JORDAN INTER-SECTOR WORKING GROUP

June 2018 UPDATE



This monthly update is a coordination tool that aims 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

The 3RP 2017 annual report is finalized and can be found at https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/syria.

During ISWG June meeting, the importance of harmonizing the reporting from April to June 2018 in FTS and ActivityInfo was emphasized as the planning figures cannot be modified.

The Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator also briefed on the recent developments in the Inter-Agency Coordination & Information Management Unit with regards to its strategy, which is being revised to enhance the work of the Unit.

Humanitarian Partners Forum (HPF) meeting was held on 25 June, during which the JIF survey on project approval was introduced, and the issues on work permits and other economic inclusion were presented to seek support from the members for strategic advocacy.

The monitoring dashboards for all refugee sectors have been updated with the latest information from the implementing partners – http://scs.raisunhcr.org and also the regular communication with the regional office on the Jordan 3RP indicators has been maintained with the monthly reporting.

The Financial Tracking System (FTS) for the submission of the First Quarter 2018 report on funds received during the mentioned period: for refugees are \$197m out of \$744m (26%) and for resilience \$60m out of \$298m (20%).

II. Sector information

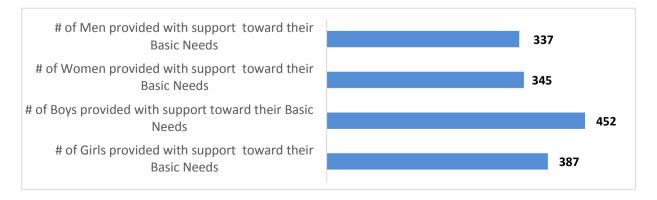


BASIC NEEDS

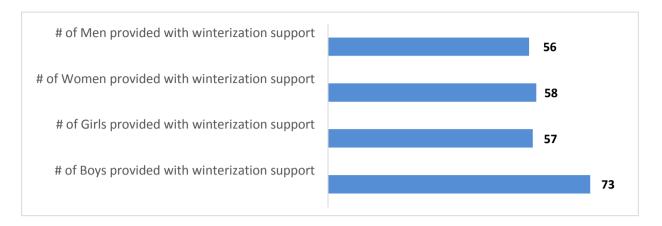
In June, the Basic Needs Working Group provided around 5,322,295 US\$ worth of regular cash, winterization assistances and non-food item (NFIs) to vulnerable beneficiaries from the refugee and host Community.

Urban:

The number of individuals and households provided with Basic Needs Support in the form of regular cash and NFIs is as follows:



The number of individuals and households provided with winterization support in the form of winterization cash and NFIs is as follows:



Azraq camp:

Around 1,462 WGBM benefited from the distribution of NFIs in the form of life saving basic needs assistance that consists of replenishment/ replacement kits and basic core relief.

Zaatari camp:

Around 854 WGBM benefited from the distribution of NFIs in the form of life saving basic needs assistance that consists of replenishment/replacement kits and basic core relief.



EDUCATION

Formal Education

The Ministry of Education (MoE) was supported to prepare the summer Tawjihi examination; a General Secondary Education Certificate Examination organized from 30 June – 14 July 2018 across Jordan. Tawjihi is a crucial milestone for Grade 12 students, allowing them to move on to tertiary education as well as employment opportunities. It is estimated 145,906 students nation-wide have registered for the exams (53 per cent for girls), including 2,475 Syrians sitting for the first time and 1,597 Syrians repeating the exam. When it comes to access to Tawjihi in refugee camps, the number of Syrian students in camps taking Tawjihi exams increased from 266 in 2017 to 663 of which 316 are females (Zaatari:509, Azraq:105, EJC: 49).

Non Formal Education

Non Formal Education: A total of 2,275 were enrolled in Non-formal Education (Drop-Out and Catch-Up). Out of this, 1,350 (788 boys, 562 Girls) reflects new enrolment under the Drop Out program. With second semester enrolment opening for new students, 925 new students have been registered for Catch up are enrolled in the Drop-Out programs.



