

JORDAN INTER-SECTOR WORKING GROUP UPDATE

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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



Third Quarter Inter-Agency Financial Tracking (Refugee Component): The Inter-Sector Working Group conducts the financial tracking of the funds received by refugee response partners in Jordan, covering the interagency appeal for the refugee pillar of the 3RP, in support of the Jordan Response Plan on a quarterly basis. During the reporting month, the inter-agency financial tracking for the third quarter of 2016 was completed. All of 55 appealing organizations provided breakdowns of funds received by sector. USD 580 million, 77 percent of the total inter-agency appeal of USD 750 million have been received under the refugee component. This figure (77 percent) is higher than the same period last year (i.e. USD 451 million, or 52 percent of the total requested funds received as of end September 2015). Out of the received funds, the Food Security Sector received the highest amount (29% of the total), followed by the Basic Needs Sector (18%) and the Education Sector (14%). The WASH Sector, the Education Sector and the Food Security Sector have received more than ninety percent of the total requested funds for 2016 by the third quarter.

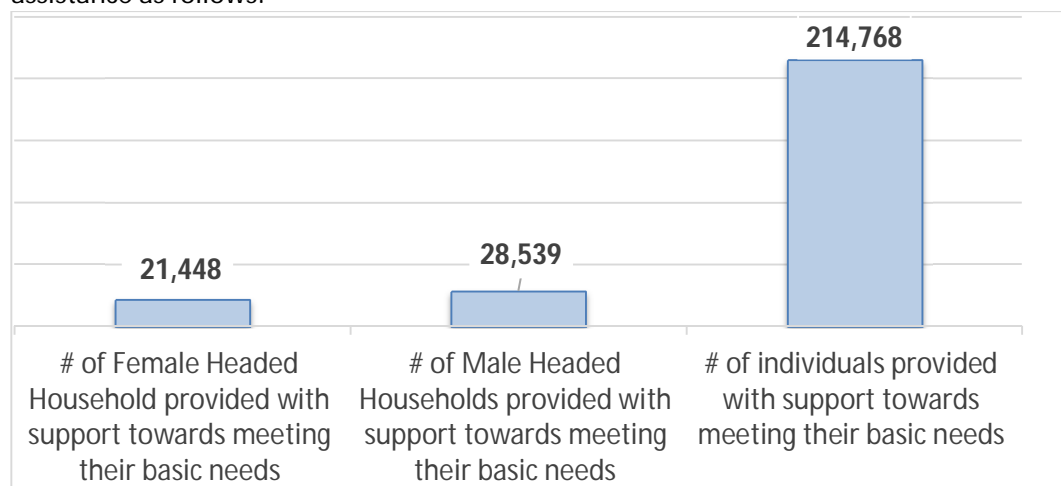
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II. Sector information

BASIC NEEDS

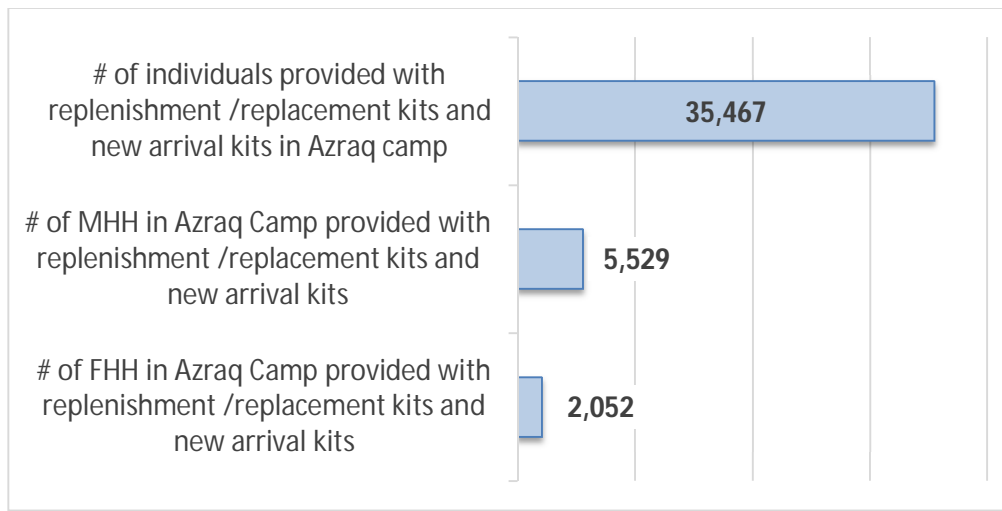
In October, the Basic Needs Working Group provided around 8,680,215 USD worth of regular cash and non-food item (NFIs) to vulnerable beneficiaries from the refugee and host communities.

