

# JORDAN INTER-SECTOR WORKING GROUP UPDATE

August 2016



This update is a coordination tool to improve communication between sectors and up to the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF). It focuses on processes, rather than achievements. The latter are covered through separate monthly sector dashboards, available through the inter-agency portal and at <http://data.unhcr.org/jordan/sectors/>

## I. General / Inter-Sector Update



**Sector Priorities in August 2016:** During the reporting month, the Inter-Sector Working Group in consultation with Sector Coordinators prepared a document including suggested priorities for the Jordan Humanitarian Fund call for proposal scheduled in September. The sector priorities documents are available at <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=11659> The allocation paper shared by OCHA is uploaded at <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=11757>

**Jordan Response Plan 2017 – 2019:** The preparation for the Jordan Response Plan 2017 – 2019 officially started during the reporting period. This year a JRP Task Force for Livelihoods became a stand-alone sector. JRP Task Forces began to meet to update the Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment and to discuss their respective sector responses and projects for 2017 - 2019; Sector Coordinators have closely worked with JRP Task Forces.

**Sector Performance Survey 2016:** The annual on-line Sector Performance Survey was completed to evaluate coordination mechanisms of their respective sectors, inter-sector coordination and usage of information management at the national and field levels, with 185 participants. This year showed an increase of participation, in comparison to 2015 (123 respondents). Almost half of the respondents indicated that results of the 2015 Survey were used to improve coordination of their respective sector. About 80% are satisfied with overall management, more than 90% are satisfied with effectiveness of their sector. More than 70% stated that efficiency of their sector and inter-sector coordination improved. The respondents indicated the following preferred focus of the coordination meetings: information sharing, development of common strategies and introduction of guidelines and avoiding duplication.

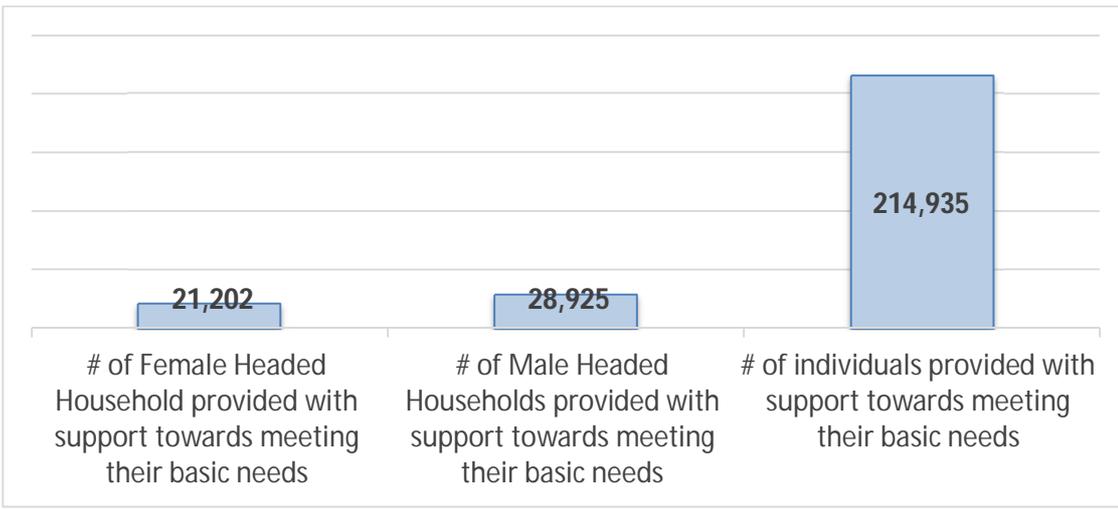
## II. Sector information

### BASIC NEEDS

In August, the Basic Needs Working Group provided around 7,998,087 USD worth of regular cash and non-food item (NFIs) to vulnerable beneficiaries from the refugee and host communities.