FOOD SECURITY

491,000 Syrian refugees residing in camps received monthly cash based transfers. Around 109,000 refugees residing in camps and 207,000 extremely vulnerable refugees living in communities received USD 32.5 (JOD 23) per person per month; while 175,000 refugees categorized as 'vulnerable to food security' received USD 21.2 (JOD 15) per person per month.

Following the successful roll-out of the 'choice' modality – allowing beneficiaries to both redeem their assistance in WFP-contracted shops and cash out their entitlements in ATMs –to the governorate of Amman, further expansion to the governorates of Irbid, Ajloun and Jerash is planned for the month of August.

Preparations together with partners began in June and information sessions to beneficiaries will begin first week of July.

WFP's School Meals Programme for the semester ended with the scholastic year in June. The date bars distribution and the Healthy Kitchen Meals model will both resume in September.

WFP's Food-for-Assets (FFA) projects in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture continued in June, providing income opportunities to vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees. Preparations are also underway for the next phase of the partnership with the National Alliance Against Hunger and Malnutrition (NAJMAH) for Rehabilitation of public assets. In total more than 1,500 job opportunities under the FFA umbrella support the food security of 7,650 beneficiaries.



HEALTH

Nutrition Sub-Working Group (NSWG):

- The NSWG is working collectively on updating key important documents developed at the level of the working group. This includes the Infant and Young Child Feeding Guidelines and the Breast Milk Substitute code of distribution in emergency settings, the nutrition service matrix, the malnutrition questionnaire for new cases integrated at Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (C-MAM) projects in camps and urban settings.
- Since the Infant and Young Child Feeding Program and the C-MAM in both camps are run by IMC, the NSWG is working on developing a unified infant formula prescription procedures for both camps.
- The figures on Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP), Outpatient Therapeutic Prgramme (OTP) projects at camp level are stable with no significant increase.

Reproductive Health Sub-Working Group (RHSWG):

Within the efforts of the RHSWG to provide technical guidance and oversight to ensure that the response is effective, coherent and predictable in support of the Government, the group discussed the "Assessment of Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) Integration in Jordan" study. The study focused health outcome indicators including SRH and Family Planning (FP) indicators. The study also shows the effect of the Syrian crisis on those indicators and the efforts to integrating RH services within the Public Health Center (PHC) system.

Mental Health:

- Mental Health & Psycho Social Support Sub-Working Group had their meeting as planned for the month of June, the members agreed on the layout of the Online 4Ws tool, a consultant will be hired to work with agencies to update their information, and 4Ws online tool is expected to go alive by October this year.

Berm Situation:

- The average number of patients is **200/day**. Total visits of patients since 15 December 2016 for medical consultations and treatment is **40,392**. The total number of cases admitted to Jordan for secondary and tertiary health care since 15 December 2016 is **1,080**.
- Upper respiratory tract infections constituted for the majority of acute health conditions. Watery diarrhea
 proportions have increased compared to the previous month. Skin infections (scabies) and urinary tract
 infections are part of the comment morbidities.
- Number of medical cases currently in Jordan for treatment is 17.
- The trends in chronic health conditions vary due to clinic accessibility challenges. The leading morbidities in chronic health conditions are hypertension, diabetes, asthma and cardiovascular diseases.
- A total of **4,255** patients were received at the clinic in the month of May. **60** referrals to the hospitals in Jordan were made during the month of May. 63% of secondary and tertiary health care referrals were for obstetrics & gynecology.

Azraq Camp

- New Dental clinic opened in May in Village 3, and as a result, all patients in the waiting list were treated and the average waiting time was reduced to 2-3 days.

Zaatari Camp:

- The Ministry of Health and partners adapt diarrhea prevention plan for summer diseases, plan included involvement of community health volunteers for awareness raising component while UNICEF will support with food hygiene poster for public distribution.
- Several medical missions organized on June including United Muslim Relief ophthalmic mission, HumaniTerra International medical mission for pediatrics and Bambino Gesù medical mission for general surgery.