Urban: Number of individuals and households provided with the basic needs support in form of cash or NFIs assistance as follows:



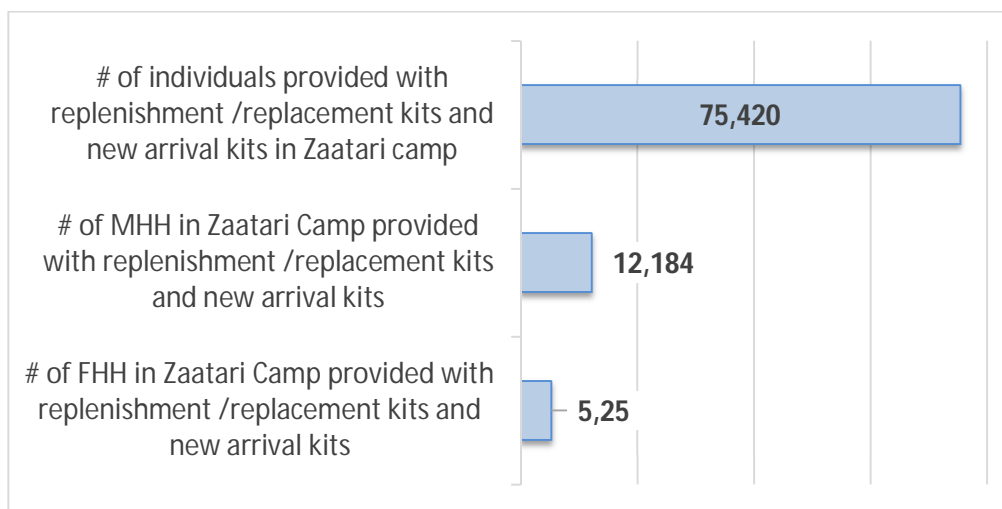
Azraq camp:

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EDUCATION

Formal education: In October, approximately 166,000 Syrian students are enrolled in schools in camp and host community settings, which represents a 14% increase from the previous year. A total of 102 double shift schools are operational by the end of the month, where approximately 20,000 children are registered.

Meanwhile in the camps, UNICEF and MOE are expanding the capacity in the schools through building new schools and expanding classrooms. Both construction of additional four schools (three in Azraq and one in Za'atari) and expansion of an existing Azraq school (additional 20 classrooms) are under completion. One new school is already open in Azraq catering to children living in the fenced area. 28,965 students (51% girls) are enrolled in all schools in the camps.

Learning for All Campaign: Since August 2016, 56,119, children (47 % girls) from all governorates were registered though the Learning for All campaign. 90,515 individuals from 18,103 households were reached out on the importance of education and registering in school.

Non-Formal Education: Since the start of 2016, 1,318 (61% males and 39% female) children have been newly enrolled in the two NFE programmes, which include 1,009 benefitting Drop-Out and 309 benefitting Adult Basic Literacy in the camps. During the last month, 61 NFE Dropout program centres have been functioning. The Drop-Out program served more than 2,700 students in host communities and in Azraq camp. In Azraq camp, the demand for the Drop-Out program has been overwhelming, with almost 227 students enrolled exceeded the Azraq pilot initial target of 100. This programme will be expanded to enroll more young persons aged 13 and above.

To maintain the quality of implementation, quality focused workshops were conducted from September to October, where the staff from NFE centres discussed challenges, past experiences, success stories and areas for improvement.



FOOD SECURITY

WFP: The second planned supermarket in Azraq camp, to be operated by Tazweed Co., opened in mid-October. Beneficiaries were initially using paper vouchers but will begin using e-vouchers from November. The iris scanning will be introduced in December to bring the operation in line with the rest of the camp.

Construction of a Health Kitchen for the local production of school meals began in Azraq camp and is expected to be completed in November. Healthy meals will replace the current date bars in Azraq once the kitchen opens.

The planned resumption of food assistance to beneficiaries at the north-eastern berm is expected to begin in November.

In partnership with **JHCO**, **IOCC** completed the third round of distributions of food and hygiene vouchers to 1,200 families, composed of 6,902 individuals, in Amman and Zarqa governorates in October. The food vouchers were valued between 25 JD and 35 JD, depending on family size, and could be used at Jordan's Civil Cooperatives Association branches in the targeted governorates.