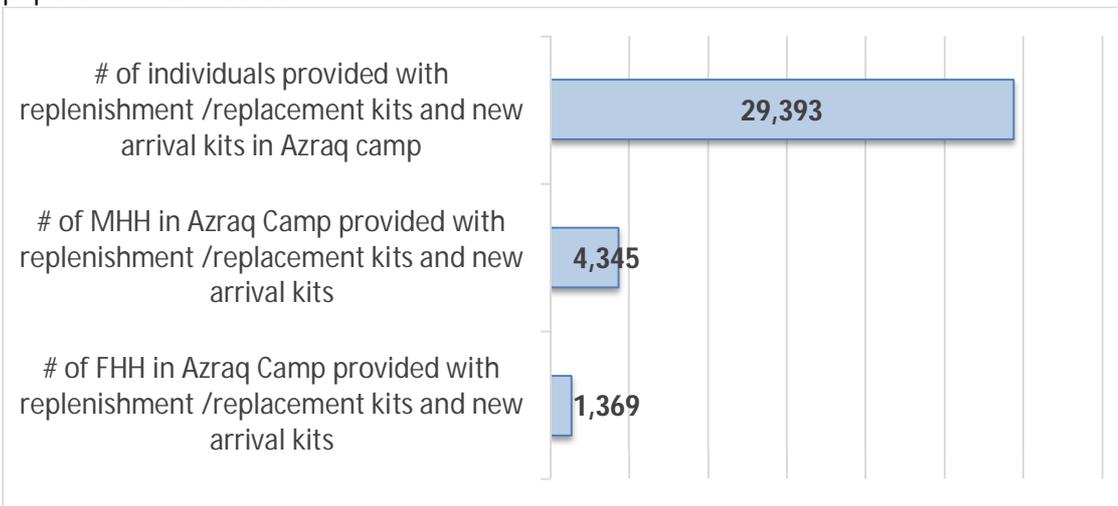
#### Urban:

Number of individuals and households provided with Basic Needs Support in the form of cash assistance or NFIs assistance is as follows:



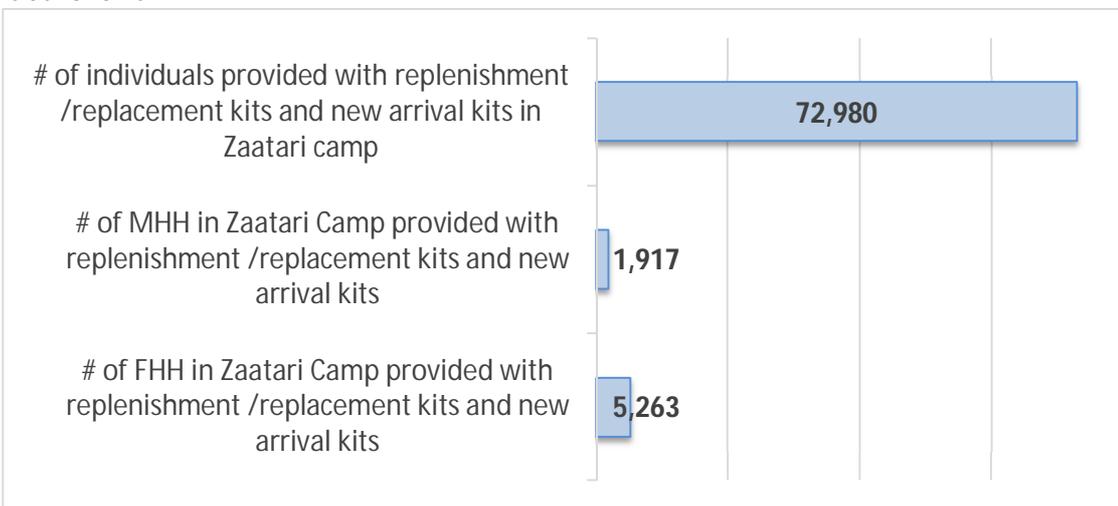
### Azraq camp:

Distribution of NFIs in the form of replenishment / replacement kits and new arrival kits to Azraq camp population is as follows:



### Zaatari camp:

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## EDUCATION

**Learning for All:** Throughout the month, sector members conducted Learning for All / Back to School campaign across the country to encourage the children enrolment in formal schools for the certified education programme. While the academic year starts on the 1st of September, the enrolment will continue till the end of September.

