

## Reproductive Health Sub-Working Group Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**Venue:** UNFPA office

### **Attendance:**

1. Dr. Faeza Abo Jalo - UNFPA
2. Ibrahim Abu Siam - UNHCR
3. Dr. Hanan Najmi - MOH
4. Israa Abu Jamous – SCJ
5. Deifallah Alsheikh - UNFPA
6. Ruba Atari - IMC
7. Abdelhadi Eltahir - World Vision
8. Yazan Abed – JPS
9. Abeer Al Beik - IFH
10. Sheren Abu Hwajj - JICA
11. Aya Lafi - IOCC
12. Rami Hijazeen - UNICEF
13. Haneen Abu Laila - MEDAIR
14. Sarah Aladdin – JCAP
15. Nidal AL Massadeh - UNHCR

### **Agenda:**

1. Welcoming and Introduction
2. Follow up on last meeting minutes
3. Male Involvement/ awareness raising through FGD
4. Reproductive Health Sub Working Group Work Plan 2017
5. Camp update
6. Agency Update.
7. AOB

## 2. Follow up on last meeting minutes:

- ✓ MEDAIR to share the presentation with all partners: **Done**
- ✓ Waiting for JICA approval to share the presentation: **still waiting for JICA approval to share the presentation after endorsement of the results**
- ✓ UNFPA to share the results of awareness raising session on male involvement in SRH once completed : **UNFPA in coordination with JHAS, IMC and IFH will compile, analyse the results and to share with all members in the upcoming meetings**
- ✓ The core messages **can be found on UNHCR web portal**. A copy from RH core messages were circulated to all partners and they are encouraged to follow these messages in order to do awareness sessions related to these messages.
- ✓ UNHCR to share the reports and a presentation regarding ToT trainings: **pending**
- ✓ UNHCR to present the relevant sections of Nutrition survey for RH related group: **pending**
- ✓ Evaluation report for UNHCR cash program to be shared by Dr. Dina: **the draft report is not ready yet. Will be shared next meeting**
- ✓ UNFPA to share the ANC card with all partners: **Done**

3. Male Involvement/ awareness raising through FGD	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The male task force was formulated in 2016 as one of the topics to RH sub-working group.</li> <li>• Meetings were held and decisions were taken and was agreed to get more awareness raising through focused group discussions.</li> <li>• In Zaatari camp, four awareness sessions were conducted by JHAS and IFH and other sessions to be conducted by IFH in host communities.</li> <li>• In the coming week, another four sessions will be conducted in Azraq camp by IMC.</li> <li>• IFH did four focus group discussions in East Amman clinic, for boys below 18 married and unmarried, also, for men above 18 who are married and unmarried.</li> <li>• The analysis of the focus group in East Amman will be shared by IFH</li> <li>• SCJ will start raising awareness sessions in the camps to focus more on nutrition and breastfeeding.</li> <li>• IOCC will make sessions for males about IYCF and any recommendations are welcomed through any partner. The dates and the plans of the sessions will be shared by IOCC.</li> <li>• Any comments or ideas and any upcoming awareness session related to male task force or any RH services are welcomed by the partners</li> <li>• Success stories to be added to the meeting's agenda starting from next year.</li> <li>• All partners are requested to provide inputs to the male task force.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ IFH, IMC, JHAS to share the analysis of the focus group sessions done in East Amman, Azraq Camp &amp; Zaatari Camp. <b>Done</b></li> <li>✓ SCJ to provide the RH working group with questions regarding the awareness raising sessions. <b>Done</b></li> </ul>

#### 4. Reproductive Health Sub Working Group Work Plan 2017

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reproductive Health Sub Working Group Work Plan 2016:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tasks:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coordination</li> <li>▪ Strategy and Planning</li> <li>▪ Policy and Guidance</li> <li>▪ Assessments</li> <li>▪ Monitoring and Reporting</li> <li>▪ Mapping and Analysis</li> <li>▪ Emergency Preparedness</li> <li>▪ Advocacy and Resource Mobilization</li> <li>▪ Inter-Sector Coordination</li> <li>▪ Cross-Cutting (Gender, Disability, Youth)</li> <li>▪ Other</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• RH components needs to be included within the health and nutrition coordination meetings in Azraq camp.</li> <li>• Field level health sector coordination meetings (Mafraq &amp; Irbid): Any partners who are willing to participate in such meetings are advised to show their interest in attending these meetings in order to be linked and connected with the coordinators of these meetings.</li> <li>• For 2017 RH referral criteria, to be reviewed and circulated again by UNFPA</li> <li>• The Factsheet was stopped early 2015 and it was not launched in 2016 as ISWG updates may cover the subjects of the Factsheet. Also, a discussion about the purpose of the factsheet was posed and there was a suggestion that minutes of the meetings can cover the factsheets.</li> <li>• CMR guidelines for health care providers was done this year and was completed last week. The CMR guidelines are in Arabic.</li> <li>• Implementation of Miscarriage new logbook, it was developed and implemented in 2015 and now most of the partners are using this logbook.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ RH referral criteria to be circulated by UNFPA.</li> <li>✓ Dr. Faeza to circulate the work plan 2017 to all partners to review it and add their comments. <b>Done</b></li> </ul>