JHCO supervised distributions with partners, including:

- 1,150 food vouchers valued 35 JOD each to 1,497 households in Zarqa (by NICCOD)
- 876 food vouchers valued 60 JOD each to 876 Syrian households in Balqa, Mafraq, Zarqa, Madaba, Irbid and Karak (by Caritas)
- 1,600 cartons of dates to 1,600 Syrian households in Karak, Zarqa, Amman, Balqa, Irbid and Mafraq (by International Islamic Relief).

WVI Taiwan: 213.059 MT of rice were distributed to 87,450 beneficiaries.

WV Taiwan School Feeding: 61,147 date bars and 61,147 juices were distributed to 3,640 students attending the formal school in Village 6 in Azraq.



HEALTH

Nutrition Sub-Working Group:

IMC with support and participation of Nutrition sub-working group agencies conducted Barrier Analysis on nutrition-related practices and behavior, and shared the final report with the group members.

The data collection and preliminary analysis of the Inter-Agency Nutrition Survey is completed. The draft report will be reviewed by the Nutrition sub-working group.

Zaatari camp:

The Embassy of Poland funded a one-year project on provision of glucose check devices and strips for patients with diabetes mellitus in the camp. The distribution of devices started in the JHAS PHC.

AMR has opened a radiology center (containing the X-ray and the dental panoramic radiograph units) in District 10 and the internal medicine ward in the comprehensive centre in District 1.



PROTECTION

The “Securing Status - Syrian refugees and the documentation of legal status, identity, and family relationships in Jordan” report developed by NRC in partnership with Harvard’s International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC) is ready to be launched. The report considers the experiences of Syrian refugees with the Urban Verification Exercise (UVE) and focuses on the impact and obstacles faced by some refugees throughout the process.

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

The proposal submitted by the SGBV-SWG to address Conflict Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) and other forms of violence got approval from UN Action Multi Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) in September. As per the agreement, UNICEF, UNHCR and UNPFA as the executing agencies shall implement this joint project with a contribution of 500,000 USD from the MPTF during 2016-2017. The SGBV SWG was involved in the planning for the inter-agency project implementation based on the guidelines by the MPTF.

Jordan is one of the 11 target countries for the roll-out of the IASC Guidelines for integrating GBV in Humanitarian Action. The SWG worked closely with the ISWG and the IASC to identify seven target sectors to be engaged in the roll-out. During October, the SGB SWG remained involved in planning for the roll-out process to be held on 16 - 24 November with the following sectors: Protection, WASH, Education, Health, Shelter, Livelihood and Basic Needs.

The SGBV SWG and the GBVIMS Task Force supported UNHCR consultant who undertook a study on “Sexual Violence against Men”, by providing data and facilitating meetings.

Child Protection (CP) Sub-Working Group:

The outcome of the Jordan River Foundation (JRF) Youth camp project implemented in July was shared with the CP members. The initiative aimed on building CBOs capacities in the host communities, empowering community based protection workers with the case management skills to ensure systematic and efficient case management for vulnerable Syrian and Jordanian children and women in addition to improving the wellbeing of children, women and youth. One of the most important components of the project has become building capacity of 28 youth peers through an intensive six-day exercises, equipping them with the needed knowledge, skills and methods to educate, disseminate and train adolescents on child protection issues, in addition to mobilizing them to help and serve their communities.

The Inter-Agency Child Protection workshop for the 3RP partners is prepared jointly by UNHCR and UNICEF to take place in early November in collaboration with NLG partners. An upcoming event will give an opportunity to further refine the strategic direction of the inter-agency response, understand complementarity of different actors and bring predictability of engagement of agencies, to share good practices and identify key challenges to address gaps. The purpose of this workshop is to strengthen the child protection response to the Syria crisis and to agree on regional benchmarks to improve the Child Protection response. This workshop will build on the experience and outcomes of last year event taking into account the progress made since then and the changing of the operational context.

Mental Health Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Sub-Working Group:

Within the framework of the Mental Health awareness campaign in the camps, MHPSS members have arranged several awareness sessions on general MHPSS and PFA with school teachers, volunteers, community police and

the refugees during the community gatherings. 34 organizations arranged 14 events to celebrate the MH day, including a march in Zaatari camp to support persons with mental disabilities.

The MHPSS SWG discussed the advocacy document on the mental health and psychosocial activities. Once drafted, it will be shared with MoPIC, relevant ministries, JIF and agencies.

SHELTER

Camps update:

- 6,630 m2 of camp infrastructure and roads were constructed and upgraded in Zaatari camp.
- 728 shelters were replaced, improved and upgraded in Azraq camp.

