

CMC Meeting Minutes

UNHCR Base Camp,
Date: 03/12/2013 - 14:00

Chair: Kilian Kleinschmidt, UNHCR



Key messages:

All new activities in the camp MUST be approved and coordinated with: (a) the government (b) camp management. Camp management will approve requests supported by the relevant sector and if they are cost effective, focused, constructive and have the greatest possible impact. All activities in the camp have an effect on overall security, so it is imperative to go through the correct procedures before commencing any activity in the camp. Any organisation that does not respect this condition will have their permission to operate in the camp revoked by camp management.

Contact Sobia Oberg oberg@unhcr.org or Kilian Kleinschmidt kleinsch@unhcr.org

Actions:

Ref	Actions from previous meetings	Who	When	Done?
Emerging issue				
Security				
2/7	Incident reports should be completed for all incidents, and shared with UNHCR FSA	All	Ongoing	Ongoing
Camp Management				
06/08	Any meetings with refugees should now take place in the shared meeting area in the buffer zone. Pedestrian gate is open.	All	Ongoing	Ongoing
03/09	Agencies planning to have a regular physical presence in the compounds should express their interest to UNHCR camp management	Mohamed Jertila@unhcr.org	Ongoing	
03/09	Base Camp Management: Team Connect Contact details across Please Fill RFO in advance of any issues.	Azmi Alhasany Team Connect azmi@team-connect.co 0798021719		
10/09	Meeting rooms to be booked 48 hours in advance	Irene Omondi omondii@unhcr.org 0796324611		
17/09	Electricity contact	John Simpson simpson@unhcr.org 0796304667		
NFI				
29/10	Press Officer/ External Relations	Andy Needham Needham@unhcr.org 0798175813		
29/10	For Environmental Issues Contact	Thomas Palo palo@unhcr.org 0796320102		
03/12	All agencies planning to distribute any NFI item in the camp must get prior approval from camp management.	Sobia Oberg oberg@unhcr.org 0796324737		

The general security situation in the camp for the past week was relatively calm. Caravan distribution is still ongoing and no demonstrations or protests against this reported. The reason can be that for refugees at the moment priority is to get VAC and also receive blankets. During the ongoing camp sweep some refugees tried to create problems such as threatening the team in D5. Winterization related distribution is going well at the NRC distribution site. In order to prepare better for upcoming gas cylinder and heater distribution a joint security assessment (UNHCR and NRC) was carried out. This is to mitigate the anticipated unrest during the distribution. All necessary security related measures are in place.

JOC is starting to issue the radios. Each agency should nominate one focal point to receive them. No one is allowed to take the radios outside the camp premises as they will be confiscated by the police.

One main problem surfaced recently is the MOI(MOPIC) permits for INGOs operating in camp which is disturbing the implementation of their programs. It is believed that this new procedure will affect most of INGO's working within camp if not solved. All such issues should be reported to Ammar Samain (samain@unhcr.org) and Sobia Oberg (oberg@unhcr.org) of UNHCR. Advocacy at Amman level is required in this regard. Rules regarding journalist entry in the camp have also changed. Once available will be shared with the CMC partners. All reporters visiting the camp need to coordinate with Andy Needham (needham@unhcr.org) of UNHCR.

Winterization

Many activities are undergoing with regards to winterization. Last year drainage was a big issue during rainy season but this year a lot of work has already been done and a lot is ongoing. Caravan distribution is ongoing. Target was 4000 and 1000 have already been distributed. Earlier decision was not to have porches this year but now the plan has changed. NRC will plan the distribution after heater distribution has finished. NRC has 17,000 cylinders in stock. After distribution they will be a refill every 14 days. Winter cloths distribution is ongoing.

Winterization Contingency Planning

In order to prepare for any contingencies we need to prepare a plan. As a start should identify the high risk areas for flooding or any other problem that people may encounter. We need to prepare the inventory of public places that can be used as temporary shelter in case of emergency. Also need to see who has the capacity to provide what during any emergency. Need to define what is an emergency (prepare a check list?) After these areas have been identified, SRCD, all other agencies working in the respective districts and the community leaders should be kept informed. UNHCR will circulate the simple form for agencies to fill and send back.

