

JORDAN INTER-SECTOR WORKING GROUP UPDATE

February 2017



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



Inter-Sector Working Group Work Plan 2017: The Inter-Sector Working Group developed its work plan for 2017. The key focus areas include continued usage of the Vulnerability Assessment Framework, maintaining transparent data collection and information management systems, promotion of inter-sector linkages, building capacity of coordinators and strengthening gender equality measures. The work plan is now available at the inter-agency information sharing portal. <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=13087>

Services Advisor: The Services Advisor (on-line system to map the services available for refugees <http://jordan.servicesadvisor.org>) has been created to avoid duplication of mapping efforts. The Services Advisor allows users to view available services for refugees on a map and in a service directory, where they can filter by sectors, areas, names of service providers and referral requirements. It is useful for refugee sector working groups to map service provisions for refugees and to identify gaps in services. The Information Management Team plans to organize the second round of training sessions in March.

Please see <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=13086>

Sector Dashboard and Financial Tracking System through Activity Info: The Information Management Team has introduced the new sector dashboard with more specific categorization of data. The dashboards will show separate pages of the respective sectors as well as area-based coordination.

Also for the first quarter of 2017, the ActivityInfo database will be used to conduct the Financial Tracking System as a pilot project; the training session is scheduled on 21-22 March.

II. Sector information

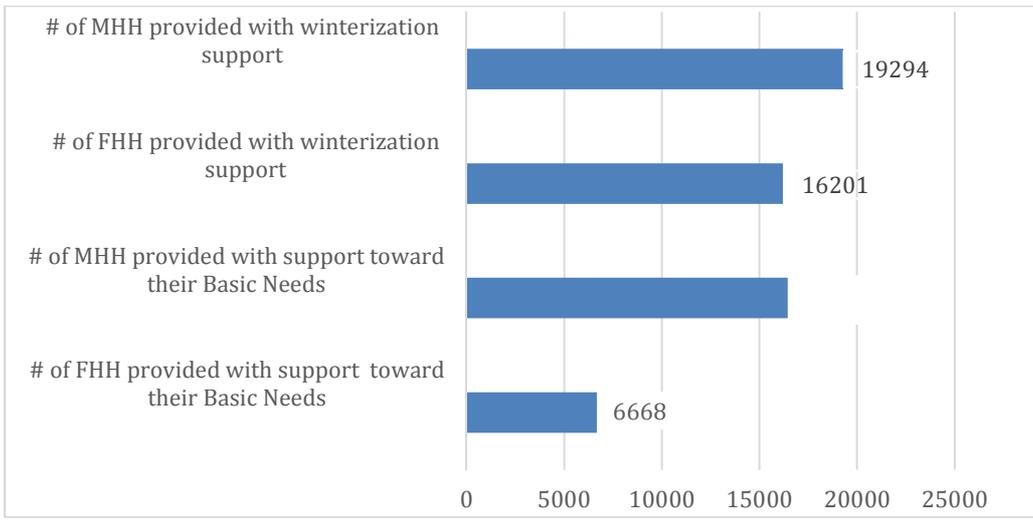


BASIC NEEDS

In February 2017, the Basic Needs Working Group provided around USD 6,840,600 worth of regular cash, non-food item (NFIs) and winterization support to vulnerable beneficiaries in the refugee and host communities.

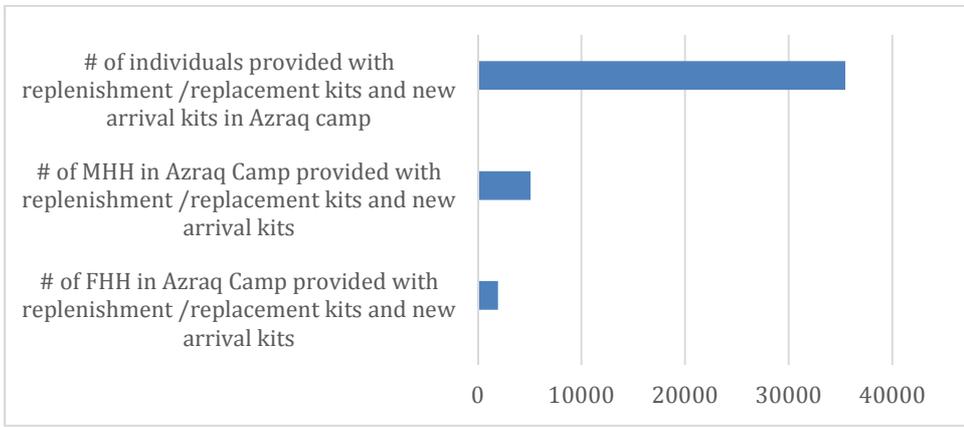
Urban:

Number of individuals and households provided with Basic Needs Support in form of regular cash, non-food item (NFIs) and winterization support is as follows:



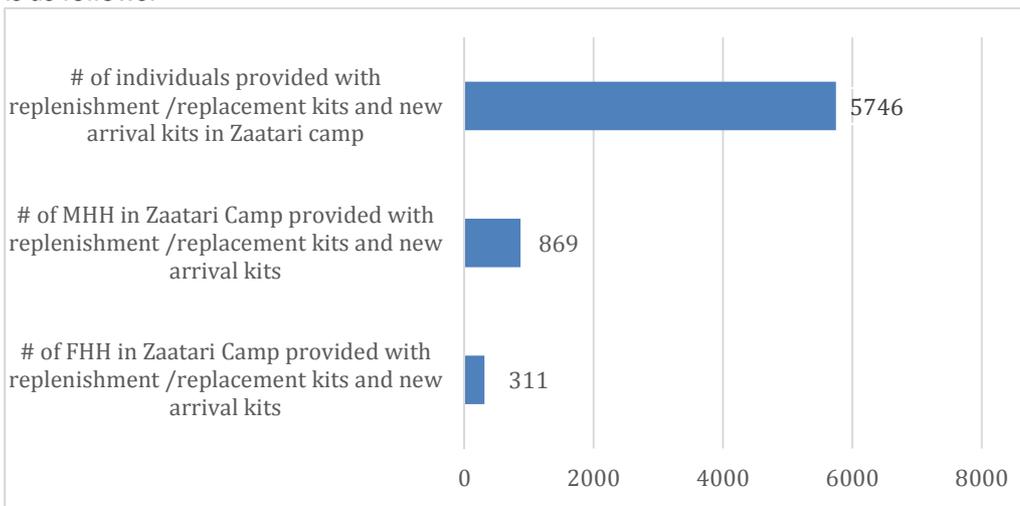
Azraq camp:

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



Zaatari camp:

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EDUCATION

Formal Education:

The second semester at Ministry of Education (MoE) schools started on 7 February. According to the Learning For All campaign interim results, 445 children successfully registered for formal education. The campaign is continuing, and capacity of schools to receive more students is being negotiated with MoE.

Non-Formal Education:

Relief International (RI) continues providing non-formal education services in camps, reporting 244 students (120 girls and 124 boys) enrolled in Zaatari and 104 students (67 girls and 37 boys) in Azraq since November 2015 up to date.

In February, RI launched the second semester cycle of Adult Literacy Programme in camps. Approval for the Dropout programme is being expected from MoE.

Pre-Primary Education:

Through local partnership, "Plan International" opened Early Childhood Programme in Mafraq area, which is implemented through early childhood centers, teachers' trainings, parenting counseling sessions, and rehabilitation activities.

In 2017, UNICEF is supporting MoE to target 850 children in the newly established KG2 classes in Azraq and Zaatari camps.

Higher Education:

UNHCR partners continue supporting Syrian students with scholarships in higher education. The search is being conducted to match students who successfully passed the Tawjihi tests with the tertiary education opportunities.

Education Sector Working Group:

The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) met to evaluate progress made against the London Conference 2016 commitments and to inform the Post-London Conference Education report. The SAG recommended to strengthen quarterly progress reporting and to improve financial tracking of education response to Syria crisis.

FOOD SECURITY

In February 2017, WFP reached 531,999 Syrian refugees living in camps and in host communities through cash-based transfers. WFP was also able to reach 6,435 vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees assisted through food assistance-for-assets and food assistance-for-training activities.

In order to understand the impact of contextual changes on the food security and broader welfare of refugees, WFP has partnered with REACH to conduct a Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Exercise (CFSME), covering all 12 governorates in Jordan, as well as Azraq and Zaatari refugee camps.

CFSME 2016 results published in early 2017, found that food security levels of Syrian refugees living in host communities have increased, with 28 percent of households of food secure compared with 15 percent in 2015. This improvement is mainly achieved due to stabilization in food assistance, indicating that refugees are still largely in need of aid. The economic vulnerability persists. Five percent of households are reported to have savings, while 87 percent live in debt.

JHCO supervised distribution of food parcels through several CBOs to 2,174 vulnerable households in the refugee and host communities in Mafraq, Zarqa and Aqaba.



Reproductive Health Sub-Working Group (RH):

IMC conducted a Reproductive Health raising awareness campaign for the IMC volunteers at Azraq camp.

UNFPA conducted focus group discussion sessions with refugees in Zaatari and Azraq camp to assess needs and challenges regarding provision of reproductive health services.

Family Planning commodities have been donated by UNFPA to TDH Italy for further distribution to 1,500 families in host communities.

Zaatari camp:

In order to avoid interruption of EPI (Expanded Programme Immunization), UNHCR and Ministry of Health responded to suspension of IOM vaccination programme by successful advocating for recruitment of new vaccinators.