PROTECTION

The Protection Working Group (PWG) commenced to review the status and protection concerns of refugees from countries other than Syria, with the support of several NGOs whose work is focused on these refugees. With more than 85,000 refugees from Iraq, Yemen, Sudan and Somalia, the non-Syrian refugee population in Jordan is larger than the population of Zaatari Camp. Beginning with an analysis of legal framework, eligibility for assistance, and living conditions, the PWG will identify strategic interventions to improve integration of all refugees into programming and protection strategy, to ensure equitable protection and assistance without regard to nationality.

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

SGBV WG in June conducted meetings with other sectors to update the GBV risk mitigation strategy with education and livelihood. Moreover SGBV SWG at field level concluded round of updates of referral pathways per location.

GBV IMS regularly in June and finalized GBV IMS report for 2017 https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/download/64748. The report provides information on incidents of Sexual and Gender Based Violence reported by survivors in Jordan during 2017, data were gathered with consent of survivors. 95% of survivors assisted by 5 data gathering organizations were female, highlighting that women and girls are disproportionally affected by SGBV. In line with previous years the main types of SGBV reported were psychological abuse, physical assault and forced marriage. New trends are arising as the use of technology to commit different acts of GBV. The report looks at different trends in types and access to services and provide key recommendations to improve the multi-sectorial response to GBV.

Taskforce organized a training for new case workers who are responsible to collect and input data in the system. The training targeted 21 case workers (19 Female, 2 male) from five data gathering organizations.



SHELTER

Azraq camp:

Maintenance operation: Shelters repair and maintenance continued through UNHCR Quick Fix Team in Village VI, III, V and II for both vacant and allocated shelters. Over 290 damaged shelters have been fixed during report period.

Market in Village II and V: UNHCR through NRC planning to construct 75 market shops in both villages, (50 in village II and 25 in village V). Construction works will start in August.

195 shelters were upgraded and repaired in the camp during June.

Zaatari camp:

52 shelters were upgraded and repaired in the camp during June.



Funding shortfall

UNICEF Jordan is struggling with a significant funding shortfall urgently required for the operation of its life-saving WASH interventions to support Syrian refugees in Jordan. Although progress towards reaching UNICEF WASH targets is significant, lack of funds has forced UNICEF to scale back on essential activities in implementing areas during May and June hence reducing overall achievements.

Zaatari camp:

Till end of June, the water and wastewater networks connection in Za'atari refugee camp has reached 87%, where 9,438 people are now connected to the waster network and 33,841 to the wastewater network ensuring equitable and sustainable service delivery and eliminating trucking to and within the camp. The full operation is expected by the end of 2018.

Host community interventions:

Despite the limited funds, UNICEF continued strengthening national sustainability in coordination with government entities by supporting the connection of 13 schools and surrounding communities to the municipal water network in Irbid, Jerash, Ajloun, Mafraq, and North Badeya reaching a 100% schools connections in these governorates ensuring accessibility to safe water to 1,924 students, 220 teachers, and 3,864 individuals from surrounding communities.



LIVELIHOODS

- Number of Syrian refugees in Azraq Camp that hold work permits increased from 3,731 in May to 3,833 in June, out of which 1,995 were approved by SRAD.
- There have been Data Sharing Agreements with the National Agricultural Research Center (NARC) and SPARK, which allow more referrals and services provided for refugees.
- More than 10,000 Syrian refugees, including those rotated off the cash assistance list, were reached via SMS to inform them on job opportunities vacant in different governorates.
- Work permit update:

	Total permits Jan 2016- June 2018	Total permits Jan 2018- June 2018
Male	99,936	19,915
Female	4,358	872
Total	104,294	20,787

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- Sector Dash-boards: http://scs.raisunhcr.org/