**School expansion:** NRC handed over 11 newly constructed classrooms and two WASH blocks to two schools in Irbid governorate, thus increasing the number of school places in the double shift schools by 680 learning spaces. More partners are also focusing on the school expansion.

**Gender Marker training:** ESWG organized a half-day session for sector members to orient them on the gender markers, particularly how they can be applied in the projects development. The session was conducted by the Education sector focal points in collaboration and with the support of UNICEF GBV expert. Two sector members expressed their interest to pilot the new gender and age marker.

**Coordination meetings:** During the month, four coordination meetings were conducted at the national and camps level focusing on updating the 4Ws, mid years review of the sector plan and the Learning for All campaign.

**DAFI Scholarship:** Approximately 1,500 students' applications were received for the DAFI scholarship. UNHCR, the German Embassy and partners conducted interviews. The successful candidates will be informed upon finalization of the results of the interviews.

## FOOD SECURITY

**WFP:** On 2 – 4 August, there has been the first time in WFP's experience use of two 70 metre cranes to shift life-saving food for the population stranded at the Jordan - Syria border. The food was complemented with the selected hygiene items from UNICEF and bread from IOM. Drones were also used to monitor the distribution process and ensure that goods were delivered to the right people.

Tazweed Co. has been selected as the second supermarket in Azraq camp.

**CARITAS Jordan** distributed 2,332 food vouchers were distributed to 2,332 Syrian households.

**WVI:** 216,919 MT of rice were distributed to 89,042 beneficiaries. Distribution of rice will continue in September. 500 MT of rice is put on hold for the regular Jordan Food and Drug Administration (JFDA). The JFDA report will be shared shortly.

**JHCO** supervised distribution of 150 food parcels (worth 20 JODs each) to 150 Syrian households in Amman. The distribution was conducted through Al Takafol Association.

In cooperation with Helping Hand for Relief and Development, 1,510 food parcels were distributed to 1,510 Syrian households in Ma'an, Al Mafraq, Al Balqa'a, Zarqa, Amman and Al Karak.

In cooperation with IOCC, 241 food vouchers (worth 35 JODs each) were distributed to 282 Syrian households.

In cooperation with Caritas, 2,350 food vouchers (worth 60 JODs each) were distributed to 1,190 Syrian households in Amman, Madaba, Al Balqa'a, Al Mafraq, Al Karak, Al Zarqa' and Irbid.

In cooperation with Quest Scope, 63 food vouchers (worth 35 JODs each) were distributed to 55 Syrian households in Aqaba.



## HEALTH

### Reproductive Health (RH):

- Family planning mapping exercise was launched with all partners to collect information on utilization of different family planning methods by the urban and camp refugees.
- UNFPA and the Ministry of Health are in the process of updating the Reproductive Health protocols to ensure the evidence based guidelines with focus on anemia detection and management.
- The RH core messages were developed and distributed to the RH partners expecting their review and feedback. The messages were related to the following RH topics: women rights regarding family planning, antenatal care, neonatal care, post-natal care, family planning, breastfeeding and nutritional support, early marriages / child marriages / child pregnancy, sexual transmitted diseases / infection control.

### Nutrition:

- SCJ has started implementing the interagency nutrition survey amongst Syrian refugees in Jordan. The survey is funded by UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP and is conducted under supervision of the Ministry of Health. UNHCR, UNICEF and SCJ carried out a five-days training for 32 participants. The agenda included anthropometric measurements and questionnaire questions regarding food security, household, IYCF, women in reproductive age and child morbidity.
- JHAS, MEDAIR and IRC will pilot the updated gender marker tools to ensure that gender is properly integrated in their programming, particularly: gender analysis, adapted assistance, project monitoring and review, adequate participation of women, girls, boys and men in the activities.