5. Camp updates	
Discussion	<p><b>JHAS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JHASi and UNFPA is distributing the new meal with updated food items to be provided for mothers after delivery with enriched nutrients content and higher caloric intake</li> <li>- 4 FGDs on male awareness of SRH issues were conducted in Zaatari in cooperation with UNFPA and IFH. JHASi will share the data entry form with UNFPA for revision and share with other partners.</li> <li>- JHASi facilitated a training on IYCF and breast feeding for midwives and nurses in Zaatari clinic in collaboration with SCJ</li> <li>- JHASi will be supporting the provision of RH services in Berm with UNFPA support</li> </ul> <p><b>IMC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommendations from <b>Bill Gates Foundation Grants</b> to include the TOT of neonatal training which IMC attended to improve the neonatal care in Azraq Camp Hospital/Clinic</li> <li>- Next Monday (19Dec) IMC will participate in the male focus group in Azraq camp</li> <li>- IMC, UNHCR, UNFPA &amp; MoH were participating in CMR guidelines and the last draft was completed last week, to be presented to the Minister to be reviewed and signed.</li> <li>- The CMR was implemented in the camp according to the guideline</li> </ul>
Action Points	✓ N/A

## 6. Agency Update:

### UNHCR:

- There has been communications from JAF that they require some additional security consideration to be included at the berm in order for the distribution to go ahead.
- Additionally, there have been some security incidents in the berm over the past two weeks which included the targeting of the leader of the Tribal Army who sustained an injury.
- Construction of the distribution area was complete by UNHCR.
- Within next two weeks, clinics may be ready to be operated, subjected for JAF approvals
- 6 medical cases were evacuated in November from Rugban and Hadalat, one case of normal vaginal delivery and five cases of injury were evacuated to Jordan side.
- Referral analyses report was received from Geneva for the first half of 2016. To be ready for analysis by mid of Jan 2017
- The health access and neutralisation survey is on the process, data collection is running now and to be finalized by next week.

### JCAP:

- Is working on all governorates, and focusing on raising awareness through some sessions.

### UNICEF:

- Approval of promise renewed for newborn action plan and 9 newborn guidelines with MOH. Funds transferred so that newborn trainings will roll out with MOH at hospitals.
- MOH approved to start preparations for micronutrients survey and nutrition evidence generation (including two operational research on micronutrients deficiency and overweight/obesity, and costed action plan) to be implemented in 2017-2018 by UNICEF.

### WV:

- World Vision update is a remarkable progress has been made for a well integrated PHC Health Program in South Syria in Dara'a. WV program is serving vulnerable and people in need in remote difficult to reach area of Lajat in eastern northern area. WV is fully supporting three clinics and has established a mobile Clinic serving more than seven villages. The RH components of the program include ANC, PNC, and Family Planning services.
- A number of potential plans and expectations of additional funding and expansion of the services in Southern Syria during 2017.

### JPS:

- JPS at the beginning of the year (January 2017) will start to provide free referral for lifesaving, secondary and tertiary care, also this services will include accessing for emergency obstetric care (deliveries - normal and CS) and neonatal and child care. The beneficiaries are the non- valid documents and other camp population. The services will be provided in our JPS EMC in Amman with our network hospitals.

### MOH:

- In the process of endorsing the 6 maternal guidelines and maternal action plan

### MEDAIR:

- Community outreach projects are still going on.

- Cash for health program for 2016 was done.
- 1400 cases were done in 2016 and new funding is coming for the same program

#### JICA:XXX

##### IFH:

- Provided 2 customized training courses to IMC staff at IFH on CMR\MISP (one training for 5 days) and on RH protocols (one training for 3 days)
- IFH conducted (4) focus group discussions on male involvement in RH at our clinic in Qwaismeh \ East Amman (married boys <18, married men >18, single boys <18, single men >18) the results are shared with UNFPA for analysis
- Karak Clinic started providing services in November & IFH is now a member of the interagency South Health Referral Group & regularly attends the meetings

##### IOCC:

- Will start the IYCF sessions in the governorates

##### SCJ:

- The Anaemia screening is continued at host community with 551 female screened for December and 75 were Anaemic.
- SCJ start their yearly MOH training, targeting MOH staff form different health centres in the south.
- Anaemia screening is ongoing at Azraq camp for both Village 5 and Village 2.
- IYCF orientation session conducted for UNFPA staff –Za’atri camp and as agreed with them one orientation session will be conducted monthly.
- The IYCF training and formula monitoring session at KAP still pending till SCJ hear back from NHF/IFH regarding the permits.
- SCJ conducted a meeting with IMC – Azraq camp hospital management and as agreed SCJ counsellors will have daily access for mother after delivery to provide the early initiation on and SCJ counsellors have the access for the mother logbook for the address and contact for follow up visits .
- The early initiation of BF and counselling and home follow up is going on very smoothly at Za’atari camp with usual support from UNFPA staff.
- SCJ distributed some Anaemia booklet for high nutrients recipes and high Iron recipes , this one will be distributed for our cases in both camps and host community.
- IYCF and SFP activities continue as usual at camps.
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##### UNFPA:

- Dr. Faeza has a suggestion: to do evaluation per sector by having a set of questions distributed to the partners
- ANC cards are finalized and ready to be circulated to be used with clinics inside and outside the camps. The RH card has information related to Family planning and vaccination and having all the RH services.
- RH core messages were completed and circulated to all partners so the documentations is constant in every clinic
- Implanon training is postponed till Jan 2017. Dates to be confirmed later
- Opening of the maternity clinic to support RH services in coordination with IP )(JHASI) in the berm & referral of medical cases is happening to Ruwashed hospital.
- IEC materials templates were circulated to all partners to be reviewed by all partners and sent again to UNFPA.
- IEC materials (brochures or posters) to be shared with UNHCR in order to be distributed at the berm.

<b>Action Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ UNHCR to share the referral analyses report of 2016 once it's finalized</li><li>✓ JICA to share the soft copy with UNFPA</li><li>✓ MoH will share the soft copy with all partners of the maternal guidelines</li></ul>
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**7. AOB**

- **UNFPA:** Next meeting will be 19<sup>th</sup> Jan at UNFPA office