



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 March HPF retreat, the Inter-Sector Working Group [ISWG] made a presentation on possible key elements of the future Jordan Response Plan [JRP] including new structure, new vulnerability assessment methodology, regrouping sectors and defining some as cross-cutting, new prioritization criteria that enhances national capacities, environmental and gender markers, and enhancing participation, which were also presented during the 2019 JRP launch by the Jordanian government.

In the March meeting, the ISWG updated on the Inter-Agency appeal of the 2019 JRP. Sector leads are currently working with the Inter-Sector Coordinator on finalizing their financial requirements and their input of planning activities onto the ActivityInfo database. In addition, the process of Jordan Humanitarian Fund [JHF] allocation was shared, during which sectors were requested to provide their priorities, justification and geographical focus.

The Sector Gender Focal Point Network [SGFPN] discussed the implementation of the Gender with Age Marker [GAM] and other gender-related initiatives in the Basic Needs sector in March.

II. Sector information



BASIC NEEDS

- The Basic Needs Working Group [BNWG] reviewed the Vulnerability Assessment Framework [VAF] Population Survey referencing the BN section specifically.
- The BNWG reviewed and approved the Minimum Expenditure Basket [MEB] reference data points for the upcoming annual exercise.



EDUCATION

UNICEF and its partners opened 54 new Kindergarten [KG] 2 classrooms on 12 March in Azraq and Za'atari refugee camps (16 in Azraq, 38 in Za'atari), providing learning space for 1,350 KG2 aged girls and boys. The opening of these centres represents another milestone towards the Ministry of Education's [MOE] target of universalizing KG2 access in the Kingdom by 2025. There is now space for all KG2 aged children in Azraq refugee camp and UNICEF anticipates achieving universalization by the start of the 2019/2020 school year in Za'atari refugee camp.

In addition, UNICEF and its partners supported MOE's launch of the Learning for All [L4A] campaign in 2019 on 20 March in 40 of the MOE schools where children are especially at risk of dropping out of school. The L4A campaign engages children and communities through awareness raising sessions and dissemination of key messages related to education. To prepare and support these efforts, UNICEF and its partners trained 120

remedial teachers active in the 40 MOE schools during Q1 2019. This iteration of L4A will target 6,000 vulnerable children through August 2019.



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.

Syrian refugees living in host communities 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, in 11 out of 12 governorates. Monthly monitoring activities showed that 28 percent of beneficiaries redeemed their assistance as e-vouchers, 57 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.



HEALTH

Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support [MHPSS]

A task force has been created to come up with recommendations to improve the referral process and its monitoring and reporting. In addition, two presentations on the Effect of increased self-efficacy and knowledge on Sexual Reproductive Health [SRH] service use among Syrian Women Refugees and on Mental Health services for migrant workers in Jordan's garment industry were provided by agencies in MHPSS sub-working group.



PROTECTION

Child Protection Sub- Working Group:

- Presentation by UNICEF to the CP SWG members on the Committee on the Rights of the Child that monitors the implementation of the Convention on Children's Rights by state parties; the committee issues reports on the countries' implementation on Children's Rights in the Concluding Observations; as Jordan has last been monitored in 2014, the next progress report for Jordan will be due in June 2019 which is coordinated by NCFCA;
- Revision of CP SWG structures on local levels in Mafraq, Amman/ South, Irbid, Azraq and Zaatari Camp were commenced given identified gaps in dedicated CP coordination functions in the South and Amman; the national CP SWG aims at strengthening field feedback and presence at the national level CP SWG and vice versa with CP SWG Coordinators at national level increasing their presence at local coordination functions;
- Presentation on the Child Protection Information Management System Task Force [CP IMS TF] and 2018 Child Protection Case Management data to CP SWG members; it was decided to share relevant Case Management reports on quarterly basis with the CP SWG members;
- Child Protection gap analysis: preliminary results were shared from the February Gap analysis indicating that alternative care for refugee children in urban areas, services for children in contact with the law as well as innovative approaches to protection services for children with disabilities were a core gap area on national level;