Rollout of governance plan:

- The Dutch/VNG delegation is compiling the mission report and will share soon. The focus of the mission was on integrated services provision plan, governance, and support to Mafraq governorate. The second follow up mission is planned between 15 to 20 December.
- Mission tried to explore many options like deployment of experts, the idea of having a front office (including Mafraq) and having a back office for outreaching the researchers, making contacts with the other interested organizations etc. They will be putting the proposal together. There is already strong support from the political level from Dutch Ministry of Development.
- Consultation with SRCD regarding the committee structure framework is ongoing. Efforts are being made to address their concerns in order to gain formal approval to engage refugees in the design of the committee structure.
- District teams are being established between UNHCR/UNICEF/IRD, community police and other agencies. District 6 will be the pilot next week.

Caravans: 277 Omani caravans were received and distributed this week. The first Omani lot has been completed (1000 caravans). The second lot (1000 caravans) is starting in the 15th of December.

Drainage: Construction of the new culverts in central of the camp is ongoing. Cleaning up the culverts and open new ditch around the ring is finished.

Roads: MoPWH contractor started the maintenance and upgrade of the current service road. GIZ contractor started the construction of the inter districts roads including drainage. East road construction is on-going. New Jersey barrier are placed at both the entrances of the camp.

Electricity: Overloads of electrical system due to electric heaters causing major disruptions. The major feeder cable replacement on transform adjacent to the Saudi Clinic will complete in next two days. Failure of cables on main gate transformer and district 10 transformers. Repair is ongoing.

Base Camp: Cabling in the base camp is ongoing. Due to that there is a lot of digging around. Agencies are advised not to drive next to the caravans. Parking is only allowed in the designated areas. Soon should have proper internet access everywhere in the base camp. New caravans for UNICEF and JEN are being installed.

Food: Food and bread distributions are now linked to VAC. 78000 is the rough figure that showed up during second cycle of distribution. Bread quantity has reduced to 24 MT now (5MT less). This cycle is still on. Rest of the activities continue as a routine matter (bread, NAP, School feeding).

WASH

A - WATER

- 1) There is a large volume of stored water in Borehole 2 which will be disposed off (on the grounds South of D 8) soon when the final road works are completed and the borehole becomes operational. The water is not contaminated but has stayed in the tanks for a few weeks therefore cannot be used for regular distribution/drinking). Any agency needing water (for construction of new compounds, gardening projects, etc) please arrange for the transport and contact Juan Luis (jfrechilla@unicef.org). ACTED will not provide regular

drinking water for constructions nor gardening.

2) Water supply is gradually being reduced to maintain the 30-35 litres per person per day in the camp, in the light of new reduced population figures (previous supply targeted 110,000 people).

3) MoU to be signed between all partners receiving water in the camp and ACTED (in charge of water supply), agencies supplied will be visited by Quentin (ACTED) for this purpose.

4) Water network: Detailed design ongoing by Oxfam

B - SANITATION/WASH BLOCKS

1) 10 out of the 15 sites where repairs/enhancements of the tanks have to be made have been completed and backfilled, work in remaining 5 is ongoing.

2) Remaining gas boilers/gas tanks (installed during last winter campaign) in the field are currently being removed by UNICEF's contractor.

3) Proper sewer-like system will not be in place for this coming rainy season. Problem of grey/black waters from pits mixing with rainwater has to be tackled through surface drainage.

C - HYGIENE/COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

1) Outreach campaign to increase awareness on polio/head lice ongoing.

2) ToTs on menstrual Hygiene ongoing.

