnerability Assessment Framework) home-visit form.



FOOD SECURITY

WFP. On 22 November, WFP resumed its life-saving assistance at the north-eastern border, along with its humanitarian partners (OCHA, UNICEF, UNHCR and IOM) delivering food, hygiene kits, plastic sheets, blankets and bread to Syrians.

JHCO supervised the distributions benefitting Syrian households (HHs):

- food parcels worth 20 JODs each) were distributed in cooperation with

Al Takaful Association (1,000 parcels to 1,000 HHs in Irbid)

RAF (3,241 parcels to 3,241 HHs in Amman, Alzarqa, Balqa, Ajloun, Jarash, Irbid, Karak, Tafial, Maan and Mafraq)

Nida'a Al Kheir (110 parcels to 110 HHs in Aqaba and Irbid)

Near East Christian Council Committee for Refugee Work (275 parcels to 275 HHs in Aqaba and Irbid)

JHCO Amman Team (100 parcels to 100 HHs in Al Mafraq)

- food vouchers were distributed in cooperation with

Caritas (139 vouchers worth 60 JODs each to 139 HHs)

IOCC (1,123 vouchers worth 35 JODs each to 1,123 HHs in Amman, Madaba, Mafraq, Irbid and Zarqa)

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (605 vouchers worth 60 JODs each to 1,808 HHs).

IRJ provided cash assistance to 100 Syrian families in Ramtha and Irbid, and to 514 Jordanian families in Amman, Mafraq, Jarash and Baqa'a Camp

WVI provided 213.438 MT of Taiwan rice to 100,170 Syrian beneficiaries out of camps.

Through the School Feeding programme in Azraq camp, **WVI** distributed 73,553 date bars and 77,242 juices from Taiwan to 3,528 students attending formal school in Village 6.



HEALTH

Nutrition Sub-Working Group:

Results of the inter-agency Nutrition Survey were presented and discussed at the Nutrition working group and submitted to the Ministry of Health for official approval.

A task force consisting of UNICEF, SCI, JHAS and some other agencies is formed to review and update the CMAM guidelines.

UNICEF have contracted a company to design, build and field test data management and monitoring system to track nutrition status of Syrian mothers and children under five at the border, transit centre and in Azraq camp.

Reproductive Health Working Group:

The Reproductive Health core messages have been finalized and shared among partners.

UNFPA, JHASI and IFH conducted awareness raising sessions on sexual reproductive health for the married and unmarried males in Zaatari camp.

Community Health Task Force:

International Relief and Development (IRD) has been elected as new co-chair for the CHTF. MedAir remains a chair of the task force.

Zaatari camp:

Health sector in Zaatari set up Winter Emergency Plan, which includes enforcement of treatment Protocol for the seasonal flu.

Azraq camp:

Hepatitis A outbreak was ended on the 1st of November. The suspected Hepatitis A cases are reported to MOH normally. WASH sub-working group has ended their hygiene promotion activities and refer suspected cases to the clinic as usual.

In November, IMC temporary clinic designated for Village 2 fenced area was closed having no patients.

Official opening of the pediatric ward (supported by UNICEF) in Azraq hospital took place on the 22nd of November.

Save the Children Jordan extended the anemia screening programme project in order to carry out activities in Villages 2 and 5.



PROTECTION

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Sub-Working Group:

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

SGBV Sub-Working Group members, in coordination with the UN Country Team and the Jordan National Commission for Women, carried out more than 280 activities and events in Amman, refugee camps and throughout the governorates to mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, beginning on 25 November and concluding on 10 December. Under an overall umbrella theme of combatting gender-based violence, agencies have carried forward messages on Women's Empowerment, Healthy Relationships, Preventing Honour Crimes, Engaging Women and Girls in SGBV Prevention, and other topics relevant to specific locations and context.

The 16 Days of Activism provides a focused period of action against gender-based violence for all humanitarian actors, as well as Jordanian organizations and institutions working to combat gender-based violence in Jordan for all women. Activities included interactive theatre; awareness-raising discussions on early marriages, healthy environments and relationships, girls' rights to education, engaging fathers and sons, and other topics; self-defense classes for women refugees; art exhibitions and musical performances; caravan painting with GBV themes; talent competitions; football tournaments and a mini-marathon.

These diverse and highly participatory events occurred throughout all camps and urban areas in Jordan and united emphasis on raising awareness to end gender-based violence.

Child Protection (CP) Sub-Working Group:

Regional Inter-Agency Child Protection Workshop

Jordan hosted a regional inter-agency workshop focused on the below Child Protection priority areas with the aim of sharing lessons learned and good practices, identify refinements to the approach based on the changing situation and agree on regional benchmarks to improve the child protection response.

