

CMC Meeting Minutes

UNHCR Base Camp,
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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.

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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@unchr.org	Ongoing	
03/09	Base Camp Management: Team Connect Contact details across Please Fill RFO in advance of any issues.	Azmi Alhasany Team Connectazmi@team-connect.co 0798021719		
10/09	Meeting rooms to be booked 48 hours in advance	Irene Omundi omondii@unhcr.org 0796324611		
29/10	Press Officer/ External Relations	Andy Needham Needham@unhcr.org 0798175813		
29/10	Mass Information Contact	Naserddine Touaibia touaibia@unhcr.org 0798611914		
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		
11/03	Electricity	Yanal Madanat almadana@unhcr.org 0797056990		

Security: The security situation in the camp was relatively calm. The week witnessed some unrest as refugees demanded caravans which were due to the rainy weather and decreased number of donated caravans. On 13th, Unknown refugees threw stones at staff in buffer zone. No injuries and the police were informed.

On 16th, around 50 refugees blocked the eastern gate at ring road demanding caravans. IRD reported that one refugee was calling refugees in camp to collect their caravans claiming that he is an IRD staff. Incident was reported to the police.

On 17th, Due to the increased numbers of VAC refugees tried to force entry to UNHCR VAC area, police were called and situation went back to normal.

On 17th, Unknown refugees threw stones at UNHCR vehicle inside the camp and broke the left rear side window. No injuries and the police were informed.

On 18th, around 800 refugees gathered at District 5 behind the Saudi school to mark the 3rd anniversary of the Syrian revolution.

Coordination: Mafraq coordination meetings have started as of 17th March and we will meet once a month. This will be chaired by UNHCR and co-chaired by ACTED. This forum will work together with the local government as well. This forum will look at the issues of uneven delivery of services in the Governorate. UNHCR will be identifying the focal points for each administrative unit after they have strengthened the teams in Mafraq. CBOs are delivering a lot of assistance but not coordinating. We will try to have them onboard. We will work on integrating camp into greater Mafraq.

Despite repeated reminders, still not all agencies are attending the CMC. Agencies not attending meetings have been identified and verbally notified on number of occasions. A lot of initiatives around assessments and surveys are coming up that need coordination in terms of timing, approval from sectors, camp management and SRAD. This is improving now in terms of coordination. At times, events have been initiated without informing security and camp management in time. Agencies have been reminded that any new activity has to be approved at the sector working group level as well as by the camp management.

Caravans: A total of 635 caravans have been distributed so far during this month. Field Unit staff continued to carry out caravan distributions with the support of IRD, NRC and the police. Field staff are using a new method to ensure that only those who are eligible are receiving caravans.

Site Planning and Infrastructure: Locating the new wash and kitchen blocks to be constructed in district 8. Update of master plan to include world vision roads. Maintenance works at the buffer zone area.

Electricity: Electrician is carrying out routine check in all the districts. There have been some incidents of electrocution but situation seems much better now. There were no electrical shut downs in the camp right now. Last month bill was half a million JOD. A meeting with SUNEDISON is scheduled during the week to give us solutions using solar power so that the electric bill can be reduced.

WASH: Oxfam have started installation of 11 new WASH blocks in district 8. 3 of these are already installed and are operational. Desludging is ongoing. 38 cubic meter water distribution per day throughout the camp is ongoing. Water network main design is prepared, some details yet to be finalized.

Health: Two post Oral Polio Vaccination (OPV) surveys were completed. They confirmed 98% coverage throughout the camp after recent vaccination campaigns. There was a false alarm over a suspected polio outbreak in Syria but there has been a confirmed case reported in Baghdad. Health section and partners will see much more activity around diarrheal infection in the coming days.

NFIs: Distribution of diapers and rain boots finished on Sunday 16 March and covered around 21,000 families. Next cycle will start on 18 March and distributing hygiene kits as well as the jumpers.

Food: First distribution cycle for March started on 4th and ended on 13th covering 90,951 beneficiaries. All in-kind food will be removed from second cycle starting on 18th and 10 JOD vouchers per person will be distributed with date bars donated by KSA. School feeding continues and 12,855 students were fed during the reporting period. 22.5 MT bread is distributed daily. WFP will distribute the welcome meal package only at Raba Sarhan and not in Za'atari camp. New arrivals will receive date bars upon arrival in the camp.

WFP has started its nutrition programme that is providing supplementary feeding to all malnourished children, pregnant and lactating women.

Protection

New arrivals' registration updates

- 2,058 individual processed in Raba during the reporting period which is a decrease of 50 % compared to previous week.
- 93% new arrival and 7% re-entry.

- 56.2% are minors.
- 96 % entered Jordan through eastern border crossings (80% entered to Jordan through Ruwaished - Hadallat and 16% through Al Rogoban - Sub Rogoban).
- Area of origin: 28 % from Dar'a, 31.4% from rural Damascus, 12% from Homs and 10% from Aleppo Governorates. To be highlighted: increasing number of AS coming from Rural Damascus compared to previous week (50% more compared to previous week)
- 28,613 individuals cumulative processed in Raba since the opening date (29 December 2013); 89% new-arrivals and 11% re-entry.

Other updates: 253 government organised returns. 519 birth certificates (cumulative figure for Za'atari).

Verification updates: 28,887 individuals totally processed as March 17, 2014. 25,382 are active and 3,505 individuals have been totally inactivated since the starting date. This makes so far 12.1% of verified inactivations. In addition to this, 2,919 have been so far inactivated as they did not show up after 10 days from the initial scheduled interview and their documents have been sent back to Raba. This brings the total cumulative inactivations to 22.2%. As of today, 3,607 individuals are on hold, pending inactivation, which happens 10 days after the initial no-show date. 58% of the active individuals are minors. 5,061 (19.9%) under 5 years old cumulative processed.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 25 March 2014, at Za'atari Base Camp meeting room 4, at 14:00.