D - OTHER OVERLAPPING ISSUES

1) Soil is still being removed from camp grounds. Opened pits will accumulate large quantities of water during rain episodes, and in some cases makes trucked services delivery difficult. ACTED has been backfilling holes created in critical areas for their services delivery, but cannot match the rate at which soil is being removed.

2) Internal District drainage is being discussed between site planning/drainage and WASH agencies which are ready to support. Some way for the water to drain in an ordered manner out of the district should be put in place. This is critical considering the numerous private pits of grey/black water in the camp, which can mix readily with the rainwater surface run-off during heavy rainfall episodes.

NFI

- Distribution of high thermal blanket started on Friday, 29 Nov using VAC system and continues smoothly, expected figures to be under 80,000. Heater distribution to follow once stock in place.
- UNIQLO cloth distribution ongoing by JEN

Health

- The national campaign for measles, polio, and vitamin A finished in Za'atari with 45,891 vaccinated for MR, 15,319 for polio, and 14,053 for vitamin A.
- According to the Health information system week 47, there was 6,095 consultations. the activities of the Saudi clinic are constrained due to electric power cut in district 4 so lab investigations, dental, and Gynecology clinics are not functioning. Only in-patient services are provided in the Moroccan Field Hospital with 52% bed occupancy rate.
- There are three new fixed sites for routine immunization in the camp Saudi clinic, MDM clinic 2 and JHAS clinic.
- **Vaccination for the new arrivals:** Between 1st to 30th November for measles 7093, for polio 4989 and 2298 for Vitamin A were vaccinated.
- Moroccan Field Hospital and JHAS clinic have reported an increase in consultations by 10% due to the closure of the French Field Hospital and MSF Hospital.
- Detail on new Saudi Hospital needed; opening reportedly planned for end December.

Protection

General registration updates

Total arrivals: 1,851 individuals.

- Total registered with UNHCR: 1,861 individuals.
- Average of 264 new arrivals per day (same as last week's).
- 53.73% of the totals registered during the week were females and 46.27% were males. Females between the ages of 18-35 remain the majority.
- During the reporting week, Dar'a is the main city of origin for those registered (29.98%), followed by Homs (27.30%), Rural Damascus (15.80%), Aleppo (12.04%), Hama (6.66%), Damascus (2.79%), Idlib (2.10%), Qunaitra (1.88%), (1.02%), Alraqqa (0.32%) and Alswieda (0.11%).
- It is noticeable that the majority (98.45%) of individuals accessed Jordan through the eastern borders (Alrogban T22 & Ruwaished).
- 305 active individuals had a specific need entered; the Woman at risk (111) has the highest number in vulnerabilities followed by Single parent (59), serious medical condition (56), Disability (39), Child at risk (14), Unaccompanied or separated child (13), older person at risk (9), Specific legal and physical protection needs (4).

- UNHCR registered 37 new born babies. Civil registry processed 24 new cases and handed over 19 birth certificates, reaching 152 birth certificates cumulatively.

Bail out, travel abroad, leave permits and returns

- A total of 84 individuals (23 cases) from Za'atari were bailed out or travelled abroad according to the information reported to UNHCR.
- 281 families were granted leave permits from Za'atari for a period from one to ten days, mainly for medical reasons or family visits. Families are supposed to return to the bail out office at the end of the leave period to inform the authorities of their return. Bailout office will keep track on these leaves and will inactivate families who do not return to the camp.
- 1080 returns last week.

Raba'a Sarhan

- Document Data Entry: 1,563 documents (corresponding to 459 envelopes and pertaining to 992 refugees) were entered in the database.
Total # of Documents kept in Raba'a Sarhan as reported in the database as of 21 Nov: 173,145
- Facilitating the return of documents to returnees (590 documents in 222 envelopes belonging to 389 individuals were marked as returned).
- Facilitating the return of documents to the refugees in Za'atari (69 documents belonging to 49 individuals in 19 envelopes were marked as returned to Za'atari).
- Facilitating the issuance of birth certificates.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 10 December 2013, at Za'atari Base Camp meeting room 4, at 14:00.