- Final CP SWG work plan was shared with members and discussion on particular priority subjects was initiated; core areas to be covered in 2019 include transition planning to national partnerships and coordination of CP functions; youth development; child labour, child marriage as well as responses to children in conflict with the law;
- Template for Child Protection mainstreaming was shared with members to ensure CP is represented in the different humanitarian sectors aiming at strengthening Child Protection considerations in the overall humanitarian response.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence Sub- working Group:

The SGBV WG met regularly in March 2019 and reviewed the Terms of reference for the working group. In March the SGBV WG marked the celebration of International Women’s Day with the production of common Information, Education and Communication [IEC] materials on the national theme “She innovates”. 300 posters were produced and disseminated in 3 refugee camps and host communities to celebrate refugee and Jordanian women volunteers’ commitment to innovate and build a safer environment for all women and girls in Jordan. The SGBV WG selected success stories of women and girls from 9 different organization producing and disseminating 100 boxes with stories featuring women and girls that despite facing challenges have found creative ways to claim their rights.

Moreover the SGBV WG championed the inclusion of two priorities in OCHA humanitarian funding allocation and disseminated a guidance note on Do and Do not on GBV proposal writing. The first meeting of the SAG- Strategic Advisory Group took place for the discussion of work plan and strategic priorities. Moreover in March SGBV WG nominated three gender focal points to support gender mainstreaming in the sector. The sub working group completed the planning exercise for the Jordan Response Plan.



SHELTER

Za’atari camp:

- Shelter repair project is ongoing: 957 shelters are validated, among these cases 661 have major damages and are eligible for maintenance. 147 shelters are already repaired, and the project is ongoing. This project will cover 1,100 shelters by end of 2019.
- During the March, UNHCR coordinating with OXFAM has started the implementation of upgrade of storm water management in District 3 and 4.

Azraq camp:

- UNHCR through NRC continued to install plastic sheet over the shelter roofs, which is targeted at 9,000 occupied shelters. Over 762 shelters have been completed up to the present.
- Shelter repairs and maintenance are ongoing through the Quick Fix Team for both vacant and allocated shelters. The target of fixing shelters is based on need for both the vacant and the allocated, over 200 shelters have been fixed during the March.
- UNHCR through NRC started to dismantle severely damaged shelters and to collect all raw materials coming from the shelters for security reasons. At least 400 shelters have been completed in the month of March.
- Installing concrete channel for flood mitigation in the area of concerns in the camp has been completed through NRC.



UNICEF continues to support WASH interventions to more than 97,000 children and their families living in camps and northeast border while simultaneously working towards reducing water shortages and supply modalities in selected host community. In Za'atari, the operation of the water and wastewater network continues to positively impact lives of children and their families while reducing operational costs and service delivery burdens.

As part of the WASH in Schools intervention for 2019, UNICEF completed the assessment for 25 schools around the kingdom for rolling out the WASH in Schools Standards through for a comprehensive WASH intervention expected to start in April. Construction works on the urgent rehabilitation and construction of the wastewater network sections in Baqa'a Palestinian Camp has started during the month expecting to be fully operational by August 2019.



Less than half of the total Syrian refugees in Jordan register with UNHCR are in the working Age (18 to 59 years), and the gender split is almost equal.

Two of the main points discussed during Brussels conference in March 2019 were opening further the labor market to Syrian refugees especially to Syrian refugee women and the importance to continue providing services to Syrian refugees to ensure their self-reliance.

A round table meeting on HBB was held at UNHCR along with MOPIC and services providers that offer HBB-related services to beneficiaries, to discuss challenges such as the license cost, % of the size of the house licenses for the HBB, and marketing of HBB products. Outcomes were also discussed with the LWG members.

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- Sector Dash-boards: <http://scs.raisunhcr.org/>