

National Health Coordination Meeting

Date: Thursday 25th February 2016

Venue: WHO Office-Amman

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Review of action points of previous meeting
3. Situation update –UNHCR
4. Health Agency Updates
5. Subsector working groups - RH (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF)
6. Task Forces Update: Community Health Task Force (Medair/IRC)/ NCD Task Force (WHO/MoH)
7. Integrated School Health Program / Makani - PPP/ EMPHNET
8. Health Sector 4Ws Update
9. Proposed Assessments/Research
10. AOB

Minutes:

2. Review of action points of previous meeting	
	<p>UNHCR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To share CommCare tool that was presented by IRC → [Done] and uploaded on the web portal- To share the presentation of “Prioritization of Disability-Specific Services for Refugees” conducted by the Disability Task Force → [Done] Presentation shared on the web portal and the guidelines have been circulated

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To share the contact information of the responsible people from MoH with the Health Working Group → [Done] <p>All partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To update the 4Ws form and fill the form and share it with the sector chairs → [Pending] <p>ENPHNET:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To present “Integrated School Health Program / Makani” – PPP to the Health Working Group → [Done]
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3. Situation update –UNHCR

Total Registered	
<i>Iraqi</i>	53,756 registered
<i>Syrian</i>	326 newly registered Iraqis in first 2 weeks of February, and 1,075 registered in 2016. The total number of registered Syrian is 637,626, with 6,057 newly registered since the beginning of the year and of which 3,119 arrived in 2016. 79,534 are in Zadari camp, while 31,568 in Azraq and 6,324 in EJC.
Border situation	<p>According to the Border Guard Force (BGF), as of 18 February there are now 27,100 Syria asylum seekers at the Jordanian Berm, with an estimated 25,000 at Rukban and 2,100 at Hadalat.</p> <p>The arrivals at Raba’a Al Sarhan (RAS) transit facility have increased in the past three months, from an average 44 per day in December and 56 in January, to an average of 66 per day so far in February. It should be noted that the BFG admitted 250 and 650 asylum seekers on 15 and 19 February respectively</p> <p>Coordination meetings are convened by UNHCR every Tuesday in Ruwayshed, and a weekly joint work plan is produced by the Ruwayshed group. In addition, the IATF Border Group meets at UNHCR Amman every Sunday.</p>
Health Situation:	The 13-20 February emergency immunization campaign covered children under 15 years old in Rukban and Hadalat with measles, vitamin A and oral polio vaccine. Under the campaign, women of childbearing age received tetanus (TT) vaccine.

	<p>One maternal death was reported by the traditional birth attendant and a midwife to have occurred on 10 Feb 24 hours post-delivery from complications related to the delivery. The circumstances are being further investigated.</p> <p>Two neonatal deaths (or possibly stillbirths) were reported on 9 Feb and one on 22 Feb.</p> <p>UNHCR is reviewing mortality data, the numbers of deaths are higher than the Zaatri baseline</p> <p>Advocacy and interventions continue for prioritization of entry for the most vulnerable. These are defined as children, unaccompanied and separated children, people with disabilities, persons with serious medical conditions, elderly persons, pregnant and lactating women, single parents with children and persons who have been subjected to torture, rape or other serious forms of psychological, physical or sexual violence.</p> <p>Evacuation pregnant women, particularly those in the late stages of pregnancy, from the berm and this should be one of the main focus of health actors' advocacy efforts.</p> <p>Approximately 354 Syrian asylum seeker, the families of those diagnosed with leishmaniasis will be prioritized for entry over the coming days.</p> <p>UNHCR is covering the cost of medical referrals on average of 5 cases daily, mainly to Ruwashed hospital but also to Mafraq, Zarqa and Amman</p> <p>UNHCR has prepared, in consultation with other agencies working at the berm, a Field Safety Guide for Ruwayshed, Rukban and Hadalat. The guide is intended to provide staff with an overview of the context and general field safety guidance. Due to the particular nature of the northeast, transport and communications are also included.</p> <p>Urban Verification The total number of MOI service cards issues by 22 February was 311,232. 290, 191 are UNHCR registered (55.8%) in all 101 participating police stations countrywide</p> <p>Other update On 22 February, The USA and Russian Federation, as co-chairs of the International Syria Support Groups (ISSG), announced the adoption of the <i>Terms for Cessation of Hostilities in Syria</i>, and proposed the cessation of hostilities commence at 00:00 (Damascus time) on February 27, 2016. This does not apply to "Daesh", "Jabhat al-Nusra", or other terrorist organizations designated by the UN Security Council. There has been a noticeable decrease in the level of bombing raids undertaken by either Syrian or Russian aircraft over the past week.</p>
Action Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NA

