

## Protection Sector Working Group Meeting

### Minutes

6 February 2014, UNHCR Amman office.

#### Agencies present

IOM	UNHCR	MPDL	SI-APS	WFP
ARDD Legal Aid	ACAPs	HI	FPSC	CVT
IMC	INTERSOS	UPP	PU-Ami	Near East Foundation
IRD	Al-Balqa Applied University	UNFPA	UNESCO	

#### Agenda:

- Vulnerability Indicators Project
- Review of Draft ToR of Protection Working Group
- Coordinated needs assessments
- Informal Tented Settlements Task Force
- Updates from Sub-Working Groups
- Update on Verification Process
- AOB

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Point
<b>Vulnerability assessment</b>	<p>Purpose is to develop a system to identify and store information on vulnerability within Syrian households. Information will be centrally stored and accessible to partners. The scope of the project will be both camp and urban settings, but the initial phase is starting in non-camp. Initial workshop took place 5 February to develop 10-15 standardised, cross sectoral indicators of vulnerability. Protection represented by Giulia Ricciarelle-Ranawat (UNHCR), Elena Vicario (MPDL), Sozan Mohareb (ARDD Legal Aid), Margherita Maglietti – SGBV - (UNFPA) and Eugene Ha – CP – (UNICEF).</p> <p>The indicators will be collated and sent back for sector review. Also considering linkages with UNHCR Annual Participatory Assessment process with developed indicators.</p> <p>Since the information will be shared and accessible to partners, the project requires feedback from protection colleagues to ensure appropriate confidentiality</p>	<p>Chair to keep PWG updated on review process when received from Vulnerability Assessment Framework Steering Committee</p>



	<p>safeguards. Further details available from Yara Maasri (<a href="mailto:Maasri@unhcr.org">Maasri@unhcr.org</a>) or Lynetter Larsen (<a href="mailto:ll@acaps.org">ll@acaps.org</a>)</p> <p>Protection inputs/possible indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- availability of identity documents</li> <li>- registration with UNHCR and/or MoI</li> <li>- whether protection considerations have been borne in mind for indicators relating to other sectors</li> <li>- household structure, especially vulnerability of heads of household, including dependent to care-giver ratio</li> </ul> <p>Major challenge: How to incorporate other protection concerns, that should not be included in shared data (eg SGBV, CP).</p> <p>Feedback should be given as the Protection sector as a whole, including CP, SGBV and MHPSS sub-working groups.</p>	
<b>Draft ToR for Protection WG</b>	<p>The scope of the protection working group is deliberately inclusive of all refugees/ persons of concern within Jordan.</p> <p>Title of the group to be changed from Community Based Protection Working Group to Protection Sector Working Group.</p> <p>Meeting frequency agreed as last Wednesday of every month.</p> <p>Need to incorporate referrals aspect to 4ws.</p> <p>Definition of protection to be included in ToR.</p> <p>Suggestion by CVT to include more reference to host community needs in scope and purpose of the working group. PWG discussed social protection element to the National Resilience Plan. Reference to host community needs in PWG ToR may need to be revisited, following review of the parallel Host Community Support Platform.</p> <p>Need to include attention to non Syrians. UNHCR looking at how to report more regularly on non-Syrians</p>	<p>Chair to circulate ToR by email.</p> <p>Partners to submit particular questions about non-Syrians to chair</p>



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<b>Coordinated needs assessments</b>	<p>ISWG convened a work shop on coordinated needs assessments. PWG discussed how to identify and conduct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-gaps in information/analysis</li> <li>-emerging issues</li> <li>-review of proposed/planned assessments by partners in first six months of 2014.</li> </ul> <p>Reflected in paragraph 10 of the ToR of the PSWG.</p> <p>Suggestion that presentation to PSWG to be done before MOPIC approval.</p> <p><b>Next meeting on UNHCR Participatory Assessment on 13 February</b></p> <p>Also important to contribute to mainstreaming of protection in other sectors' assessments.</p> <p>Suggestion for PSWG, jointly, to examine the information gaps at next meeting.</p> <p>All assessments known to UNHCR are available on the web portal (<a href="http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=107">http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=107</a>)</p> <p>Gaps analysis should also be improved through Activity Info reporting.</p>	<p>Chair to re-circulate Joint Assessment Review (JAR)</p> <p>Hassan (UNHCR) to present on the participatory assessment a next meeting or by email</p> <p>UNHCR to provide details on when online database will be available.</p> <p>JAR review by PSWG as agenda item at next meeting</p>
<b>Informal Tented Settlement Task Force</b>	<p>ITS task force looking at assistance provided in ITSs. In December some major concerns because some ITSs were asked to be dismantled, and some indication that GoJ wanted all of them to be dismantled. Some barriers to access for humanitarian assistance.</p> <p>Protection contribution to the ITS TF was to request analysis of the intentions of people living in ITS, and reasons for living in ITSs. General understanding that the majority of ITS residents live there by choice.</p> <p>Protection, UNHCR, to input questions to assess the residents' wishes/intentions into the REACH/ACTED Questionnaire.</p>	<p>Chair to keep PSWG updated on developments.</p> <p>Chair to circulate minutes of last ITS TF.</p> <p>Partners who seek more information to contact Matthew Richard (<a href="mailto:Richard@unhcr.org">Richard@unhcr.org</a>)</p>



	<p>Question about scale of ITSs – referred to Volker, and ITS TF.</p> <p><b>Next meeting of ITS TF at UNICEF, 14.00, Sunday 9 February.</b></p>	<p>Partners to provide information or data on ITS to Edouard Legoupil for mapping (<a href="mailto:legoupil@unhcr.org">legoupil@unhcr.org</a>)</p> <p>Chair to circulate ACTED ITS Map</p>
<b>Updates from Sub working groups</b>	<p><u>GBV</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-revising strategy. Should be finalised by next meeting – Tuesday 11 February at 9.00</li> <li>-in Zaatari, Safety audit concluded</li> <li>-inter-agency messaging review for CP/GBV SOPs on Monday 10 February.</li> </ul> <p><u>CP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-ToR revised and adopted, currently revising CPSWG Workplan</li> <li>-Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism for Grave Violations against Children is operational. The Children in Armed Conflict Working Group (CACWG) will be reactivated at the end of February. Any interested partners to contact <a href="mailto:fgaspar@unicef.org">fgaspar@unicef.org</a></li> <li>-Birth registration leaflet produced and being distributed. (UNHCR has also obtained blanket waiver for non-registered birth fines from the authorities)</li> </ul> <p><u>MHPSS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-updated ToR</li> <li>-finalised MHPSS report, which will be presented in next meeting.</li> <li>-new actors esp in Zaatari, want to update mapping.</li> </ul>	
<b>Update on verification process</b>	<p>Currently testing the SOPs and processes in place. 2,000 individuals have been processed</p> <p>Planning to increase capacity to process more cases per day.</p> <p>New Mol cards to be rolled out in 2014 across the territory.</p> <p>Issues raised about whether the new Mol card, without the area of residence on it, allows refugees to access services</p>	<p>Update from verification team next meeting.</p> <p>Partners to report to UNHCR incidents of non-access to services.</p> <p>UNHCR to re-</p>



	anywhere across the country. Reporting of non-access to services needs to be monitored and reported to UNCHR.	circulate focal points contact list for referrals
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**Next meeting Wednesday 26 February at 10.00 – 12.00**