Urban Update:

- 86 housing units (67 in Irbid and 19 in Ajloun) have been completed in the unfinished buildings by NRC.
- 245 beneficiaries have been accommodated in the upgraded shelters in the Northern governorates by IOCC and NRC.
- Caritas provided 1,755 individuals in urban areas with cash for rent.

WASH

Zaatari:

Over the month, each day an average of 3 million litres of water was distributed, in addition to an average of 1.95 million litres of wastewater collected and treated, and 481m³ of solid waste collected and transported to the municipal waste site, with an average of 1.6 million litres treated by the Zaatari wastewater treatment plant. The average daily volume of wastewater is almost double the volume collected from the camp, compared to that of October 2015, representing a significant reduction in the contamination of the environment. Disinfection of 9,680 public and private water storage tanks was carried out.

The Global Handwashing Day was celebrated during the period 13 to 20 October and involved mostly school children in addition to specific community target groups, with soap distributed to complement the messaging.

The winter contingency planning (for storms) has been completed and included plans for alternative water delivery sites, desludging options for congested areas, provision of critical stock (dewatering pumps and borehole supplies), revision of the annual flood potential map, revision of winter messages to ensure community members are aware of key activities before and during storms, as well as the clear allocation of roles and responsibilities and avenues of communication.

Zaatari networks:

An agreement was reached with the Military Engineering Corp in October to allow safe installation of the remaining tanks in November which will enable Phase 1 to be completed by December 2016.

To date, 1,844 interceptor tanks have been installed (98% of the target), 11,232 households have been connected to tanks (96% of the target) and 9,314 pits have been backfilled (96% of the target). The first phase of private toilet construction for vulnerable families has been completed in all 12 districts, with over 680 private toilets constructed and in use. Work continued on the development of an Operation and Maintenance strategy for Phase I of the wastewater network (tanks and household connections), and will address the provision of basic tools (at a cluster level) as well as the identification of supplies and materials. UNICEF and partners are assessing plumbing training options and sustainable livelihood approaches.

Azraq:

Over the month of October, an average of 1.1 million litres of water was delivered around the camp each day with approximately 259 m3 of wastewater collected and treated, in addition to an average of 17 tons solid waste

collected and transported to the municipal site. As a result of the works to expand the water storage capacity at the borehole undertaken in September, all of the water is now provided from the internal borehole.

As part of the Hepatitis A response, the distribution of Comprehensive Hygiene Kits continued with kits distributed to all households in the camp, reaching an estimated 34,167 people.

Global Handwashing Day was celebrated with events organized in all villages of the camp including puppet shows, soap distribution, handwashing sessions and music shows.

Host Community interventions:

Water Infrastructure projects. The works on the Al Maadi pipeline (Balqa Governorate) have been completed with the newly constructed 3km pipeline (180 mm HDPE) connecting Maadi village to the pumping station, replacing the old pipeline which was 30 years steel old with significant leakage reported. The new line will ensure increase the access to safe and adequate water supply for 15,000 people.

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

- Construction of new school buildings including the WASH facilities in three schools is ongoing with works expected to be completed by late February. The new facilities in the three schools will include a water reuse scheme to enable water to be reused for both flushing and agricultural purposes, conserving Jordan's very limited water resources and reinforcing the importance of water conservation to students.
- Since February, works have been completed on WASH facilities in 41 schools (17 schools for rehabilitation and 24 for new construction) benefiting 29,575 students, with works underway at an additional four schools.
- During October, Hygiene promotion and community mobilization activities were carried out at six additional locations/schools, with the participation of five principals, 35 teachers, 31 parents and 430 students (275 girls and 155 boys).

Makani Plus. WASH infrastructure has been installed in 69 locations, benefitting 5,627 people. The interventions to date include the construction of latrines and the installation of water tanks (2,000 litre capacity) in 69 locations with water filters distributed benefitting 4,902 people. WASH committees have been established in 30 locations and water quality tests were carried out at 30 sites (water tank and household level).



LIVELIHOODS

Over the past 12 months, number of work permits issued by the Ministry of Labor reached 32,389. The permits issued to women remain very few – 498 only.

According to the MoL, Syrian refugees in the camps will be able to obtain work permits to be employed outside the camp. These will be considered as leave permits for the holder (not for the family). The discussions on establishing mechanisms for this increased mobility are taking place at the camp level.

In collaboration with MoL, UNHCR updated the FAQs on work permits reflecting the new grace period. The reprinted FAQs are being disseminated.

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