### Health Situation at the border:

- A contingency plan was developed by the Health task force in order to identify available resources and the different organizations' capacities in order to establish the best module for provision of health assistance behind the berm. However, the plans are pending for the government approval to grant access to the berm.
- During the month of August, three medical cases have been evacuated from the berm: a case of normal vaginal delivery, a case of a new born with congenital hernia and a case of a 14-year-old girl suffered from burns.



## PROTECTION

The PWG began a series of presentations **focusing on the conditions of refugees living in various host communities through Jordan**, in an attempt to shed greater light on refugee protection concerns for those living outside of Amman and refugee camps. The presentations and discussions include issues impacting service provision and coordination in Irbid, Mafraq, the Southern governorates, and elsewhere in Jordan, seeking to identify gaps and strengthen linkages between Amman and the governorates.

**Training in the South by UNICEF:** UNICEF is conducting trainings on child protection to the Child Protection organizations / Community Based Organizations located in the south. In August, the first training was conducted by IMC in Petra. An upcoming training opportunity will be between 25 and 29 September in Maan provided by IMC and targeting UNICEF partners and other agencies focusing on child protection.

**Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Sub-Working Group:**

**SGBV/CP Inter-Agency Referral Pathways Update:** A periodic comprehensive update of the inter-agency referral pathway commenced to ensure that it reflects the latest changes of services, locations and contact points for all agencies contributing to the relevant services for SGBV prevention and response, as well as those related to Child Protection.

**Child Protection Sub-Working Group:**

**Child Labour Task Force:** Following the establishment of the national Child Labour Task Force (CLTF) in the recent months, Child Protection actors in Zaatari camp have established a camp-level task force working towards the same goals on the local level. Save the Children will prepare Terms of Reference for Zaatari CLTF, thus establishing specific objectives and a new action plan for this time-bound task force. On the national level, Relief International will lead mapping of services responding to the Child Labour.

**Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS) Sub-Sector Working Group:**

**World Mental Health Day:** MHPSS SWG has started brainstorming to prepare for the activities dated to the World Mental Health Day on 10 October. The activities will aim at raising awareness on the mental health issues around the world and will mobilize efforts in support of mental health. The World Mental Health Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and on how to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide.

**Psychosocial services in Azraq** camp have been detected as one of the most pressing health needs for the new arrivals in Villages 2 and 5. The MHPSS WG chair has launched a coordination fora with the camp management to coordinate efforts and ensure they address the POCs' needs.

**MHPSS new projects:** MHPSS agencies noted that psychosocial projects have not been lately approved by the authorities. Due to the significant need and benefit from the psychosocial services, especially in the camps, MHPSS SWG is planning to discuss with MoPIC what advocacy work may be conducted on different levels in order to address the issue.

 **SHELTER**

**Urban:**

- 6,180 (1,476 women, 1,816 girls, 1,113 men and 1,775 boys) benefited from Cash for Rent project in Irbid, Mafraq, Zarqa, Ajloun and Al-Balqa.
- 97 housing units (84 in Irbid, 11 in Ajloun, and 2 in Jerash) have been completed in the unfinished buildings by NRC.
- 176 Syrian and 158 Jordanian individuals in Irbid and Jerash were provided with information about their rights to adequate shelter.

**Azraq:**

**Site Planning:**

- Shelters repair and maintenance continued through the Quick Fix Team in Villages 6, 3, 5 and 2 for both vacant and allocated shelters. A total of 253 (203 vacant and 50 allocated) shelters were fixed by the end of August.
- Market maintenance is ongoing for the newly allocated shops: 50 shops in Village 3 and 50 shops in Village 6.
- The extension of Village 2: 456 new shelters were fully constructed and are to be handed over at the beginning of September.