4. Health Agency Updates

<p>WHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working jointly with all related humanitarian partners including UNHCR and the Royal Medical Services in the Berm - Conducted a rapid assessment for Ruwaished Hospital to identify the gaps and what support is needed for the hospitals. The main identified gaps are: neonatal care; obstetric and surgical care; laboratory and medical waste management.. An in depth assessment for the hospital will be conducted with all concerned partners, the estimated date for this exercise is the first week of March, pending the MoH confirmation.. All interested partners along with MoH were encouraged to join the upcoming preparatory meeting in the following week on Sunday 28th of February at 2 o'clock in WHO's office. - WHO and UNHCR are finalizing the electronic based Surveillance System for the Berm; in cooperation with the MoH and the implantation with the Royal Medical Services. The pilot will be launched using UNHCR's baseline, and training for the field officers will be facilitated in March 2016 by WHO - WHO invited all partners on the 6th of March for dissemination of the results of for the Social Determinants of Health report. - WHO is in a preparatory phase to conduct "Chemical Exposure and Trauma Care" training, this training was conducted last time in September 2014. The exact dates of this training will be fixed aiming towards end of April and the beginning of May 2016.
<p>UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNICEF provided updates on the EVC (Emergency Vaccination Campaign) in February at the Berm: - Measles Vaccination: In Hadalat a total of 399 children between 6 months and 59 months were provided with MV while 514 children between 6 – 15 years. In Rukban 2784 children 6-59 months and 3922 between 6 and 15 years old. The grand total for the first round was 7619, and a need for a second round was acknowledged and will take place soon. - Vit-A Supplementation: In Hadalat a total of 139 children between 6 months and 59 months were provided with Vit-A Supplementation while 260 children between 6 – 15 years were provided with the same aid. In Rukban a total of 3081 were provided as well. The grand total for the two locations up to the 20th February was 3480 - As for OPV; in Hadalat 929 children from three ages categories (0-59 month = 411, 6-10 years = 317, and 11-15 years = 201) were provided with OPV. While in Rokban a grand total of 7062 from the same age categories were provided as well. - TT vaccination was provided for 454 pregnant women in both locations (Hadalat: 60 and Rokban: 394) and for 2169 non pregnant women (338 in Hadalat and 2831 in Roknan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a critical situation for the new-borns and assistance from all partners is required to provide the needed care. Especially that the medical team at the Berm is understaffed. - Discussions with the University of Jordan are proceeding to provide training for a medical team to help in the situation in the Berm by mid-March.

<p>IRD</p> <p>UNFPA</p> <p>UNHCR</p> <p>JHAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polio Campaign: last round NID will take place from 27th until the 31st of April while in camp settings and the Berm 3rd until 7th April. The support of partners is highly needed during the campaign in social mobilization, raising awareness and IEC material distribution to inform the communities, whether in the camps and or out of urban areas. - IRD has requested no cost extension for their project - funded by BPRM - to proceed their outreach activities, referrals and health activities in urban areas - JHAS approached IRD to learn more about the community of the health workers IRD have, and had orientation sessions on how to suspect and identify Malnutrition cases, and do the follow up needed for the cases. - “Blue Mont” is the new brand has been launched since the beginning of 2016. <p>- There will be a celebration of the 5000 safe delivery in Zaatari camp on Tuesday 1st March and all partners are welcome to join.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As the “Heath for Cash” project is coming to its third month of implementation, 268 cases have been covered so far. - Based on the data collected up until the end of January; 87 women that were provided with cash: 70 of them delivered by 31st of January, and 66 of those reported that they used the money for the intended purpose. 30% used for private facilities, 5.7% with NGO supported facilities and for partially support form NGO was 2.8% 60% used the money in governmental hospitals (paying only what the governmental hospitals charge) - For the first two months and estimation of 33,630 JD were saved, and will be allocated to help more cases. - Based on MoH request to conduct a Nutrition Survey for 2016, meetings will be arranged with the involved agencies to organize the process and choose the timing of the survey and discussing including the Berm. <p>JHAS are willing to donate around 800 ORS boxes (each box contains 10 x 200 mg) of ORS valid until December 2016 for any interested agency to be used in out of camp settings.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO – To share the Hospitals Rapid Assessment Report produced in January and circulate it with the WG

