

Protection Working Group Jordan

Meeting Minutes
09 September 2015



Agencies present: ARDD-LA, APS, AVSI, CARE, CVT, DRC, FCA, FPSC, HI, ICMC, IMC, Intersos, IOM, IRD, JRC, MPDL, NFH-IFH, NRC, OXFAM, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, TdH-Lausanne, TdH-Italy, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN Women, Urban Justice Center, UPP

Agenda:

1. Update on the Urban Verification Exercise
2. Update on Statistical Trends
3. JRP/3RP Update
4. Inter-Sector Linkages Discussion
5. PWG Advocacy Points for the 3rd Quarter
6. Proposed NRC Youth Assessment (Zaatari, Azraq, EJC)
7. AOB
 - a. VAF/PWG Linkages
 - b. PWG & Gender – what next?

1. Update on the Urban Verification & Document Return Exercise

Since the beginning of the document return exercise, 1,772 documents have been returned to 1,192 Syrian refugees in urban areas. A time table was shared with sector members with details of start/end dates and police stations from where refugees will collect their documents. To date, 183,520 Mol service cards have been issued through the urban verification.

2. Update on Statistical Trends

UNHCR shared current statistical trends for both Iraqi and Syrian refugees in Jordan. The number of Iraqis has reached 50,340 while Syrians are now 629,266. The GoJ planning figures for 2016 (through the JRP) is for 700,000 Syrian refugees at the end of 2016. For more details on current statistics, visit: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=9420> – for Syrians and <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=9422> – for Iraqis

Action point

- In the next meeting, there will be a presentation on returns of refugees to Syria and abroad

3. JRP/3RP Update

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On 03 September the final budgets and project sheets of JRP were shared with MoPIC. We are waiting for feedback from the ministry. The JRP will be finalized by 27 September and validated on 01 October 2015. Appealing agencies (NGOs and UN agencies) will appear in the JRP as an annex (without individual agency appeals).

Action points

- ActivityInfo will be open for agencies to enter their budgets and targets for 2016 on 6 October
- Protection sector will also produce a strategic plan for 2016
- A smaller meeting will be called for members to discuss indicators on 22 September
- Agencies that have not yet registered with the government should do so

4. Inter-Sector Linkages Discussion

In groups members discussed linkages between protection and other sectors like WASH, shelter, education, health, basic needs and food security. They also discussed and shared priorities of linkages with other sectors.

Action points

- Sector co-chairs to finalize document & share with Sector members & ISWG.

5. PWG Advocacy Points for the 3rd Quarter

Members with advocacy points should share them with co-chairs. A smaller meeting will be called to draft messages for this quarter.

6. Proposed NRC Youth Assessment (Zaatari, Azraq, EJC)

NRC shared their concept note for planned assessments on youth in Zaatari, Azraq and EJC. The exercise will assess the situation and needs of youth.

Action point

- NRC to share concept paper for input from sector members

7. AOB

(a) VAF/PWG Linkages

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An update was provided on the meeting that took place to discuss linkages with VAF Officer. Another meeting will be called to move forward with this, particularly in light of increased move toward targeting & potential impact on protection situation of refugees.

(b) **PWG & Gender – what next?**

The PWG gender focal point, Alejandro Hurtado made a presentation with statistics of WGBM participating in volunteering and information sharing sessions.

Action points

- A report will be prepared on data extracted and analyzed from ActivityInfo and lessons learned
- A meeting will be called for agencies working with youth committees in urban/rural areas
- A gender marker training will be conducted for the sector targeting 15-20 participants. Agencies should confirm their attendance and nominate their staff by 15 September.
- At every PWG meeting, GFPs will make a 5-10 minutes presentation on gender issues
- Members interested to join the SGFPN should inform sector focal points

For more details, contact, Alejandro Hurtado (jordania@mpdl.org).

(c) **Data sharing**

A meeting will be held to discuss inter-sector data sharing agreements.