

Shelter Sector Working Group

October 30, 2024

Attendees: UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit (IACU), IOCC, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), UNHabitat, Habitat for Humanity (HfH), UNHCR, Caritas, Islamic Relief Jordan (IRJ)

• Review shelter logframe for 2025

- Saud, UNHCR IACU, prepared a draft logframe for 2025 in coordination with UNHCR. The logframe will be used for the 3RP and also can be utilized for the JRP preparation for 2025, which will be beginning soon.
- Under the sector there are four objectives, six outputs, and 12 indicators in the draft logframe.
- **Action Item: For follow up on the draft logframe:**
 - Ensure inclusion of indicator for security of tenure fits within updated logframe and is not solely connected with cash-related output (currently under SHLT 2.1)
 - Add an indicator for “# of households receiving cash-for-utilities” under SHLT 2.1; Saud will coordinate with Bais Needs colleagues to see whether cash-for-utilities should fall under Shelter or Basic Needs
 - An indicator should be considered related to economic activities and shelter
 - An indicator should be considered related to advocacy and policy change
 - Regarding new shelters, the word “transitional” will be removed
 - Regarding “# of individuals receiving a solar system and solar heating” add “/or”
 - Regarding “% of clean electricity provided to household with access gaps are close and gender equality is achieved” – recommendation to remove “and gender equality is achieved”
 - A point was raised on inclusion of water-related items for shelter, such as water tanks, water heaters, etc. An indicator potentially under the climate output will be added as coordinated with the WASH focal points. A recommended indicator is: “# of households that receive shelter interventions to improve climate resilience.”
 - For next steps, the draft will be updated and circulated to partners for final input.
- For the JRP, this updated logframe will be incorporated in the JRP.
 - **Action Item: In the next 2 to 3 weeks, meetings will be scheduled for the task team.**

• Review Shelter Working Group guidance

- Following discussion in the working group and then the Strategic Committee meeting earlier in the year, Shada volunteered to develop the first draft of the updated sector guidelines. The draft document was presented.
- An initial discussion took place on the formatting of the guidelines and key sections.
- A recommendation was made to talk to the Government of Jordan (GoJ) Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HDUC) on the guidelines.
 - **Action Item: UNHabitat will arrange for the meeting for this discussion.**
- **Action Item: A link with the full document will be shared with all partners for their review and input. Feedback was requested as to what is relevant, what is not relevant, and what has not been captured.**

- Following input of partners, the Strategic Committee will finalize the guidelines.
- **Habitat for Humanity presentation on Home Equals campaign**
 - Presentation attached for reference.
 - In Jordan, HfH is targeting Schneller Camp, Marka, and Hattin. The focus is advocacy, as well as rehabilitation. Community participation and empowerment and climate resilience are sub-themes.
 - HfH has served more than 300,000 people in Jordan, including through 52 public facilities.
 - Activities include:
 - Advocacy: Promote equitable rights to accessing adequate housing in informal settlements.
 - Demonstration: Enhance vulnerable household access to adequate housing.
 - Coordination has taken place with GoJ Department of Palestinian Affairs (DPA) and UNRWA.
 - From the Shelter Working Group, support needed includes:
 - Organization of a policy dialogue and consultations to include community voices in policy development;
 - Engagement with stakeholders to gather insights and perspectives on policy issues and priorities;
 - Capacity building sessions on climate resilience housing construction techniques; and
 - Create an Advisory Committee for meaningful dialogue and collaboration.
 - The current project will end in March 2025. There may be an extension for a second year.
- **Present sector achievement and funding - 2024 ActivityInfo and JFT**
 - **Action Item: Partners are reminded to report on ActivityInfo and JFT.**
 - The 2025 appeal is due on October 31, 2024.
 - **Action Item: Partners should submit appeals for 2025 by the deadline.**
 - If any support is needed, partners can reach out to Saud.
- **Partners update**
 - **UNHabitat** raised a new project that will be in Mafraq to address urgent shelter rehabilitation needs and connect targeted households with economic opportunities. Working group members interested in engaging with this project or partnering with UNHabitat on applying for funding should reach out.
 - **UNHabitat** highlighted that World Urban Forum will take place the first week of November 2024 in Egypt.
 - UNHabitat noted that, regarding the Mafraq spatial profile, the action and vision are being finalized.
 - UNHabitat is also starting a new project related to improved land management in Jordan.
 - **Caritas** reported reaching 195 households with cash-for-rent with three installments. The evaluation process and project closure is ongoing.
 - **NRC** is preparing for 2025 with UNHCR.

- In the host community, NRC is preparing for interventions with a review of the market looking at prices and availability of goods.
- **Islamic Relief** report providing ongoing shelter rehabilitation in several areas. Approval from MoPIC was received for an additional 194 households in north and central Jordan, including solar heating systems and solar systems with a focus on reaching Palestinian refugees and Jordanians with some Syrian refugees to be included. The project will be for three years, and most implementation will start in 2025. Islamic Relief also provided cash-for-rent to 100 families in north and central Jordan for 10 months with the second installment forthcoming.
- **IOCC** project activities are ongoing in the host community (Amman, Irbid, and Karak). In the host community, the cash-for-utilities component is beginning. Selection of households to receive assistance is nearly finalized. Social assessments for cash-for-rent have begun. In Azraq Camp, preparations are ongoing for new shelter construction and floor rehabilitation and ramp installation in coordination with UNHCR. Materials for the camp should be received in the next two weeks.
- **HfH** is implementing three projects in Hittin Camp – communal structure rehabilitation (with focus on juvenile centers), rehabilitation for 120 homes, and the Home Equals campaign.
- **UNHCR** with additional funding received installed 164 new shelters through direct implementation with a contractor including concrete flooring and enhanced thermal insulation in Zaatari Camp. Another 177 new shelters are planned for installation. Through Q3 and with NRC, UNHCR has maintained 462 shelters in the camps, as well as repaired 787 shelter through the refugee empowerment modality in Azraq Camp. UNHCR received confirmation from Helping Hands that the organization will donate an additional 117 units for Zaatari Camp, bringing to 150 shelters received in 2024.

- **AOB**

- A question was raised as to where the collective impact of Working Group is reflected. For example, the Group could produce a document to use for collective advocacy for donors
 - **Action item: Discuss advocacy at end November 2024 meeting**
- Working group members that the next meeting will be a more informal gathering in late November or early December. Due to the holidays, there will not be a meeting in December.