<p>5. Subsector working groups - RH (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF)</p>	
<p>RH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of a new a new colleague (Ahlam Abd Al-Salam) new RH officer of UNFPA - The next meeting for the sub-working group is going to be next week.

Mental Health	- As a result of joint advocacy effort between UNHCR, UNFPA and HPC; there was a letter issued by MOH stating that MCH and FP Services will be provided free for Syrian Refugees, however, providing these free services is not confirmed yet officially, as it is pending MoH confirmation. No updates
Nutrition	- Malnutrition trainings for 29 clinics will start next week in collaboration with other agencies like: SCJ, JHAS, IMC - MoH along with UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO and other partners will participate in the 2016 Nutrition Survey - The NWG is considering coordination with other sectors which is a priority for this year like WASH and food security.
Action Point	● UNHCR to check with MoH on the official letter of confirmation/cancelation of providing free RH health services for Syrian Refugees

6. Task Forces Update: Community Health Task Force (Medair/IRC)/ NCD Task Force (WHO/MoH)	
Community Health TF	- In the last meeting of the TF, the main focus was on the data gathered from the home visits the volunteers made for the families of the new-borns - The TF are still in the phase of revising the strategy, while the 3Ws exercise have been shared with the WG - The TF had a presentation about “Disability prospects Protocol” conducted by Handicap International
NCD	- Waiting for feedback from MoH on what is expected from the task force from their end.
Action Point	- Community Health TF – To share some information about the home visits for new-borns, like the number of visits made for each family and when it took place (within 24 hours, 48 hours, 72 hours etc.) - WHO to follow up on NCD task force TORs with MOH

7. Integrated School Health Program / Makani - PPP/ EMPHNET	
	[Presentation] Integrated School Health Program [Presentation] Digital ISH Data Management System
Action Point	● EMPHNET – to share the presentation and get it uploaded on the sector web portal

8. Health Sector 4Ws Update	
	The partners who were present were asked to provide the information needed for the 4Ws and submit their input for the sector chairs in order to update the relevant portal and databases.
Action Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All partners – to fill and submit the 4Ws form

9. Proposed Assessments/Research	
	Kind reminder for all partners planning to do any assessments to liaise with the Coordination Unit in UNHCR and apply in the registry and go through the relevant SOPs.
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA

10. AoB	
	<p>Polio National Immunization Days (NIDs) Planning Meeting:</p> <p>Since Polio outbreak in Syria was announced in October 2013, 36 cases of WPV have been confirmed in Syria, 35 in 2013 and 1 in 2014 and 2 confirmed polio cases in Iraq in 2014. The Jordanian Ministry of Health (MOH) in collaboration with WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR and other partners implemented a series of polio NIDs and SNIDs during 2013-2015 to prevent the Polio virus transmission into country and protect all children in Jordan from the possible spread of polio.</p> <p>As part of the ME Polio outbreak response, Polio National Immunization Days (NIDs) will be implemented from 27 to 31 March 2016.</p> <p>So, as part of the preparation for the upcoming March NIDs there is a meeting planned next week on Monday 29 Feb 2016 called by MoH, WHO and UNICEF for Health Promoters from all governorates at Meridian Hotel at 10:00am</p>
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR and UNICEF – to send out an invitation and call for nominations for participants from the WG in the National Campaign, nominations to be sent to Dr.Amiri (UNICEF) mamiri@unicef.org by COB Sunday 28th