

Health Sector Working Group Meeting, December 2024

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 19th December 2024

Place: UNHCR Amman Office

Chaired by: Dr. Adam Khalifa-UNHCR . Dr. Oday WHO, Abdallah Nsour RHAS

Attendees: WHO, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNRWA, RHAS, IRJ, HI, Tdh, Medair, JHAS, IOM, IMC, SCJ, CDE, HI, EMPHNET.

Agenda:

- Introduction and review of action points from the last HSWG meeting.
- WHO update.
- Operational update by UNHCR
- Sub-Working Groups update.
- Updates by the members of the HSWG
- A.O.B

Introduction and review of action points

- WHO started an Introduction for the meeting, and for attendees before start of the meeting.
- One action point on Family planning supply for AMR from the last meeting. UNFPA responded, that MOH agreed to provide JWU, AMR, KHF, Saudi clinic, the needed requirement for family planning services, first they will be contacted with MOH /FP for women health to provide specific training on Family planning supply and reporting process, then they will provide them with the needed supply of Family planning methods in both camps.

Highlighted and action points:

- Service mapping sheet will be circulated by Inter-Agency coordination unit to all partners to submit the projects data and the area of coverage. (COBO link)
- An open discussion about the unsettled hospital bills with CFH(cash for Health) team and Medair, still keep the issue under discussion, with the new development of the return of refugees,
- Action point, to do kind of mapping for the sub working groups and who is the chair and sub-chair for the sub-working group.
- The gap in CFH services in the south area, and the inquiries that received about unsettled hospital bills or shortage in partners that covering the South area.

Operational Updates:

WHO:

- Presentation on the [Universal Health Coverage](#), and the UHC situation in Jordan and highlighted the critical importance of primary health care in ensuring universal health coverage. Jordan has shown improvement in health service coverage through initiatives such as expanding health insurances. Continued focus on reducing inpatient health expenditures as recommendation for Jordan, particularly leverage political commitments to enhance financial protection for health sector. Increase government health spending on primary health care to sustain progresses toward the Universal health coverage. (presentation attachment)

UNHCR

Situational Updates

- In the last few days, several more UNHCR community centres inside Syria have re-opened, with approximately 82% of centres now delivering critical protection and assistance in all governorates. UNHCR is present at border crossings both inside Syria and in neighboring countries.
- UNHCR teams in Aleppo travelled to Bab Al Hawa border crossing on 16 December for the first time in years, visiting the main border area, meeting with refugee returnees, and listening to their expectations and priorities.
- In the preceding days, activity at the Jaber land border remained normal. A few buses were observed reportedly transporting individuals to the border with Syria. From 8-13 December, some 340 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan are estimated to have returned to Syria through the Jaber border. The number is based on data currently available to UNHCR and does not necessarily reflect the entire number of returns.
- JRP 2024-2026, no changes will occur for 2025 in health sector as per MoH messages.
- The final version of Policy manual ready, it submitted to MOH to be printed and distributed for all public health facilities.

UNFPA:

- The next SRH-SWG will take place in January and under the Maternal mortality topic and MOH maternal mortality report on 2023.
- Planning meeting for 2025 conducted on December, UNFPA plans for 2025 will stay the same operations and supporting the 9 clinics, inside and outside the camp.

IOM:

- A regional workshop about migration health data and governance, highlighted the issues and challenges in migration health data.
- An activity for the climate change project last month, in the South area of Jordan, specifically in Aqaba city. On all hazards assessment that happened for all country, to identify the most vulnerable population affected from the climate change.

IRC

- A survey conducted lately among IRC client in Camps and North of Jordan, about their attention of return, 27% said yes, and 30% Respond no, and the Majority are unsure, the survey will be shared (The survey results attachment)

IMC:

- MH clinics at Tafila, Maan, and Aqaba will be supported with psychologist and case management services and rely more on MoH available psychiatrists to complement mental health services.
- IMC provided a total of 77586 consultations at Azraq camp hospital during 2024 and had 696 deliveries attended by skilled medical professionals.
- We are exploring connecting Zaatari ER and Azraq Camp Hospital through a remote online module to provide pediatric specialty consultations for Zaatari ER to optimize the utilization of available medical capacities at Azraq Hospital.
- The Medical services provided at Azraq and Zaatari camps are continuing with no interruptions.

MHPSS-SWG:

- MHPSS-SWG, meeting will be taking place next month to discuss the TOR and planning for the next year.
- The IMC/MHPSS cut off case management and psychiatric services in the south area. (Ask for updates by email from Dr. Ahmad Bawaneh)

CFH task force

- Still IRC, IRW and Tdh to coordination to prevent the duplication of the service.
- No regular meeting
- Medair will continue support urban refugee under CFH project in 2025, (NCD and Emergency-lifesaving admissions)
- Medair has partnership with 3 local partners under ECHO fund.
- Tdh, supporting the most vulnerable refugees, the average cost for case 200-300 JOD and covering (Amman, Zarqa, Maan and Mafraq)
- HI do CFH covering rehabilitation sessions and assistive devices within MOH- PHC centers and hospitals.
- IRC, CFH focused on NCDs had a cohort of 1000 patient, in North governorate, Irbid, Ramtha and Mafraq.

Nutrition-WG:

- The nutrition working group meeting shifted to January, and all business as usually for the next year (2025).

- Specific Malnutrition and nutrition deficiency programs. And NCDs nutrition programs.
- Breast feeding and timely introduction the complementary feeding, and Adolescent nutrition awareness programs.

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