



Food Security Sector Working Group (FSSWG)

3 December 2014, WFP Jordan - Amman

Chair: WFP, JHCO

Participation: ACTED, Collateral Repair Project, FAO, UNHCR

ACTION POINTS	RESPONSIBILITY
Partners to contribute to monthly dashboard by sending updates and/or photos	Working group members
Budget information to be included in the minutes	Yara Maasri (maasri@unhcr.org)
Circulate calendar of 16 Days of Activism campaign	
Working group members to send feedback on what they would like to see on the Gender dashboard, as well as what kind of breakdown they can provide of their own data	Working group members
Circulate e-mail invitation to next meeting	Farah El-Zubi (farah.elzubi@wfp.org)

DISCUSSION

1. RRP6 Dashboard

- RRP6 Dashboards are produced on a monthly basis and should include updates and highlights from as many group members as possible, to reflect the work being done by different organisations within the sector. Dashboards can be downloaded from the FSSWG page on the inter-agency data sharing portal: http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=13
- Partners can send updates by e-mail to be included in the “Highlights” section, as well as photos to be featured on the dashboard.
- Feedback and suggestions are always welcome and can be sent to Farah (farah.elzubi@wfp.org) and/or Yara (maasri@unhcr.org)

2. Updates

JHCO

- Up until the end of November 2014, 25,535 families (13,488 Syrian and 12,647 Jordanian) received food parcels from JHCO. Most projects are funded by international NGOs such as LWF, DRC and IOCC, with the distribution plan and logistics provided by JHCO.
- A date distribution project was also implemented in cooperation with WFP, in two phases. First phase saw 1,000 metric tonnes of dates distributed – almost 84,000 Syrian and Jordanian families benefitted. In the second phase, 500 metric tonnes were distributed, and about 40,000 families benefitted.
- In 2015 plan to continue working in collaboration with INGOs in food parcel distribution.



Collateral Repair Project

- An American NGO based in Jordan, working in East Amman. Two streams of programming: one that focuses on issues such as women's empowerment, after school programmes, etc.; and another on emergency response.
- The emergency response programme provides essential basic household items for families with no or low income. They also distribute a small numbers of food vouchers, up until now excluding Syrians as they were covered by WFP. At the moment, covering 50 families, mostly Iraqi but also some low income Jordanian families.
- Last winter, they covered 750 Jordanian families. They are looking to scale up their programme to up to 600 or 700 families and currently fundraising to this end.

WFP

- After 2.5 years of being fully funded and providing support to Syrian refugees in both camps and communities, WFP is out of funding for the month of December, which means they are currently unable to maintain their food assistance programme in the region – with the exception of refugees in camps.
- Surveys have shown that 22% of respondents stated they would return to a camp if WFP assistance stops, with 42% stating they would be inclined to return to Syria. Just under half (40%) said they were not sure they would be able to continue to send their children to school.
- A funding campaign has been launched, and appeals to donors have been made. Currently need around 64 million USD for the region; around 17 million of that would be for Jordan. If support is mobilized, e-cards can be recharged later this month.
- Refugees were informed by SMS yesterday. There was a mistake in a press campaign which stated assistance would be halted in both camps and communities, and an SMS was immediately sent out to refugees in camps to assure them their assistance would continue.
- WFP is also interested in any information partners may have about those most vulnerable and how they are surviving, coping with this change.

3. JRP/3RP Updates

- Both chapters were finalized. There was some discussion about discrepancy in budgets between 3RP and JRP for some sectors. This is explained by the fact that one was submitted before the other. It is not possible to increase budgets in the JRP.
- UN Country Team invited to a JRP presentation tomorrow by the JRPSC. The plan is for the Cabinet to approve the JRP on 15 December.
- Ongoing discussions about how the two complement. The government has instructed that the Jordan chapter in the 3RP cannot show agency-specific budget information. Discussions on this are ongoing.
- ActivityInfo will also be used for the 3RP, all projects are to be uploaded there as they will not be reflected in the document.
- 3RP will be launched in Berlin on 18 December.
- Food Security and Livelihoods had the biggest budget, higher than last year. A lot of emphasis is being placed on the resilience component.
 - JRP Total: USD297,096,664 (USD230,426,664 for Refugees; USD66,670,000 for Resilience)
 - 3RP Total: USD309,267,385 (USD236,410,671 for Refugees; USD72,856,714 for Resilience)
- No changes should be expected in terms of lessening livelihoods restrictions for refugees.



4. WFP Targeting updates and appeals process

- Appeals continue to be reviewed to ensure that when funding is received, the vulnerable are already re-included.
- Appeals are submitted at WFP partners and UNHCR help desks. People with mobility problems who are unable to approach a help desk have been able to submit appeals on the phone; a few of these have been received.
- Around 5,000 appeal forms have been received. This number includes people appealing more than once.
- WFP will do another reduction of beneficiary list; with the plan to eventually assist roughly 85% of registered refugees. Findings from the Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Exercise and preliminary findings from the Vulnerability Assessment Framework indicate that this is the percentage of people vulnerable to food insecurity without WFP assistance.

5. Protection/GBV updates

16 Days of Activism Campaign

- The 16 Days of Activism campaign is currently ongoing. Started on 25 November, which marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and ends on 10 December, Human Rights Day.
- This is an annual event which takes place all over the world. This year the colour theme is orange.
- SGBV sub-working group, under the Protection Sector, circulated a concept note and produced a calendar of events. Every day there are different events going on throughout the country, targeting primarily Jordanians and Syrians, raising awareness of GBV, with a focus on early marriage and forced marriage.

Gender dashboard

- Merrin Waterhouse, the Senior Gender Advisor to the IATF and HCT, hosted by UNHCR, developed a dashboard and equality traffic lights based on ActivityInfo, analysing data entered disaggregated by age and sex. Both documents can be found on the UNHCR inter-agency portal:
 - Gender Equality Traffic Lights: <https://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=6964>
 - Gender Dashboard: <https://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=6966>
- Some sectors, such as Food Security, are inputting figures according to registration breakdown, rather than monitoring gender and age of beneficiaries.
- WFP would like feedback from working group on what they would like to see on the dashboard, as well as what kind of breakdown they can provide of their own data. Anything that has a gender component, or interesting gender information, can be added. Such information can also be added to the RRP6 monthly dashboard.
- There may be an Information Management officer temporarily joining the Gender Advisor in early 2015, to strengthen information flows to better report information on specific needs and how these are being addressed.

6. AOB

- Next meeting: Wednesday 7 January, 10 am – 12 pm.