

Child Protection Jordan January 2019



365,737 refugee children in Jordan, accounting for **48%** of the total refugee population.



40,992 children at risk in Jordan, representing **11.2%** of the refugee children.



3,210 unaccompanied and/or separated children, or **0.9%** of the refugee children.

ACHIEVEMENTS (since the beginning of the Syria crisis)

Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS)

Over **20,879** Best Interest Assessments (BIA) undertaken, including **6,741** in 2018.

Psychological Support

60,348 children at risk received psychological support and awareness.

Documentation

26,599 birth certificates issued in 2017 alone.

Awareness

1,000 refugees benefitted from country-wide awareness campaigns.

Trainings

Over **525** staff from governmental and non-governmental organizations were trained in 2018.

| RESPONSE

Coordination & Leadership

- Child Protection Sector Working Group, Child Protection Information Management System Task Force, Best Interest Determination panel, member of the Child Labour Task Force, Child Marriage Committee;
- Finalization of country-wide child protection referral pathways;
- Creation of School Violence Task Force.

Capacity Building & Training

- Facilitation of child protection/case management trainings for partners and governmental counterparts, support to country-wide training rounds on child protection by non-governmental organizations;
- Youth Programme to strengthen prevention of child protection and leadership, benefitting 32 youth in 2018.

Advocacy, Research & Awareness

- Targeted advocacy meetings with relevant governmental organizations on individual refugee children at risk;
- Studies on best interests in Jordan, cash-based intervention/child protection tool development;
- Study: the Principle of Best Interests in national legalizations, international conventions and Sharia law.

Multi-Facetted Case Management Services & Psychological Support

- Harmonized best interest assessment and determination procedures amongst all case management agencies.

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UNHCR CHILD PROTECTION STRATEGY Towards strengthening the protection of refugee children in Jordan

Enhancing leadership of various child protection coordination mechanisms	 Provide donor and humanitarian partner briefings and advocacy to raise child protection concerns and needs; Represent UNHCR and the child protection sector in key governmental and non-governmental child protection forums/conferences; Enhance quality of child protection interventions through effective coordination and timely dissemination of child protection information; Mapping of child protection partners, activities, capacity building opportunities and gaps within the sector; Timely dissemination of information on child protection related activities, analysis and procedures; Establishment and dissemination of effective child protection referral pathways to improve quality of child protection response.
Strengthening national child protection systems	 Work towards enhancing the integration of best interests procedures in national child protection systems through targeted advocacy and capacity building (e.g. review national laws, as well as social norms and practices to ensure alignment with UNCRC and enhanced protection space); Foster the role and responsibility of relevant ministries within the child protection response and coordination structure (e.g. MOSD, FPD and JPD key actors in the Child Protection Sector Working Group, Best Interest Determination panel, Child Marriage Committee, Child Labour Task Force, alternative care project); Facilitate capacity building and advocacy meetings on overall child protection response and individual cases (support child protection trainings/workshops/roundtables for fovernmental and non-governmental organizations, case conference, Best Interest Determination panels); Equip governmental institutions with new technologies that ensure a survivor-centered approach and the best interest of the child when providing services.
Prevention and response to child protection risks	 Provide comprehensive, multi-facetted child protection case management services, including psycho-social support, cash assistance, legal assistance and representation, durable solutions; Conduct countrywide awareness campaigns through key governmental and non-governmental partners; Harmonize internal child protection procedures in camps and urban areas and disseminate amongst child protection staff; Liaise and coordinate with relevant actors to strengthen community-based child protection programmes (e.g. community-based alternative care programme, peer support groups, para-case workers as a standard within Project Partnership Agreements, etc.).
Reinforcing best Interests procedures for children	 Develop, review and harmonize, in coordination with key governmental and non-governmental organizations, national guidelines, tandard Operating Procedures and referral pathways to ensure alignment with the principle of best Interests of the child; Ensure the best interests principles are integrated in all activities and services affecting children, including national legislation, humanitarian assistance and social service sector (e.g. national research on the principles of best onterests and national study on refugee families including children refugees in Jordan; development of cash-based intervention/child protection tool to ensure cash interventions are in line with best interests procedures, etc.).
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