

Basic Needs Working Group Amman, Jordan

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	02 July 2018
Facilitator	Elizabeth Burnhart (UNHCR) Mohie Wahsh (Mercy Corps)	Meeting Time	14.00-16.00
Purpose of Meeting	Regular/Monthly Meeting		
Agencies Present:	CARITAS, ICRC, Medair, UNICEF, DRC, ICMC, Tdh-Italy, UNHCR, , Johud, Mercy Corps, PU-AMI, UOB, WRG and MCC.		

1.) Summary of action points

No.	Action Point	Focal Point / Organization
1.	2017 standards will be shared with Winterization task force members	Mohie Wahsh
2.	Deadlines to block cases identified for 2018/2018 winterization on RAIS will be confirmed at the next meeting (suggestion by the end of Sep to avoid duplication).	Winterization members
3.	Next meeting is August 6 th at UNHCR in the EMOPS room. The next meeting to include donor members/participants will be the September meeting on September 3 rd 2018	

2.) Session Summaries

Item	Discussion
1. ISWG updates	<p>Harmonization of reporting data on activity info:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resilience in JRP: The Jordanian government has requested an increase in resilience projects/activities for the next rolling JRP year. NGOs are to share suggestions for this type of activities with Elizabeth and Mohie, deadline end of July. - Information Management is requesting agencies to harmonize the reporting from April-June 2018 and to ensure accuracy of information and paying attention to mid-year funding. IM noticed that different financial focal points are reporting on both FTS and ActivityInfo platforms with figures that do not corroborate with what was reported during the Planning phase. Planning figures cannot be modified -as they have already been reported to the Jordanian government, therefore, harmonization between both platforms is needed and required. - If you need any help for updating activity info, please contact:

	<p>Firas Alsagban: alsagban@unhcr.org</p> <p>Concerns re: recent JHF call:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR’s Senior Coordination Officer met with JIF and OCHA to discuss lessons learned on the recent JHF (Jordan Humanitarian Fund) call for proposals. OCHA indicated there may be additional funding in future for the JHF. - Based on comments from BNWG members, BNWG shared concerns and suggestions to the ISWG that included: 1) guidance for ownership/leadership in multisectoral priorities, 2) clear instructions on the allocation document needs that might consider clearance by sector leads and 3) that the timeline for submission in the last call was too short.
<p>2. Partner Updates</p>	<p>New Members: UNRWA and MCC (longstanding in country) have joined the BNWG. Welcome to both new partners.</p>
<p>3. Presentation on Mobile Wallet Pilot in Irbid and Mafraq/Mercy Corps</p>	<p>Presentation by Mercy corps on the Mobile payment program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mercy Corps has transferred its first cash payment to 50 female beneficiaries in, Mafraq and Irbid via mobile wallets. Mercy Corps is using Dinarak, and wallets are owned by beneficiaries not Mercy Corps. - Findings were positive, and noted that refugees are not immediately cashing out, and are using their funds for e-fawateer payments. - If any NGOs interested in more detailed information and report to request directly from Mercy corps (Mohie) <p>Lessons learned :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The training for the beneficiaries must be when they open and use the e-wallets. Beneficiaries forgot most of the information by the time they started to use it. - A WhatsApp group was created for all the Beneficiaries and focal points from mercy corps and Dinark to report any difficulties, questions, concerns or any updates. <p>JoMoPay Meeting: will be on the 8th of July at 10:00 at UNICEF. Interested NGOs are welcome to attend – contact Mohie for more information.</p>
<p>4. AOB</p>	<p>Donor and government entities attending BNWG meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BNWG welcomed donors and GoJ attend meeting, but wanted to ensure value-added for these meetings. - BNWG requested that donors and GoJ be included on a quarterly basis. These meetings should focus on Donor information to BNWG members, and should be used for reporting (Activity Info, VAF, FTS) and special presentations. - BNWG members will share contact names and emails to Ghassan (Partner Coordination Associate), to ensure they get on the list for the quarterly meetings. Interested donors should contact Ghassan, Elizabeth or Mohie directly.

Winterization Task force Meeting	
5. Winterization PDM results	<p>2018/2017 common PDM questionnaire: Results from the common PDM questionnaire were shared. Seven organizations sent in data sets (DRC, PUI, MC, INTERSOS, IOCC, UNHCR and WRG). The presentation outlined the results from the combined data sets.</p> <p>The raw data sets will be shared with all contributing partners. The results will be shared with the Winterization Task Force.</p> <p>Suggestion was to enlarge and strengthen the common PDM questionnaire for the coming distribution season.</p>
6. RAIS	<p>Identification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The RAIS Assistance coordination module will be used. Fundamentally the module works, it only loses effectiveness if organisations do not use it correctly. Technical parameters are relatively easy to configure and will be defined in the next 2 months. Governing its use requires more consideration. <p>Technical:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Block period: TBC - Packages: TBC - Access: I will need lists of people who require access to the following modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Assistance coordination</i> ○ <i>VAF</i> ○ <i>Reports</i> <p>Governance challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organisations have a preference to continue assistance to their regular beneficiaries, but budget cannot be guaranteed. - To discuss: Potentially allow early identification in September with a mid-season review and agreement to keep or remove blocks made by consensus vote during coordination meeting. - No organisations have secured funds for winterization yet. Last year, even the most optimistic of budgets did not transpire. - To discuss: This makes the concept of early identification a challenge as organisations will want to hold on to their cases. - For 2017/18 it was agreed to wait until MOPIC approval was granted before allowing organisations to block, but approval was granted very late in the season - To discuss: There is a desire to be able to block without MOPIC approval. We need to establish criteria for blocking / unblocking in relation to this - Transparency

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To discuss: I would like us to have a commitment to review the real time report in RAIS and to peer review the block statuses in coordination meetings. This will lead to increasing pressure to unblock if MOPIC approval is not granted, but actions will only be taken with consensus votes. - Requests for additional vulnerable cases. - To discuss: Last year we tested a process where UNHCR would search and provide a 'soft-block' held off-line. This is not a manageable or scalable solution. I would like to propose improving the search functionality on the VAF request page enabling additional criteria such as governorate and family size. This will enable more of a self-serve approach and provide richer information than just welfare ratings.
7. Winterization task force Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To kick off the review discussion of the winterization standard Mohie will share the winterization standard 2017/2018.

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Next Meeting: 02 August 2018, 1400-1600, UNHCR Khalda, EMOPS Room