In collaboration with Zarqa University and JHAS and in accordance with the University curriculum, UNHCR accommodated training of ten undergraduate students from Zaatari camp who are studying “Administration of Medical Records” in Zarqa University.

In collaboration with the site planning team, UNHCR conducted two training sessions on the new address system targeting civil defense staff in the camp, including paramedics, ambulance drivers, emergency call centre staff, etc. The system is designed to improve response to emergency situation and expedite access to all camp locations.

To address the need of increasing capacity and improving quality of health services for the refugees, Health Sector approved expansion of JHAS Delivery Unit in district 5.

Nutrition Sub-Working Group:

Souktel digital company (www.souktel.org) has been contracted by UNICEF to design and develop an ICT-based Nutrition Case Management System to be used by NGOs in the field.



The Protection sector is contributing to the discussion launched by the Basic Needs (BN) Working Group on the approaches and modalities of emergency / urgent cash assistance. The discussion aims at development of guidelines for the agencies implementing cash interventions.

UNHCR Data Protection Survey: UNHCR Data Protection Consultant presented a project aiming to strengthen data protection within the humanitarian community. It starts with a self-assessment survey to map current data protection levels and information flows between organizations. The results will inform a report and strategy for awareness raising and applying good practices for information handling and sharing.

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

In Karak, UNFPA and Institute of Family Health (IFH) opened a comprehensive centre which will provide multi-sectoral GBV services to the Syrians and vulnerable Jordanians.

Child Protection (CP) Sub-Working Group:

In February, UNHCR, UNICEF and UNFPA assisted the National Council for Family Affairs in two workshops aimed at establishing parliamentary support for a revised draft Family Protection Law, which contains important protection provisions against violence within the family. The workshops were attended by members of the women’s rights and legal committees of Parliament of Jordan who submitted final recommendations on the draft.

The law will be presented to the Parliament and the Senate before final endorsement by the Royal Decree. Some notable provisions of the draft law include, inter alia, the alignment of the definition of family violence with international standards and the National Family Protection Framework; specialized courts for family violence to apply the law; and anonymity provisions for those who report violence.

SHELTER

Zaatari Update:

NRC has completed the total station surveying of the following master plan components for Districts 3 - 10: asphalt and seal coat roads; new service facilities (boundaries of new sites or expanded sites for NGOs/institutions and warehouse/storage spaces); household boundaries; electrical lighting poles (medium and low voltage).

In mid-February, ACTED finished installation of the 6th and final road culvert. This surface water management solution has noticeably contributed to reduction of flooded areas in District 9, particularly after heavy rains in late February.

WASH

Zaatari:

An average of 3.14 million litres of treated water was distributed on a daily basis with over 2 million litres of wastewater collected and treated, with 73% of the wastewater treated at the Zaatari Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Over the month of February, a daily average of 437 m³ of solid waste was collected and transported to the municipal waste site.

Zaatari Networks:

Works under Phase 1 of the wastewater project continued and neared completion. All the remaining tanks in District 10 have been installed and household connections continued, with the outstanding works expected to be completed by late March.

Works continued on the institutional connections with 162 tanks installed to date, with tender for the supply and installation of institutional connections in an additional three districts (Districts 6, 7 and 8) finalised.

Azraq:

Over the month of February, an average of 0.89 million litres of water was delivered around the camp each day with approximately 0.29 million litres of wastewater collected and treated, in addition to an average of 18 tons of solid waste collected and transported to the municipal waste site.

Ramps were constructed at 19 selected WASH blocks to ensure that people with disabilities can access the facilities. Hygiene promotion activities continued in the camp focusing on raising awareness of scabies, and preferred treatment options.

WASH in Schools:

The final drafts of the National WASH in School Standards and the Three Star Approach were shared with the Ministry of Education.

A one-day workshop was held by UNICEF with participation of senior representatives of the Ministry of Education to review the proposed dashboard of WASH in schools facilities and data integration into Education Management Information System (EMIS).

Over the month, hygiene promotion and community mobilization activities reached 854 people (829 students and 25 parents), focusing on hand washing, proper toilet use, water conservation and the environmental hygiene.

Makani Plus:

Implementation of the Makani Plus project continues in 71 ITSs (population of more than 7,000 people) in Irbid, Ramtha, Ma'an, Karak, Amman and Zarqa governorates, through provision of a package of interventions comprising psychosocial support, outreach, WASH, informal education and life skills.



LIVELIHOODS

Ministry of Labour (MoL) informed that camp based refugees will be able to apply for work permits in directorates around Jordan, making mobility out of camp for work a reality.

Work permits (WP) issuance surpassed 38,000 with an increase to 4% of WPs issued to women, who especially work in the agricultural sector.

The Livelihoods working group has started a “standing forum” on matching services aimed at mapping approaches by different actors and at improving effectiveness through referrals.

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Jordan Refugee Response portal page at <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=107>;

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