This workshop builds on the experience and outcomes of the previous year's workshop, taking into account progress made since then and the changing operational context. The workshop is an initiative co-led by UNICEF and UNHCR Regional entities, in close consultation with No Lost Generation partners and Child Protection actors from each of the countries affected by the Syria crisis, including several members of the Child Protection Sub-Working Group.

The purpose of this workshop was to strengthen the child protection response to the Syria crisis with a focus on community-based child protection and psychosocial support; specialized child protection services, and child labour. Conclusions reached during the workshop will help to inform priorities and implementation strategies in the coming year.

Mental Health Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Sub-Working Group:

MHPSS SWG worked closely in November to develop an advocacy paper for MHPSS services.

The paper aims to outline a common understanding of the MHPSS approach according to global standards and recommendations and to provide guiding criteria in designing and implementing MHPSS projects and activities. It also explains the importance of PSS, levels of interventions and how to specifically describe PSS projects when applying for any intervention.

The paper is expected to be finalized and shared by the end of December.



Zaatari camp:

Maintenance of camp infrastructure in preparations for winter is ongoing with opening and cleaning of all trenches and culverts, in addition to the levelling and maintenance for road infrastructure to ensure mitigation from flooding.

Azraq camp:

Two new market sites in Villages 2 and 5 were established.

Construction works on kitchens in Villages 3 and 6 are ongoing. 3,337 kitchens have been completed and handed over for usage.

The work on the road between Village 2 and Village 5 has been completed.

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Urban Update:

42 housing units have been completed in the unfinished buildings by NRC in Irbid governorate.

62 housing units were upgraded by NRC and IOCC in Northern governorates.

433 beneficiaries have been accommodated in the upgraded shelters in Northern governorates by IOCC and NRC
ICMC provided 599 individuals with cash for rent in urban areas.



WASH

Zaatari camp:

Over the month, each day an average of 3.2 million litres of water was distributed, with an average of 1.8 million litres of wastewater collected and treated, of which, an average of 1.5 million litres treated by the Zaatari wastewater treatment plant. Over the month, an average of 380 m³ of solid waste was collected and transported to the municipal waste site in addition to 52 m³ of solid waste which was collected, recycled or reused within the camp.

On 21 - 24 November, a World Toilet Day was celebrated with messages disseminated to students and the selected target groups in the community focusing on the importance of maintenance and hygiene of household toilets as well as handwashing after toilet use for improving the family and community health.

Zaatari networks:

Clearing of the UXOs commenced in mid-November and the works to install the remaining 37 tanks will commence on clearance of those areas.

The preliminary review of the Phase II water and wastewater networks was completed by the consultant. The Phase II construction tender technical and financial evaluations were completed, with post tender interview and negotiations with the preferred contractor concluded. It is expected that the construction contract will be signed in early December with construction to commence in January 2017.

Supplies and tools were identified for the Operation and Maintenance of Phase I wastewater network (tanks and household connections), with UNICEF and partners continuing to develop plumbing training options and sustainable livelihood approaches.

Azraq camp:

Over the month of November, an average of 1.8 million litres of water was delivered around the camp each day with approximately 230 m³ of wastewater collected and treated, in addition to an average of 17 tons of solid waste collected and transported to the municipal site.

Works on the additional five tapstands in Village 2 was completed, which reduced the walking distance for the users.

WASH in Schools:

Currently, various projects are underway to improve the access to WASH facilities and services in schools:

A multi-sectoral consultation on the National WASH in Schools standards took place on 7 November, with the final comments on the standards received. The final version is expected to be completed by 15 December.

Works on the remaining schools continued with works expected to be completed by late February 2017. The preparations are underway to release a bid for the connection of nine schools to the existing water network.

Makani Plus:

The Makani Plus project is currently being implemented in 71 ITSs for the population of 7,298 in Irbid, Ramtha, Ma'an, Karak, Mafraq, Amman and Zarqa governorates, through a package of interventions comprising psychosocial support, outreach, WASH, informal education and life skills.



LIVELIHOODS

By the end of November, the number of work permits issues to Syrians as recorded by the Ministry of labour reached 34, 000.

The Livelihoods sector continued to discuss and work on ways of improving the rate at which Syrians join the formal labor market, and especially the manufacturing sector. Discussions were held in Zataari camp to establish mechanisms for greater mobility of camp residents (including from Azraq) through work permits.

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ISWG page http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=60