

WASH Sector Coordination

Minutes of weekly Zaatari camp WASH sector coordination group

Date: Sunday 24 November 2013

Venue: UNICEF Container, Base Camp

Time: 11:00 AM

Duration: 1:30 hours

Present: Ahmed Abu Saleem (UNHCR), Ahmed Ali (UNICEF), Gwinda Grouhof (Oxfam), Juan Frechilla (UNICEF, Chair), Cyril (JEN), Einar Sorevik (UNICEF, minutes), Surange Mallave (ACTED), David Weatherhill (OXFAM), Francesco Rigamonti (OXFAM), Haley Rodgers (ACTED), Sayed Yasir (OXFAM), Sharuh Ibragimov (ACTED), Jagoda Pietzak (REACH), Ahmad Ibrahim (Open Hands)

- ❖ For WASH info & documents, refer to the on-line “Box” storage:
https://www.box.com/signup/collablink/d_528023294/7a4a32df9e549
- ❖ REACH’s maps and weekly WASH reports can be found on the on-line “Drop Box” storage:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/n9ngx1oy848q644/v6gd24hWRa>
- ❖ REACH’s maps on the latest wastewater assessment (currently only Ds 1,2,3,4 and 12):
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/n9ngx1oy848q644/zWLXyXMBEM/Waste%20Water%20Assesment%20-%20Old%20Camp>

1.0 Update on WASH Block Handover	
Summary of discussions	<p>1.1 The discussion regarding the background of the WASH facilities was continued from last meeting. WASH sweeps are performed by REACH on a weekly basis and can be found on the web address at the heading of these minutes. JEN also surveys WASH facilities in their areas daily and registers state.</p> <p>1.2 Progress on the handover strategy discussed. Issues of different level-repairs briefly discussed, as it would be covered by a separate meeting to follow after the WASH meeting.</p> <p>1.3 Five older districts pending handover to community. Discussion on minimum or secondary repairs of WASH facilities. Minimum standard for the old camp is agreed. There is a health and safety concern, for children in particular, leaning against damaged walls of WASH blocks. Also concerns over the positioning of water towers that are leaning or tilted.</p> <p>1.4 Oxfam had to bring back Open Hands for 6 WASH blocks with broken sewer line.</p>
Action Points	<p>1.5 Agencies working in the old areas of the camp (JEN, ACTED), with the support of Open Hands, have arranged a field survey that can enable them to come up with a listing of WASH facilities that should be repaired. Survey is still ongoing in district 4. JEN & ACTED to continue their coordination on this.</p> <p>1.6 From 1.3, Yen & ACTED already sent result of survey to Open Hands.</p> <p>1.7 All partners to send names of people on WASH committees to UNHCR (Catherine) who will compile this information and share with relevant field officers. So far she has information on districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 12. Oxfam is still finalising districts 6, 7 & 8. ACTED completed and sent the list to UNHCR, JEN to complete the lists for all 3 districts this week.</p>

2.0 Update on water supply	
Summary of discussions	<p>2.1 Borehole 2: Ready but Mercy Corps reporting problems with illegal connections to supply and electricity. Agencies needing specific data on borehole 2 to contact Saeed Hameed UNICEF (shameed@unicef.org).</p> <p>2.1.1 Need to empty the water from the T95s before start of activities. The discussion regarding the use of the water in the tanks continued. UNHCR contractor might need some for compacting the roads. Camp management should be notified before water is being flushed to avoid any misunderstandings.</p> <p>2.2 Update on development of water network: Topography consultancy hired by Oxfam who completed the topographic survey needed prior to design phase, soft and hard copy plans available. There will be no water tanks after WASH network is in place.</p> <p>2.3 Discussion on Plastic Water Tanks: As has been agreed in the past, agencies to allocate funds from their current PCAs to allow for the procurement of needed plastic tanks in their areas.</p>
Action Points	<p>2.4 The partners will look into their budget to see possibilities for funds to procure the water-tanks. If there is a need for reallocate fund for this within the PCA, the partners should notify UNICEF first.</p>

