GBV SWG MoM – 26.08.2025

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Sub-Working Group

Agencies present: UNHCR, UNFPA, UN Women, UNRWA, UNESCO, UNICEF, ILO, IFH, NRC, IRC, UPP, JRF, JOHUD, CARE Jordan, Plan JO

Agenda

- Coordination updates (Updates from the field)
- Refugee Returns to Syria.
- Presentation on Activity Info
- Presentation on "Improving Access to Protection Services Against Gender-Based Violence for Women and Girls with Disabilities" by IRCKHF
- AOB

Agenda items		Action points
Coordination updates (Updates from the field)	**Zaatari Camp** ● The Community Mobilization Working Group has been integrated under the Protection Working Group at Zaatari level ; ToR will be updated. ● Workshop planned to develop Zaatari-specific CP gap analysis to address service gaps after funding cuts. Details will be shared ● Follow-up on the Child Marriage Strategy has been paused due to challenges in obtaining reliable data on reported cases from the Sharia Court in Mafraq. In light of this challenge, the taskforce co-chairs are requested to draft an email to the GBV SWG co-chairs to explore ways of providing support and ensuring continuity of this important work—particularly given the context of returns and the anticipated rise in child marriage as a negative coping mechanism.	**1. Referral Pathway and 4 Ws are being continuously circulated to be updated by GBV SWG members:** ● GBV SWG- 4Ws 2025 ● GBV referral pathway (from Amaali Application) **2. The national level GBV Gap Analysis may need updating due to recent changes and evolving ground realities.**

	Azraq Camp ● Ongoing campaign to eliminate violence against children, running August–December 2025 with 7 partners. ● Following the closure of the EJC camp, TDH relocated to Azraq. A coordination meeting was held with CP-GBV partners. TDH now operates in villages 3 and 6, while IFH covers villages 2 and 5 (CP Programming). ● Two PSEA trainings were held in July for volunteers (34 participants: 18 females, 16 males). **Irbid** ● Preparations are ongoing to implement partner activities at the UNHCR-maintained Ecorama Hub in Irbid park. ● Regarding early detection of suicidal cases, SOPs and referral to FPJD are already in place, but challenges include weak follow-up, limited tracking, and limited PSS services. Alternatives under discussion. ● Planned meeting with the urban educational directorate, UNHCR, and UNICEF to address school violence at the start of the academic year and strengthen collaboration with service providers and the Ministry of Education. **Mafraq** ● Prevention activities for Child Marriage have resumed, including an awareness session for ITS residents on child marriage, protection, and available services, particularly for those returning to Syria. ● A self-referral training for CP staff at community help desks is planned for September to address identified training needs. ***(GBV***	

	SWG previously provided ToT support and can support further as needed)	
Refugee Returns to Syria	**Updates on Refugee Returns** ● 821,000 Syrians have returned from neighboring countries since 8 December (as of 21 August). ● **Returns from Jordan:** Nearly 138,000; 5,700 returned since the last report, a 15% decrease. ● **Trends & Demographics:** Weekly returns fluctuate (peak in June). Returnees: ~49% women and girls, ~43% children, ~19% men (18–40). The majority come from host communities in Amman and Irbid. **UN Women's updates on a hygiene kits project** ● UN Women, in coordination with SRAD, distributed 150 hygiene kits in camps. These were initially planned for women returnees at the border due to limited WASH facilities. However, plans changed and kits were distributed to selected groups at camp level. ● Discussions were made to enhance coordination with UNFPA and UNICEF MHM exploring opportunities to coordinate support for returnees.	**1. For more information:** Voluntary Returns of Syrian Refugees from Jordan **2. Further discussion is needed on addressing the hygiene needs of women returnees and how best to support them at borders.**
Presentation on Activity Info	● **Data Platforms:** All partners report on two platforms—ActivityInfo and JFT—managed by UNHCR. Data is crucial for advocacy, planning, and tracking the impact of funding cuts. ● **Funding Status (as of Q2, June 2025)**: 13 partners appealed to 19 donors for a total of $21.55M; $4.85M received (~22.5%), leaving a $16.68M gap (~77%), highlighting significant underfunding. UN agencies (e.g., UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA) received the bulk of funds; INGOs received around $0.5M.	**1. Presentation on Activity Info** **2. Partners are encouraged to report on time; support is available from UNHCR and sector chairs.**

	● **Reporting Gaps:** Out of 13 partners, 9 have reported; 5 have missing or incomplete data.	
Presentation on "Improving Access to Protection Services Against Gender-Based Violence for Women and Girls with Disabilities" (by IRCKHF)	**IRC KHF has presented their recent study on Improving Access to Protection Services Against Gender-Based Violence for Women and Girls with Disabilities.** **Discussion session with UNESCO:** ● UNESCO is supporting the integration of gender and inclusion in the new Education Sector Strategic Plan and providing guidance to ensure girls with disabilities are better protected and empowered through education. ● **Report Key Findings:** Many girls with disabilities face exclusion, bullying, and marginalization in schools due to unprepared teachers and weak implementation of inclusive education policies. Some parents resort to home schooling or dropouts. ● **Rehabilitation Centers:** Severe violations reported; Ministry of Social Affairs oversight is insufficient. AIDOS and UNFPA, within the framework of the No Woman Left Behind – Phase 2 project funded by AICS, and UNFPA's We Decide programme funded by AECID, are organizing a training programme on GBV, disability, and inclusion for participants from civil society organisations (CSOs), protection homes (PH) and community development centres (CDCs). An email was sent to GBV SWG members and protection working group members with this opportunity. Closing date is 3 September 2025.	**1. Link to the full Report:** **Improving Access to Protection Services Against Gender-Based Violence for Women and Girls with Disabilities**
AOB	**Updates from UNFPA regarding Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH)** ● **Clinical Management of Rape:** Currently provided at three UNFPA-supported sites (two in Amman, one in Karak) plus Zaatari and Azraq camps and three main MOH hospitals (Zarqa, Amman, Irbid). Plans under consideration to maintain 24/7 availability, with Zaatari's clinic changing to primary care.	**Update the SRH relevant information on 4Ws and safe referrals.**

	● **Woman Friendly Healthcare Centres accreditation system:** The Women-Friendly Health Centres (WFHC) Programme, implemented by UNFPA with the Ministry of Health and the Health Care Accreditation Council, is designed to enhance the quality and responsiveness of primary health services with a strong focus on women's rights and protection. As part of the current scale-up, **40 clinics across the southern governorates** are being integrated into the programme. This expansion prioritizes **gender-based violence (GBV) response** by: ● Training all staff in these clinics on **internal GBV guidelines** to strengthen their ability to identify, respond to, and refer cases safely. ● Rolling out **standard operating procedures (SOPs)** to ensure that capacity-building translates into consistent practice across service delivery points. ● Embedding GBV response within SRH services to ensure that women and girls can access **safe, confidential, and survivor-centered care**. Through this approach, the WFHC programme not only improves access to quality SRH services but also reinforces the health sector's role in **protection and rights-based GBV service provision** in Jordan.	