

Protection Working Group Jordan

Date: 3rd of November 2020, teams online meeting

Agencies present: DRC, ECHO, HI, IMC, ICMC, Intersos, JOHUD, LWF, Oxfam, Plan International, PRM, Relief International, Save the Children, TDH-Italy, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UPP, Vento di Terra.

AGENDA:

- Introduction from the Co-Chair
- Update on JRP
- Presentation by INTERSOS on Cash for Protection Task Force
- Update from the PWGs in the Field (Zaatari, