



This monthly update is a coordination tool that aims to improve communication between sectors and up to the Humanitarian Partners Forum. 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

During the January HPF meeting, ISWG updated the members on the Jordan Response Plan (JRP) and the recent developments of the Home-Based Business (HBB) with the focus on the implications of the Cabinet's progressive decision in November 2018. The JRP is currently in the process of being submitted to the Prime Minister's Cabinet, after which it will be uploaded onto the JRP portal in coming weeks. The HBB's update highlighted that the Syrian refugees are seeking its opportunity to apply their own skills and to earn a living, which seems to be a key avenue especially for women's economic activities.

On 24 January, the Gender with Age Marker (GAM) refresher session took place, having covered the overview of GAM, discussions on key questions to design gender-responsive project proposals, and practical trainings using the GAM tool. The Sector Gender Focal Points will ensure the implementation and monitoring of the GAM tool in all sectors throughout the year.

II. Sector information



BASIC NEEDS

- UNHCR worked with BNWG partners on proGres version 4 shifts in Case ID string – dropping the C in database parameters.
- BNWG Identified 3 focus areas for further discussion and learning in 2019 Work Plan: gender in cash programming, cash for protection, and mobile wallet payment options.
- UNHCR has worked on the successful coordination during the winterization period with the development of a common winterization Post Distribution Monitoring to be used by BNWG partners.



EDUCATION

ESWG will continue to support the Ministry of Education (MOE) in areas of system strengthening and context-relevant education interventions in order to provide the most vulnerable children with inclusive quality education across the country, which is aligned with the MOE education strategic plan 2018-2022.

Considering the criticality of early learning, equity and acquisition of skills, UNICEF and its partners will focus on the following thematic areas: i) universalization of early childhood education, ii) non-formal education for Out-of-School Children (OOSC), iii) teacher certification and licensing system, iv) promoting social cohesion and skills among youth, and v) advancing inclusive education within and outside camps.



FOOD SECURITY

Around 490,000 Syrian refugees residing in camps and communities received monthly cash based transfers. Refugees living in camps and those categorized as extremely vulnerable in communities received USD 32 (JOD 23). Those in communities categorized as vulnerable received USD 21 (JOD 15) per person per month.

In host communities, Syrian refugees in 11 out of 12 governorates continued to receive unrestricted cash transfers that can be withdrawn from ATMs or restricted food vouchers that are redeemable at WFP-contracted shops, or a combination of both. Monthly monitoring activities showed that 31 percent of beneficiaries redeemed their assistance as e-vouchers, 54 percent as cash, 13 percent as both, while the remaining have not redeemed their assistance yet. According to the Food Security Outcome Monitoring, dietary diversity of Syrian refugees receiving unconditional cash transfers increased. Refugees also reported higher purchasing power.

WFP launched a new modality for the provision of bread in Azraq and Zaatari camps. Eight bread selling points were established where Syrian refugees are able to purchase fresh bread through the EyePay system. With the conclusion of the in-kind bread distribution, WFP increased the monthly transfer value from JOD 20 to JOD 23 (USD 28 to USD 32) to cover the cost of bread. This shift will increase refugees' flexibility, allowing them to buy bread from both bread selling points and WFP-contracted supermarkets inside the camps throughout the week from 7am – 5pm.



HEALTH

Mental Health:

Mental Health Psychosocial Support group is discussing how to ease the referral mechanism; the difficulties in reaching the 30% of the target for Jordanian clients and the modality of how group members can reach the percentage.

Nutrition SWG:

The working group will be focusing more on the integration of the Infant and Young Child Feeding/ Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (IYCF/ CMAM) with the primary health care and the monitoring of infant formula prescription/distribution at urban hospitals in coordination with Ministry of Health (MoH).

A Training of Trainers (ToT) IYCF/CMAM training will be conducted in February for all nutrition partners. The invitation was shared with Reproductive Health (RH) partners, as it is very important for midwives, nurses and RH partners to monitor and provide close follow up for IYCF issues. This training will be under International Medical Corps (IMC) and UNICEF funding and will cover all IYCF, nutrition and CMAM topics.

Azraq Camp:

UNHCR and MoH continue to lead the outbreak response team for the declared Hepatitis A outbreak in Azraq camp.

UNHCR is following up with IMC and American Medical Response's clinics on their implementation of the guidance (which was developed by UNHCR) on the assessment and management of nocturnal enuresis in children above 6 years in primary health care/mental health.



Child Protection Sub- Working Group:

The CP SWG started 2019 with a review of current projects, gaps and priorities of the Child protection sector by conducting a prioritization survey with all members. Key priorities identified include the development of a medium to long-term transition plan national actors to share responsibilities of coordination functions of the CP SWG as well as the development of a capacity building plan that is targeted to respond to the needs to respond to CP concerns and coordination functions. In addition, effective prevention and response to complex protection concerns was identified as an areas of priority, particularly for children exposed to violence in schools, child marriage and those in conflict with the law. The members also prioritized an improved and revised information management system for which a training of the Service Advisor was suggested.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence Sub- working Group

The SGBV WG met regularly in January 2019, focus of the meeting was presenting best practices on violence against older people and discussing sexual harassment in the workplace. The SGBV WG finalized report on 16 days of activism against gender based violence campaign. First meeting of the year was held for the GBV Information Management System taskforce, whereas data gathering organizations conducted an analysis of compiled data of 2018 on GBV trends that will inform the yearly report. Moreover the SGBV WG participated in the global consultation on GBV minimum standards for the prevention and response to GBV in emergencies. The goal of these minimum standards is to enhance accountability among GBV specialists, improve quality, and provide clarity on what constitutes effective GBV prevention and response. Collecting feedback from field level GBV practitioners is critical in the revision process to ensure that the Minimum Standards are truly an inclusive field-tested and validated. To this end, the SGBV WG organized a consultation on 22nd of January 2019, attended by 25 participants (6M, 19F) with expertise in the multi-sectorial response to GBV in Jordan.

Mental Health and Psycho - Social Support (MHPSS)

MHPSS held their meeting in January, 2019. They have discussed the referral mechanism to make the referral easier, the group also discussed the difficulties in reaching the 30% of the target for Jordanian clients, and how can the group members try to reach the decided percentage.



Mafraq:

210 referred cases are validated; among these cases, only 185 are eligible for shelter maintenance project, which will cover 1,000 shelters by the end of 2019.

Za'atari camp:

37 shelters were upgraded and repaired in the camp during January 2019.

Azraq camp:

248 shelters were upgraded and repaired in the camp during January 2019.



The Sector partners, led by UNICEF continued the provision of a broad range of life-saving WASH service prioritizing the most vulnerable in camps and host community while progressively improving long-term sustainability and cost efficiency.

Za'atari camp:

In January, both the water and wastewater networks in Za'atari camp were fully operational reaching all 79,000 residents, 44,240 of which are children. All generated wastewater is now collected by the network, 85 per cent of which is treated at the Za'atari wastewater treatment plant. Operation of the wastewater network has reduced trucking by 99.7 per cent and resulted in a significant decrease in operational costs by 75 per cent.

Azraq camp:

During late December and January, Hepatitis outbreak was recorded in Azraq camp. UNICEF has responded by increasing WASH block representatives' meetings, increasing water supply duration by 30 minutes, escalating awareness raising through mobilization of community health volunteers and distribution to cleaning kits to families with infected cases. By the end of January, only 4 cases of Hepatitis A were recorded.



Work permit update:

	Total permits Jan 2016- January 31 2019	Total permits Jan 2019
Male	126,462	2,915
Female	5,878	271
Total	132,340	3,186

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