



## Inter-Sector Working Group Jordan

<b>Date/time/venue</b>	Sunday, 2 February 2020, 13:00-15:00 UNHCR EMOPS Conference Room
<b>Attendees</b>	Inter-Sector Coordinator [UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit, IACU], Basic Needs (UNHCR), Education (UNICEF, RI), WASH (UNHCR), Health (UNHCR, WHO), Food Security (WFP), Livelihoods (UNHCR, Mercy Corps), Shelter (UNHCR, NRC), Child Protection (UNHCR), SGBV (UNHCR, UNFPA), JIF.

### Meeting Note and Action Points

#### 1. Jordan Financial Tracking

IACU acknowledged and thanked the sector coordinators for their inputs on the 2019 financial reporting on 3RP. In 2019, with the generous support of donors, the level of funding has been significant and reached 73% (vis-à-vis 71% in 2018). Most of the money was received in the first quarter, however the second largest portion was obtained towards at the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year, possibly also a result of the intensified advocacy.

The vast majority of actors already completed their reporting, and only a very small number of final JFT inputs are missing. In order to generate the final 2019 report, IACU appealed to ISWG members for support in encouraging all outstanding reports to complete the financial reporting. Ditto support was also requested for Activity Info, which few partners had not yet updated.

JFT outlines financial income and gaps per sector and per agency, but not at project level. ActivityInfo can identify money spent at project level, and, if required, also foresees a field, which allows to identify financial gaps at project level.

Reporting in Activity Info is not as disciplined than reporting on Cash by the BN and Food Security sectors, but is much encouraged.

#### 2. Update on Sectors' Reporting and Quarterly Sector Dashboards

IACU provided a summary overview on the status of sectors' reporting in 2019 and appreciated steady improvements in timeliness and quality of reports, reiterating the relevance of the different products to maintain funding and a strong refugee response. The participants exchanged their views on the importance of timely and accurate reporting. For example, the sector dashboards and JFT are used for reporting to HPF. The Quarterly Sector Dashboards enables advocacy for pressing needs and to fill existing gaps. JFT updates are much appreciated by HPF members and donor members asked for monthly updates instead of quarterly only. ISWG chair highlighted that any feedback or suggestions on how to further strengthen reporting would be most welcome.

IACU referred to the 2020 reporting calendar, which informs well in advance of deadlines aiming at timely submissions and thus the reports' relevance. The 2020 reporting arrangements will be made upon completion of 3RP.

The SGBV and CP sub-sectors noted that they timely submit their contributions to the Protection sector dashboard, while completion of the Protection dashboard often takes considerable time. IACU recommended

to address this issue at the Protection working group meeting and indicated that sub-sector products are technically possible, if agreed upon at the PWG level.

### **3. JRP 2020 Latest Development and 3RP**

IACU informed that the JRP review sessions are ongoing for several Task Forces. It is likely that sectors chapters will be re-adjusted.

ISWG Chair thanked ISWG members for their vivid engagement in the discussions, their feedback and inputs in allowing to compile more detailed feedback on the JRP task forces (TF), vulnerability-based approach and use of ratio. The initiative was taken because it was reported that 50/50 Refugees/Jordanians ratio has been disseminated a mandatory criteria across multiple task forces till recently. MoPIC is expected to soon inform that there would be no changes to earlier years and that the 70 / 30 ratio would be implicitly maintained in the absence of availability of comprehensive vulnerability data. The participants emphasized the challenges they have been facing with the planning in the TF due to the lack of clear instructions, the lack of data and clear guidance on how to best to use the available data sets, as well as missing discussions on funding ratio 3RP versus non-3RP. It was highlighted that the JRP was the only funding source to meeting the needs of refugees, while there are already different and multiple avenues for funding the needs of Jordanians.

It was reiterated that JRP is feeding the 3RP, and therefore the soonest finalization of JRP most useful for budgetary allocations in 3RP. Furthermore, and related, it needs to be ensured that indicators for Jordan can be easily mapped to the regional framework. ISWG chair informed on the ongoing advocacy for engagement in the discussion on regional indicators.

JIF reminded on the eventually upcoming Brussels conference which will raise intensive consultations of all sectors. This event can serve an effective fundraising tool, but it will require reliable data.

The participants shared concerns of the partners that JORISS is not opened yet, and submission of projects would be delayed. IACU assured to raise the matter with MOPIC. JIF noted that the new JORISS will be released soon.

### **4. ISWG Work Plan 2020**

The key elements of ISWG Work Plan 2020 were presented and its contents discussed with the participants; contributions from the group were much encouraged to finalize a concrete and achievable plan by the end of February.

The value of certain elements of the plan were flagged. For example, the Needs Assessment Registry is a depository of assessments conducted in Jordan, it is hosted by the Inter-Sector coordination and its use for JRP is accepted by MOPIC and line ministries. Strengthening of the Registry is particularly important to avoid duplication of activities and to e.g. feed the JRP planning process with reliable data.

IACU briefed the participants on importance of the Services Advisor tool. The Services Advisor was initially designed for use by service providers etc.; currently, the tool is being enhanced to make it most useful to beneficiaries of services. Responding to the participants' interest on the topic, IACU confirmed that in accordance with the usual practice, awareness sessions on Services Advisor will be conducted in all locations (including camps and urban) upon completion of the 3RP planning phase. The participants were keen to know if Services Advisor can be synchronized with ActivityInfo in order to avoid double reporting. IACU noted that since ActivityInfo covers only Syrians while Services Advisor is extended to all nationalities, and because naming of projects (ActivityInfo) is different from naming of services (Services Advisor), these two information

management platforms cannot be easily linked. ISWG chair encouraged that this issue is once again looked at so as to prevent duplicate data entry efforts.

Addressing the participants' inquiry to have a template that would facilitate their regular reporting, IACU committed to re-send the "Consequences of Underfunding" template which was successfully used by all sectors in 2019. The participants were requested to share their sector specific templates which might be adopted by the ISWG.

The suggestion was made to including in the ISWG Work Plan issues such as re-establishment of linkages between country and area-based coordination, co-chairing arrangements, contributing to Jordan meeting its commitment to SDGs, etc.

Participants suggested to indicate responsibilities of the various parties, the Plan's timeline and linkages of the Plan's objectives with national plans, if any; participants also encouraged to enhance cross-cutting issues, including programming for persons with disabilities.

IACU committed to develop a first draft Work Plan on the basis of the discussions, comments, suggestions and inputs received and to share it with the ISWG members for feedback.

**5. AOB**

ISWG chair will share the ISWG ToR with the group to reveal on the responsibilities of different parties.

IACU informed that the new UNHCR Representative in Jordan, Mr Dominik Bartsch would be arriving next week. He will soon introduced to the ISWG.

The next ISWG meeting will be held on 1 March, 13:00-15:00.

Action Points	Responsible	Timeframe
IACU to include topic on the Needs Assessment Registry in the agenda of the next ISWG meeting	IACU	by 1 March
IACU to share draft ISWG Work Plan 2020 with sector coordinators	IACU	ASAP
Sector coordinators to provide input on the draft Work Plan 2020	Sectors	ASAP upon receipt of draft
IACU to share template of Consequences of Underfunding with sector chairs	IACU	ASAP
Sector chairs to share sector specific reporting templates with IACU	Sectors	ASAP
ISWG chair to share ISWG TOR	ISWG chair	ASAP