



Meeting Minutes 16.12.14

UNHCR BO Amman, Jordan EMOPS Room

Agencies present: AVSI, AWO, APS, UNFPA, IRC, World Vision, Intersos, IFH/NHF, UN Ponte Per, ICMC, IATF, CARE, SCI, IMC, UNHCR, ICCS, CVT, Action Aid, ARDD- Legal Aid, JRF, SC, WFP

Agenda:

- Registration of undocumented marriages
- Stateless people in Jordan and the region
- Informal Tented Settlement (ITS) presentation
- Inter-Agency Project update (Amani & SOP)
- Updates from Field SWG and Task Forces
- AOB

Agenda item	Discussion	Action point	Responsible Agency
Registration of undocumented marriages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the Round Table organized by SRAD with the support of UNHCR and the FEMT members in June, the government has started to implement a exemption of fines (up to 1000 JOD per marriage) to register undocumented marriages conducted in Jordan (the exemption had already been applied to the ones conducted in Syria). 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The deadline for the application of the exemption is 31 December. An extension is being discussed with the authorities. It should be noted that any application received before the 31 December will be processed during 2015 if required. - In consultation with the government, ARDD- Legal Aid, UNHCR and other protection partners have launched an awareness raising campaign on how to benefit from the exemption. Some of the actions include radio announcements, SMS, posters, leaflets, individual and group consultations. - While concrete figures will be provided by the authorities upon the completion of the exercise, ARDD-Legal Aid informed that only in Zaatari Camp 400 marriages have already been registered. - A discussion on access to marriage registration by survivors of SGBV and cases in which the spouse is the perpetrator was held. Members were advised to refer to ARDD- Legal Aid these types of cases as soon as possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuing awareness raising with refugees - Update the members at the end of the exercise on the information shared by the government - Refer cases to ARDD-Legal Aid somohareb@ardd-legalaid.org 0775777077 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All members - Chairs UNFPA & UNHCR - All members
<p>Stateless people in Jordan and the region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protection risks of stateless people were presented and discussed. Trafficking and smuggling, child labor, forced prostitution, forced and early marriage, child recruitment, family separation, and loss of properties were mentioned. - UNHCR is mandated by UN General Assembly resolution to address this protection risks and has developed a Global Action Plan that includes: ensuring access to birth registration, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish mechanisms for identification and referral of people at risk of statelessness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All members

	advocacy against gender discrimination in nationality laws. (More information available in the PPT)		
Informal Tented Settlements (ITS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chair of the ITS Task Force presented current challenges of refugees living in over 125 ITS in Jordan, with particular attention to eviction/relocation processes to the camps. Guidance has been developed by the Task Force to be shared with the authorities. - UNHCR's current interventions include multiplied staffing in camps, advocacy with authorities, presence of medical staff, bags and awareness stickers, potential info sharing with refugees on illegality of pitching tents. (more info available in the PPT) - A discussion on SGBV specific risks while living in the ITS, during and after evictions was held. It was agreed that members will share SGBV prevention and response recommendations with the ITS in order to update the existing guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keeping members updated on further developments. - Members to provide inputs by 11th January - Compile and share inputs with ITS Task Force 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chairs UNHCR & UNFPA - All members - Chairs UNHCR & UNFPA

Interagency project (Amani & SOP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultations with SGBV members and relevant partners and government counterparts have taken place during the last few months. This version has been endorsed by the FPD. The text is being printed and will be shared with the members soon. - Members who have not yet endorsed the SOP can approach MacDonald, Julie Julie.MacDonald@savethechildren.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share final version of SOP - Approach SOP committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chairs UNHCR & UNHCR - All interested members
Updates from Field SWG and Task Forces	<p>Safety Audit report of Zaatari refugee camp is about to be completed, with the participation and feedback from members of other sectors. The report is expected to be shared soon.</p>	<p>The report will be presented to the members upon its finalization</p>	<p>Field SWG Chair IRC</p>
AOB	<p>No AOBs were presented/discussed given the density of the meeting</p>		

Next meeting to take place on Tuesday January 20th at UNHCR BO Khalda, EMOPS room