FSBN Working Group Meeting, October 2025

Date: October 20th, 2025
Place: UNHCR Amman Office
Chaired by: Hala Alnawaiseh -UNHCR, Osama Muhsen WFP
Attendees: WFP, Caritas, IOM, UNHCR, IOCC, COOPI

Agenda:

Welcome and introductions
2. Syrian returns update
3. Winter assistance 2025/2026
4. Member updates
a. Funding updates
b. Completing the CWG/FSBN Member Survey
5. Any other business (AOB)

Action Point:

- Keep the FSBN WG members updated on the progress of updating the MEB.

- **The co-chairs started the meeting and welcomed the participants.**

- **Syrian Returns update.**

- The total number of UNHCR registered refugees returning to Syria since December 8th 2024 is **163,000** individuals, with nearly 11,500 returns so far in October. Over 161,900 refugees returned since the start of 2025. Around 34,000 of the returnees are from Zaatari and Azraq camps.
- Demographics of returnees remained similar to previous month, with women and girls representing around 49% of the total refugee returnees. Children accounted for around 43%, and men 18-40 years old made up around 19% of overall returns.
- Around 57% of households have had all members return to Syria, compared to around 43% of households where only one or some members have returned to Syria while others remain in Jordan. This matches the breakdown from last week.

More details about the numbers and profile of returnees, including a section with insights on the skills level, are available on UNHCR Jordan's returns dashboard.

- **Brief on cash for return**
- The project launched on 1st of September 2025 and aim to providing 70 JOD per family member who decide to return to Syria.
- The project is targeting 10,000 refugees who live in Zaatari and Azraq camps.
- Cash for return assistance is unconditional and based on refugee feedback. Based on the initial results of the intention survey conduct recently in addition to the focus group discussions where more than on thousand refugees participated in.
- So far, around 602 individuals have benefited for the cash for returns.
- Eligible refugees for the cash for voluntary return:

1. Families have a person with disability
2. Families have a person suffers from chronic disease or with critical health conditions.
3. Families headed by e female
4. Families have an elderly person (over sixty)
5. Families with size 10 or more. Have ten members or more

- More information on cash for assistance project can be found in the FAQ related document which is accessible through the following like:

المساعدة النقدية للعودة الطوعية الى سوريا – الإنتقال إلى المرحلة 2 - المفوضية السامية للأمم المتحدة لشؤون اللاجئين الأردن

- Eligible Syrian refugee who already returned started receiving messages from UNHCR to collect a 600$ as a onetime financial assistance dedicated for ach returned case.

Winter assistance 2025/2026

- **Winter assistance 2025/2026**

- Brief on the 2025-2026 winter assistance guiding document. Highlighted the assistance packages and the amount of each one.
- Several agencies plan winter assistance, including multi-purpose cash (MPC) and in-kind support, targeting vulnerable families in various governorates.
- Coordination on targeting and booking in RAIS platform has been completed. Using the system will avoid duplication and ensure alignment across agencies.
- The 2025-2026 Winter assistance guidance can be found through the following link: https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/119492

- **Partners updates**

IOM

- Extend of PRM fund until October 2026 and awaiting now for the IOM final confirmation.
- The plan is to target the same case load that targeted recently and will include winter assistance in the coming cycle.

UNHCR

- starting this quarter, UNHCR adopted a quarterly based assistance provision. This mean that if a case it will be replaced with another case and give the new case assistance retroactively starting from the first month of the quarter.

Caritas

- a new project will be carries out soon funded from CRS and aims to provide in-kind winter assistance.
- caritas still waiting to sign the agreement. the project will target around 330 households in the governorates.
- the project will provide 4 blankets per household, kerosene heater, and refill the heater for six times.

IOCC:

- still carrying out projects related to provide cash for rent and cash for utilities.
- other projects related to providing vocational training for women and maintenance still ongoing.

COOPI:

- Starting in 2026, a child protection project will be commenced and will target 90 cases to be provided with winter assistance in the governorates of: Karak, Zarqa, and Mafraq.

WFP:

- WFP and UNHCR are collaborating to update the 2022 MEB. WFP will focus on the food-related components, while UNHCR will manage the non-food elements.
- WFP's caseload is decreasing due to returns. In October 2025, beneficiaries numbered approximately 227,000, with an average monthly decline of 4,000 to 5,000 over recent months.
- WFP has secured funding through mid-February 2026, with potential new funds expected from Germany and a possible extension from the U.S. donor.

- **Global Cash Advisory Group**
  - the co-chair asked the partners attended the meeting to fill out the Quality Cash Coordination Framework (QCCF) survey through the QR shared with them if they still did not fill it.

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