

**Food Sector Working Group**  
**RRP6 Preparation Workshop**  
**18 September 2013, WFP Jordan - Amman**

Chair: WFP

Co-Chair: JHCO

Participation: ACF, ACTED, CARITAS, DRC, FAO, HAI, JECRaD, Muslim Aid, NICOOD, UNOPS

STATUS	ACTION POINTS
<p><b><u>1. Assessments</u></b></p> <p><b><u>a. ACTED Assessment:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foods Security and Livelihoods Needs Assessment - Refer to PowerPoint presentation (attached)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>b. JAM preliminary findings:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Assessment Mission draft preliminary results – Refer to PowerPoint presentation (attached)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>c. UNHCR /UNICEF/WFP Assessment for RRP6:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR, UNICEF &amp; WFP assessment for the RRP6 will be based on secondary data analysis from Jordan</li> <li>• WHO, FAO, UNDP will be consulted in addition to OXFAM, CARE, ACTED and other NGO's as well will be involved in the process to ensure a comprehensive cross-sector analysis</li> <li>• Interested NGO's are welcome to join in the review and analysis process</li> </ul>	<p>Circulate ACTED and WFP JAM PowerPoint presentations to FSWG</p> <p>Request from WFP Jordan CO to present on food security: assistance to vulnerable Jordanians residing in poverty pockets</p> <p>Circulate e-mail to FSWG inviting interested organizations to participate in the interagency assessment for RRP6</p>
<p><b><u>2. RRP6</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RRP6 planning workshop was conducted on 11-12 September where all participating agencies and NGO's from the region convened in Jordan to prepare for the development and launch of the RRP6 for 2014 (given that the situation has evolved into a protracted emergency, planning will be for one year)</li> <li>• The draft RRP6 objectives were presented along with the prioritisation methodology, criteria and governance modalities were reviewed, discussed and feedback was provided</li> <li>• On 15 September the RRP6 was formally launched and is to be followed by a strategic meeting where the objectives, scope, planning parameters, scenarios and population figures will be agreed upon on 26 September</li> </ul>	

**a. Objectives:**

- The overarching objectives (carrying a strong protection angle) are:
  1. Strengthen the protection of girls, boys, women and men affected by the Syrian crisis in Jordan, including through advocating for international burden-sharing, ensuring access to territory and registration, preventing *refoulement*, and by preventing and responding to violations of protection norms, with a particular emphasis on child protection and SGBV.
  2. Ensure the effective protection, reception of and assistance to refugees in camps in a participatory manner, with an emphasis on maintaining humanitarian standards across all sectors while moving towards more efficient and sustainable methods of delivering assistance, in view of an eventual transition to mainstreaming government services in camps.
  3. Provide protection and humanitarian assistance to vulnerable refugees in urban areas in a targeted and participatory manner across all sectors.
  4. Reinforce the social cohesion and resilience of refugee and host communities, through support to basic services benefiting both host populations and refugees in urban areas in the immediate term, increasing awareness of, access to and the quality of such services.
  5. Ensure effective co-ordination between RRP6 activities and medium and longer term development initiatives being undertaken by the Government of Jordan and international development actors, including through the collection, analysis and sharing of information on refugee and host communities, available to the humanitarian community.

**b. Prioritisation:**

- The agreed upon classifications for the RRP6 prioritisation:
  - Lifesaving or preventing immediate risk of harms
  - Preventing deterioration of vulnerabilities
  - Capacity building/resilience
- According to the new reporting templates, each output will indicate the type of targeted population (Syrians in camps, Syrians in Urban, Other affected populations), the location and then the total financial requirements (which will then be classified into one of the three priority categories)

**c. Local communities – links to resilience:**

- The importance of incorporating local community resilience across sectors was made clear for the RRP6
- The food sector will aim to include more activities geared towards building resilience between the host and refugee populations
- Discussion in the host community platform have addressed the issue that short-term host community needs will be equally considered to the refugee needs within the RRP6

WFP to represent the food sector comments on the planning figures in the next HCT/IATF meeting

Circulate e-mail to FSWG inviting interested organizations wishing to participate in the RRP6 to confirm their interest

- Another element is nutrition and the fact that there is no correlation between low income and low food consumption
- FAO may submit projects concerned with providing support to vulnerable populations (Syrian refugees and Jordanians) and on trans-border animal disease with animals coming to Jordan from Syria that have not been vaccinated nor pre-screened for disease

**d. Planning numbers:**

- **650,000** by end of December 2013 and **800,000** by end of December 2014
- Special considerations guiding the assumptions upon which the planning figures were based:
  - The verification exercise in Za'atari planned for late September will result in an effective reduction in the total number of Syrians registered in camps.
  - The current trend of small but regular returns from Jordan to Syria will continue.
  - That there will be a continued need for Syrians to flee Syria, due to insecurity and conflict, and that refugees will continue to seek protection in Jordan throughout 2013 and 2014.
  - That Jordan may experience a number of larger refugee influxes in 2013 and 2014, due to specific security events inside Syria, including potential external military interventions, large scale attacks on civilians by the parties to the conflict, as well as deterioration of the economic situation in Syria linked to the conflict.
  - Jordan will maintain an open border policy.
- In addition, a contingency plan will be included as an annex to the Jordan RRP6 and updated through the year, based on a sudden influx of 150,000 to 200,000. In total, a peak of 1,000,000 refugees could be expected during 2014.
- It is assumed that 75% of refugees (600,000) will remain outside of the camp, and 25% within the camp (200,000).
- Some concerns were raised that the planning numbers are too low while others shared that since there will be a mid-year revision in 2014, it may be best to assess the situation at that time - either keep the planning figures at 800,000 or raise them to 1 million
- Since these estimates are only for Syrian refugees – a few organizations inquired on the prospects of including vulnerable Jordanians in the planning figures

**e. Decision-making structure:**

- Sectors at the country level will submit their sector strategies to UNHCR to be reviewed at the country office and then at the regional office level and then revert with feedback
- WFP and the INGO forum expressed that they request at minimum for the HCT to be consulted in the RRP6 sector submissions and to be a part of the decision-making structure

**f. Format:**

- The sector members reviewed the Jordan country format of the RRP6 document
- The executive summary will remain relatively unchanged
- The section on ‘needs, vulnerabilities and capacities’ is now limited to 600 words
- UNHCR hired a consultant in Jordan to work on identifying vulnerability criteria
- The technical teams all met with the ACAP consultant and cross-fertilized the process
- However all the work that was done feeds into the interagency assessment
- On the ‘response strategy and priorities’, the sector will only work on updating the section since this is the 6<sup>th</sup> revision of the RRP – only addition will be to incorporate Jordanians/host community activities
- The “achievements and challenges” section will also remain relatively similar with a few updates
- As the food sector, we would rather be inclusive and represent what we do collectively in the food sector rather than be limited to the format of the report

**g. Timeline**

- 10 October: submission of Country Chapter to WFP REC
- 15 October: submission of Country Chapter to UNHCR
- Early December 2013: Geneva Launch

**3. Protection**

- Gender marker will be applied to the RRP6 – protection is the first and primary objective of the RRP6

**a. Gender Marker Training:**

- Conducted this afternoon by Merrin Waterhouse and the food sector gender focal point from Islamic Relief Worldwide, Olivia Paras
- Participants were informed on the coding and analysis of the gender marker tool
- For further information, please refer to the presentation