3.0 Update on waste water drainage – all areas	
Summary of discussions	<p>3.1 Maintenance of wastewater drainage: Oxfam reporting blockages and poor hygiene standards following assessment in district 7. Oxfam do not have the required funds to support maintenance and major works required for WASH blocks in districts 7 & 8. Oxfam resources are currently channeled into maintaining WASH blocks in district 6. There is a prioritization table of WASH blocks that are blocked and in need of repair however the contractor is slow. Some blockages are very severe and require major works but are still being used by refugees which are further compounding the problems.</p> <p>3.2 JEN highlighted their WASH technical team of 2 technicians who are responsible for 2nd stage maintenance of facilities. The team is mobilised if the community cannot resolve the issue with the assistance of a manual tool. The JEN team has a mechanical tool but if this fails to resolve the problem the issue is handed to Bab Al Amoud.</p> <p>3.3 REACH have finalized the maps as part of the final product of their Septic Pits Assessment for districts 1,2,3,4 and 12. Still to disseminate them and accompanying document. Remainder of the camp on progress.</p> <p>3.4 Drainage in camps: Building drainage in districts with HCR/Ministry of Public Works and GIZ. Planned open ditches that will evacuate water to the south of camp. What is the capacity to organize cash-for-workers? Block level or module level? HH mobilization? Flooding in districts 11, 4 & 3. Encourage protection of WASH facilities through the WASH committees by distributing tools and providing guidance notes.</p> <p>3.4.1 Currently a problem with drainage to septic tanks with the existence of ad-hoc ditches. The planned sewer network will not happen until after the rains. Problem of private pits in the camp. Some are being closed with zinc and sand, but heavy rains/surface runoff will result in these surface pits over-flooding if all are not covered.</p> <p>3.4.2 Concerns over no organized plans for ditches. JEN suggest to assist in providing drainage for feeding into the main-draines. JEN would discourage payment to beneficiaries</p>

	<p>when making drains for their own dwellings. Cash for work can be used for drainage works on public areas.</p> <p>3.5 The Ministry of Interior has expressed their concern regarding the discrepancy in the volume of water trucked into the camp and the volume of the wastewater being brought out. The general discussion went around topics as evaporation, infiltration, black/ grey water pits. There are presently a large number of private pits in the camp, containing an estimated volume of 11,700 m3.</p> <p>3.6 REACH presented the findings from the Waste water assessment in the old parts of the camp. The survey for the rest of the camp is currently ongoing.</p>
Action Points	<p>3.7 From 3.4: JEN to produce concept note on drainage.</p> <p>3.8 From 3.4: UNICEF/HCR to meet Mohammed Gertilla, UNHCR's drainage focal point, to discuss the WASH sector aiding on production of surface drainage inside each district before next rains.</p>

4.0 Hygiene and environmental sanitation	
Summary of discussions	4.1 Update on Polio, Rubela and Measles eradication campaign in Zaatari: timings for coming campaign are from 20th to 26th Nov, as a part of the national campaign that has been taking place in the country against measles, rubella and polio.
Action Points	None

5.0 AOB	
Summary of discussions	<p>5.1 Partners interested in receiving the weekly medical update, should email: jardaneh@unhcr.org</p> <p>5.2 Discussions on the “water in” to “wastewater out” balance in the camp. No agreement over what the main source of the unbalance is. It was mentioned that in the cases of HHs that showed to have “sealed” septic tanks containers (plastic, metallic drums etc), still there could be infiltration for people pierce the container intentionally so it takes longer for it to get full.</p>
Action Points	None

Suggested Agenda Items for coming meeting:

- 1) UNICEF field teams presentation
- 2) Arrangements between WASH IPs and Shelter focal point
- 3) Septic tank assessment: IPs to indicate which tanks would need welding (at ground surface level)
- 4) Filling up of large holes in old areas