### Zaatari:

**Protection:** UNHCR service space has been renovated, ensuring more comfortable area for the refugees. At the later stage of the improvement, a volunteer will be available to support families with children, engaging the latter in the entertainment activities.

### Site Planning:

- Building Peace Foundation (Italy) has finished construction of the Arts and Crafts center of Zaatari camp inside the IRD community center in District 2. The opening ceremony will be arranged by UNHCR and Building Peace Foundation in the beginning of October.
- Construction of 14 shading units serving as bus stations and waiting areas through IRD is complete.
- The safety signs road marking is ongoing through NRC to cover the whole road network in the camp. The signs include: Slow Down, Stop, 30km/h speed at ring road, and 20km/h speed at inner roads.



### WASH

### Zaatari:

Over the month, an average of 3.5 million litres of water was distributed each day, in addition to an average of 1.6 million litres of wastewater collected and treated, and 496m<sup>3</sup> of solid waste collected and transported to the municipal waste site.

### Zaatari Networks:

To date, as part of Phase I of the Zaatari Wastewater Network, 1,844 interceptor tanks have been installed (98% of the target, with 37 tanks remaining to be installed by one partner), 10,128 households have been connected to interceptor tanks (98% of the target), 599 latrines have been installed for the identified vulnerable households (97% of the target), 8,822 pits have been backfilled (93% of the target), and 346 WASH blocks have been decommissioned (97% of the target).

The redesign and repackaging of the water and wastewater network into one tender (divided into four packages) was completed and reviewed by all the stakeholders.

The work continued on the development of an Operation and Maintenance strategy for Phase I of the wastewater network (tanks and household connections).

### Azraq:

Over the month of August, an average of 1.6 million litres of water was delivered around the camp each day, with approximately 211m<sup>3</sup> of wastewater collected and treated. The internal camp borehole provided 80% of the required water supply, with the remaining amount supplemented by the external sources.

Works on the irrigation pond were completed. The preparations are underway to ensure discharge to the pond by early September.

### Cyber City (Irbid Governorate):

The delivery of WASH services (water supply, desludging and solid waste management) continued in Cyber City, in addition to hygiene promotion and mobilisation activities. Preparations are underway to transfer families from Cyber City to King Abdullah Park, which is scheduled for September.

### Host Community interventions:

**Water Infrastructure projects:** An assessment of the treatment system at the Ruwayshed Treatment Plant was conducted and the necessary works were divided into small-scale urgent works and larger scale works. The small-scale urgent works commenced with 14 out of 16 Reverse Osmosis (RO) filters replaced, and with other works underway to improve the efficiency of the treatment plant.

Assessments of the WASH needs at two schools, the Ruwayshed hospital, the existing network and the four production boreholes at the Ruwayshed treatment plant were undertaken and the areas of support finalized. A pumping test was carried out on the existing Hadalat borehole and on one of the boreholes at KM36. The results are expected in early September and these will be used to finalise the design of the RO Unit. The layout of the Hadalat borehole was developed and will comprise control room, guards' room, Reverse Osmosis unit, pre and post filter storage areas and a filling station.

### **WASH in Schools:**

Currently, various projects are underway to improve the access to WASH facilities and services in schools, as follows:

- Construction of WASH facilities (toilet facility comprising six latrines and five taps per facility) started in three schools in Irbid Governorate
- The EMIS, containing the information gathered during the nationwide WASH in Schools assessment, was launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, UNICEF and JEN.
- Hygiene promotion and community mobilization activities were implemented in six locations and included five school principals, 35 teachers, 31 parents and 430 students (275 girls and 155 boys)
- Life Skills activities were undertaken and involved 13 volunteers.



### **LIVELIHOODS**

The livelihoods sector is submitted as a separate chapter of the JRP as of this year. A Task Force under the leadership of the Ministry of Labour has been created to lead the sector.

According to the Ministry of Labour, as of 31 August, total number of valid work permits issued to Syrians has reached 26,156. Advocacy to extend the grace period which provides for work permits to be free continues.

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