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Irbid Operational Coordination Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 2015, 10:00 p.m. @ UNHCR-Irbid

Co-Chair: CARE International

In Attendance: ACF, CARE, FPSC, Handicap, ICMC, ICRC, IMC, Intersos, IRC, IRD, IRW, MECI, MSF-France, NRC, UNHCR, WFP

AGENDA

1. Basic Needs Updates -- 10 minutes
2. Education Update (UNICEF) -- 15 minutes
3. ActivityInfo Update -- 10 minutes
4. VAF Update -- 10 minutes
5. Food Update (WFP) -- 5 minutes
6. Anti-Fraud Update -- 5 minutes
7. Verification Update -- 5 minutes
8. Review of Action Points - 3 minutes
9. Operational Updates -- 15 minutes
10. AoB

Food and Basic Needs Updates

- ACF provided a presentation on their current project being carried out in specific villages of Irbid and which is targeting Syrian and Jordanian alike. Presentation to be shared via email.
- Nutrition working group by IYCF whom are searching for champions to take this framework into consideration. Recommendation that applies to the Jordan operation was shared in their presentation on this.
- Cash trends. No full Governorate across Jordan is fully cash covered yet.
- Discussed when best to apply /use cash for basic needs.

Education Update (UNICEF)

Education challenges:

1. School dropouts.
2. Quality of education.
 - As reported, 13 NGOs are focusing on education of refugees within Jordan.
 - Discussed three types of schooling services: Home schooling, formal and informal education.
 - The 2 –year free Home schooling program for children of about 12 years. However, families of children enrolling/to be enrolled in the home school program have to sign a waiver for their children's enrollment in the program.
 - Formal schooling enrolling refugee children in the 4 semester program which Ministry of Education is encouraging all school to enroll children in.
 - For formal education, Ministry of Education reported on no space and capacity.
 - As reported by Unicef, 15,000 child(all nationalities) dropout from schools
 - Inclusive education. UNICEF reported on 500 children of disabilities currently enrolled in informal schooling
 - Children can get multiple benefits from the formal and informal education.

- Unicef to share lists of children unattending schools to Ministry of Education.
- Unicef plans to integrate education in the child friendly places as to improve as well as enhance in such existed places.
- Refugee children willing to enroll in the formal schooling yet are unable due to lack of school capacity; they can enroll in the recreational informal schooling until there is space so they can then shift.
- Informal schooling is not ministry-certified but in negotiations with Ministry of Education to have it certified. However, Formal schooling is ministry certified run by the Jordanian Government yet facilitated by NGOs.
- Home schooling costs Ministry of Education 60 JDs per child which is paid by UNICEF.
- Informal schooling is for children whom dropped out of school for more than two years.
- Home schooling is a service for all nationalities and only for Syrian and does not require previous education certificates except for the UNHCR's ASC or any other proof of refuge.
- School dropout cases to be referred to UNICEF through Save Children Jordan and/or the toll-free contact.
- Save children Jordan is following up on the informal education for the ITS as it will be into the program.
- Ministry of Education stated that schools no more have the capacity to absorb more children and therefore is considering the double shifting.

ActivityInfo Update

- Referrals mechanism and Activity info update
- UNHCR urged all partners and NGO's working in the field to support in information and data update on Activity Info as it is closely monitored by donors therefore has to be updated periodically.
- Activity info. Update deadline is June 1st,2015.
- Using Activity info enhances a better referral mechanism to best approach vulnerabilities and is crucial on a case management level. Activity info should be viewed by Case workers. Viewing access to be discussed the following meeting.
- Hisham and Wedad to assist in Activity info update the coming two weeks.
- UNHCR has a step by step Activity info guideline. However, it stands ready for an Activity info. Training to Partners/NGOs.
- Referral challenge between UNHCR and partners/NGOs has been fixed thanks to the referral meeting held biweekly.
- UNHCR will be viewing projects on Activity Info every 6 months. Each project has to set a start/end date as it is a key element.

VAF Update

- Vulnerability assessment framework. Two main objectives have been developed throughout a year and a half. Access to vulnerabilities' lists as to target those most vulnerable and the common analysis of vulnerabilities.
- The welfare predict is a livelihood framework approach.
- UNHCR to soon provide partners/NGOs with some information on the vulnerability workshop.
- Protection data may not be captured on maps due to confidentiality.
- For the time being, UNHCR can do the vulnerability analysis for NGOs.

- UNHCR does not share any vulnerability lists with names in respect to confidentiality, however, can share a sample of names upon the purpose to ensure confidentiality.
- Standard vulnerability assessment form to be used/asked by all working on it.
- 70 focus group discussions throughout the country have been conducted for a definition of a vulnerability with a different analytical needs (Health, WASH, education,...etc.)

Food Update (WFP)

- WFP reviewed 67 appeals.
- WFP cuts on food vouchers from 20 JDs to 15 for those eligible is due to lack of funding.

Anti-Fraud Update

- FOI team have been trained on all anti-fraud procedures and measures
- Emphasis on importance of referring fraud cases to UNHCR to support refugees
- Availability to anti-fraud posters and services are free was presented, and later distributed 35 posters to different organizations.

Verification Update

- Handing out of documents has not yet started.
- Process is in place regarding misplaced documents, however, request for documents must be done as first step. A special committee will be handling such cases.
- No change on the medical certificate fees.
- No exceptional registration for birth and marriages (no extension for the exemption).

Review of Action Points:

- Action points were implemented, no pending points.

Operational Updates

1. CARE:
2. HI:
3. ACF:
4. MSF France: MSF to be stopping its activities in Irbid due to the reduced case load.

AOB

None.

MEETING ACTION POINTS

Meeting Title: Irbid Operational Coordination Meeting			Date: 7 May 2015
Agenda Item	Action required	Responsibility	Deadline