

JORDAN INTER-SECTOR WORKING GROUP UPDATE

August 2017



This update is a coordination tool to improve communication between sectors and up to the Humanitarian Partners Forum. 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 for the Jordan Humanitarian Funds: During the Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG) meeting on 6 August, four Sectors (Shelter, WASH, Health and Basic Needs) made presentations on their recommended sector priorities for the upcoming the Jordan Humanitarian Funds. Other four sectors decided not to recommend any sector priority, considering the nature of the next call. Given the smaller size of the fund available, the ISWG planned the prioritization of four specific sectorial needs. On 14 August the Inter-Sector Coordinator was invited to the Humanitarian Funds Advisory Board meeting. By 17 August the ISWG further considered feedback from the Advisory Board and re-confirmed the four sector priorities.

Support to the Jordan Response Plan preparation: Sector Coordinators continued to support the planning phase of the Jordan Response Plan 2018-2020 as the UN Secretariat or active members of the relevant Task Forces. They focused on supporting to finalize the Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment, Sector Vulnerability Assessment and Sector Impact Assessment.

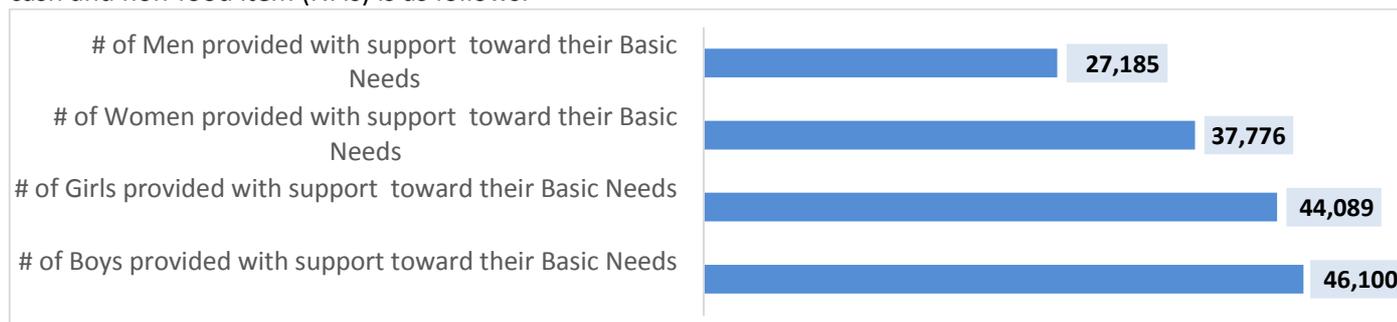
Preparation for the Regional Progress Report: Sector Coordinators provided their sector inputs for the Progress Report on the Regional Refugee and Resilience Response Plan 2017, with the aim of showing the progress of the response, outlining changes in context and advocating for funding and other support. The report will be published by the end of September at <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>.

II. Sector information

BASIC NEEDS

In August, the Basic Needs Working Group provided around USD 6,687,403 worth of regular cash and non-food item (NFIs) to vulnerable beneficiaries in the refugee and host communities.

Urban: Number of individual and household beneficiaries provided with basic needs support in form of regular cash and non-food item (NFIs) is as follows:



Azraq camp: Distribution of NFIs in form of life saving basic needs assistance that consists of replenishment/ replacement kits and new arrival kits to Azraq camp population is as follows:



Zaatari camp: Distribution of NFIs in form of life saving basic needs assistance that consists of replenishment / replacement kits and new arrival kits to Zaatari camp population is as follows:



 **EDUCATION**

Non Formal Education: In August, a total of 2,866 children (53% boys and 47% girls) were enrolled in non-formal education classes (Drop-Out and Catch-Up). Out of this, 1,615 children (53% boys and 47% girls) were enrolled in 68 Catch-Up centres, and 1,250 children (55% boys and 45% girls) were enrolled in the Drop-Out programmes.

Learning Support Services: In August, Learning Support Services continued to be offered in Makani centres. Through this intervention, in 2017, the sector reached 86,122 beneficiaries (49% boys and 51% girls) in the camp and host communities, of whom 23,992 (49% boys and 51% girls) were out-of-school children. All Makani partners are putting extra efforts to refer out-of-school children into the certified education.

Outreach Campaign and other updates: In August, the Education Sector participated in the “Learning for All Campaign” reaching 100,000 school aged children, including 13,000 out-of-school children. The children have received referral support to the certified programmes: 4,000 to formal, 3,400 to catch up and 5,600 to drop-out options.

In August, 240 Jordanian school facilitators have been deployed in the double-shifted schools and offices of directorates to support children with registration and enrolment process. The sector is supporting recruitment of additional 240 Syrian school volunteers to fulfill administrative duties in the double shift schools.

During the summer holidays, summer schools continued to operate in 48 schools in July – August. Out of for 3,382 students enrolled in either formal education or catch up programmes, about 1,890 (56%) students are attending regularly.

 **FOOD SECURITY**

In August, WFP reached 490,000 Syrian refugees residing in camps and communities through the voucher programme via cash based transfers. Around 108,000 refugees residing in camps and 207,000 extremely vulnerable refugees living in host communities received USD 28.2 per person per month; while 175,000 refugees categorized as vulnerable to food security received USD 14.1 per person per month.

Within the framework of a “choice” pilot rolled out by WFP in August, 2,448 Syrian refugee households in Madaba governorate were given an opportunity to use food assistance provided (i) either in form of unrestricted cash by withdrawing cash from Jordan Ahli Bank ATMs, (ii) or in form of restricted food vouchers redeemable at WFP contracted shops (iii) or combination of both options. According to the preliminary analysis, 47% of households continued to use their e-cards at WFP contracted shops, 45% used their e-cards to withdraw cash, while the remaining 8% withdrew part of their assistance in cash and redeemed the rest at WFP contracted shops. WFP is currently reviewing the pilot results to conclude on possible expansion of the pilot in other governorates.

The physical validation exercise for all Syrian refugees entitled to WFP assistance in communities has been completed. WFP is working with UNHCR to take corrective measures.

WFP continued to pilot the Blockchain technology in Azraq camp reaching 1,965 households. WFP is planning to expand this new technology on provision of assistance in camps and host communities.



HEALTH

Jordan Response Plan: Stage #1 of JRP process was completed, which included the developments of the Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment (CVA), the Sector Vulnerability Assessment (SVA) and the Impact Analysis. All required documents were submitted to the Ministry of Health (MoH), with the support of the Sector Advisory Group.

Jordan Humanitarian Fund: The August call for proposals for the Jordan Humanitarian Fund (JHF) has been launched and will be close by 18 September. The sector defined its priority as projects that support secondary referral care for priority cases, such as Basic Emergency Obstetric care and Newborn Care (BEmONC) and Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEmONC) including supporting priority medical referrals from the borders and camps.

Mental Health: The workshop on validation of the Mental Health Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS) guidelines has been completed. The workshop aimed to exchange organizations’ experiences and came up with recommendations for the validation of the MHPSS guidelines. The first draft of the 4Ws findings were finalized.

Community Health Task Force: The 4W’s exercise has been completed at the governorate level. Key messages on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) and diarrhea health care access for U5 were developed.

Zaatari Camp: All camp health providers participated in the Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) workshop, which was facilitated by MoH and WHO in Mafraq Governorate. The aim of this workshop was to increase awareness on importance of surveillance system of AFP, Measles and Rubella.

The new medical team deployed at Moroccan Field Hospital (MFH), mission started on 12 August, and the handover process of RAF clinic management to Neda Alkhair society is ongoing in district 8.

Azraq Camp: The International Medical Corps (IMC) and the Arab Medical Relief (AMR) completed the hand over process of primary healthcare services in Village 6. As of 1 September, AMR will be providing outpatient consultations, and dental services. IMC will continue providing mental health services, pediatrics services and nutrition services.

 **SHELTER**

Zaatari Update: As of mid-August, under the direct supervision of UNHCR, the Jordanian construction company Al Derah successfully installed all 15 prioritized road culverts in Zaatari. In addition, all auxiliary site works have been completed to UNHCR's technical satisfaction, including the inlet /outlet concrete slabs for the culverts and the reshaping of certain rainwater trenches.

The UNHCR Site Planning unit continues the regular activity of maintaining and updating the computer-aided drafting (CAD) drawing of Zaatari's Master Plan, with all infrastructure as-built layers, household address modifications, newly allocated service sites and the planned activities that would require land-use.

Urban Update: During the period of January – August 2017, totally 16,671 Syrian refugees (women, girls, boys and men) living in the host communities benefited from cash-for-rent assistance.

Azraq Update: During the period of January – August 2017, totally 3,151 shelters were upgraded and repaired in Azraq camp.

 **WASH**

Zaatari: An average of 3.14 million litres of treated water was distributed on a daily basis with over 1.87 million litres of wastewater collected and treated, with 82% of wastewater treated at the Zaatari Wastewater Treatment Plant. Over the month, a daily average of 459 m³ of solid waste was collected and transported to the municipal waste site.

Zaatari Networks: Phase 1 of water and waste water network is completed. Phase 2 of the project is currently 23 % fulfilled. Approximately 117 km of water network and 15 km of wastewater network have been installed to date.

During August, concrete works at the Wastewater Pump stations 1 and 2 have been completed.

Azraq: Over the month, an average of 1.98 million litres of water was delivered in the camp daily, with approximately 0.49 million litres of wastewater collected and treated, in addition to an average of 21.5 tons of solid waste collected and transported to the municipal waste site.

255 hygiene promotion sessions with distribution of 10,928 bars of soap were conducted by the CARE group facilitators to 1,837 mothers and 1,452 children.

 **LIVELIHOODS**

On 22 August, the Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate (SRAD), the Ministry of Labour (MoL), UNHCR and ILO inaugurated the first employment office inside Zaatari refugee camp. The Zaatari Office for Employment (ZOE), set up in coordination with the Government of Jordan, aims to facilitate access to formal work opportunities across Jordan for refugees living in the camp.

ILO and the MoL have reached an agreement with the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions (GFJTU) for the issuance of non-employer specific work permits in the construction sector, which is considered an important policy shift.

The initial analysis of the skills mapping conducted by UNHCR with the support of the RefuGIS team in Zaatari camp shows that although women are reported more educated and received more training than men, majority

of the interviewed women (69%) are not willing to apply for jobs outside the camp, mainly due to family obligations. On the other hand, 75% of men are interested and willing to apply.

The World Bank, UNHCR and ILO in coordination with MOPIC and MoL, have set up an Observatory of Syrians Working survey to look at trends and perceptions on work permits / applications / renewal and of work in general. The survey was conducted through the UNHCR's helpline by UNHCR volunteers, and included 546 registered Syrians who are currently working.

The current figures of work permits reported by MOPIC are as follows:

	Cumulative total permits Jan 2016 – 24 August 2017	Total permits Jan 2017- 24 August 2017
Male	57,954	22,277
Female	2,620	1,507
Total	60,574	23,784

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