

Protection Working Group Jordan

Meeting Minutes
08 August 2015



Agencies present: ARDD-LA, CARE, DRC, FPSC, HI, ICMC, IMC, IRD, IOM, MC, MPDL, NEF, NRC, OXFAM, UNICEF, UNOPS, UN Women, WFP, WRG and WVI.

Agenda:

1. JRP/3RP Planning
2. Preparation of Draft JRP/3RP Objectives/Outputs
3. AOB
 - Urban Verification Update
 - WFP Assistance Update
 - Update on RSD Processing Strategy for Iraqis
 - Update on PSEA Task Force
 - Protection and VAF task force efforts/next meeting
 - PWG meetings (post-Ramadan) - to continue to be monthly or every 2 weeks?

1. JRP/3RP Planning

The JRP planning began with the formulation of needs assessment review (NAR) in June. The draft NAR has already been shared with PWG members and has been submitted to the relevant line ministries. The JRP will be a 3 year rolling plan covering 2016-2018. Members agreed to maintain the current objectives.

Next steps

- JRP planning workshop and finalization of project sheets will take place from 24-26 August and will be finalized in September and launched in October.
- 3RP planning workshop will take place on 31 Aug-1 September

Action points

- PWG will draft a Refugee Protection Sector 2016 Strategy (similar to process in 2015)
- Drafting of JRP Social Protection and Justice sector narratives and project summary sheets will be done by the JRP TFs

2. Preparation of Draft JRP/3RP Objectives/Outputs

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Budgets will be presented at objective level. However in the JRP, project sheets will include budget per output. All partners should submit their budgets by 18 August. The PWG discussed whether to have a separate objective on PSS given concerns around approvals of projects & desire to highlight the importance of PSS. Differing opinions were provided; MHPSS SWG to provide final recommendation.

Action points

- Sector chairs to share 2015 budgets for all partners; partners to provide 2016, 2017, 2018 budgets (at output level) for inclusion in JRP
- MHPSS SWG will draft a separate advocacy note for MHPSS.
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3. AOB

a. Urban Verification Update

Syrian document return should begin (as part of urban re-registration) in August 2015. UNHCR and SRAD will conducting joint visits to all police stations registering refugees to ensure that registration procedures are implemented in a harmonized manner.

Action point

- UNHCR will make a presentation on the return of documents in the next meeting.
- All complaints coming from refugees on the urban re-registration should be shared with UNHCR. UNHCR will compile all these challenges and share them with SRAD.

b. WFP Assistance Update

WFP has received some financial assistance for the next 4 months until November 2015. Assistance will continue for all refugees in the camps. In urban areas only very vulnerable people will be supported.

For more details on this, contact, Nicole Carn (Nicole.carn@wfp.org).

c. Update on RSD Processing Strategy for Iraqis

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UNHCR made a presentation on the RSD processing strategy for Iraqi refugees in Jordan. The strategy has been reviewed with a view to harmonizing procedures for Syrians and Iraqis. UNHCR will prioritize individuals with the highest needs and vulnerabilities.

Action point

SMS messages will be sent to all Iraqi refugees explaining changes to RSD procedure.

d. Update on PSEA Task Force

A 20 member focal point network was formed this year to work on inter-agency PSEA mechanisms. They have so far developed and endorsed their TORs. They met on 30 July and finalized a checklist which agencies will adopt when developing or reviewing their internal complaints mechanisms.

Action point

- Consultations will be held with the refugee community to map out existing complaints mechanisms and ensure that complaints are handled in a proper way.
- UNHCR will circulate the TORs with members of the sector
- Agencies that want to share contacts of their focal points should contact Ana Belen Anguita Arjona, anguita@unhcr.org.

e. Protection and VAF task force efforts/next meeting

A small group was formed to discuss the sector's engagement with the VAF team. IRC and IMC talked about hiring a consultant who will work on this.

Members interested in attending the next meeting should contact, Jennifer Gulbrandson, jennifer.gulbrandson@drc-jordan.org.

f. Referrals workshop

DRC is planning to conduct a workshop on referrals for partners who are active in referrals.

Organizations interested in this workshop should contact, Jennifer Gulbrandson, jennifer.gulbrandson@drc-jordan.org.

g. Annual sector survey

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The annual sector survey was launched on 03 August and will be open until 20 August 2015. All members are encouraged to participate in this survey in order to provide feedback to the coordination mechanisms in place.

The survey is available through this link:

<http://data.unhcr.org/survey/index.php?sid=35131&lang=en>

h. Frequency of meetings.

PWG meetings shall continue to be every month at UNHCR. However, updates will continue to be send out through mail.

i. ActivityInfo reporting

Deadline for reporting is 08 August 2015. All agencies are urged to report their activities before the deadline.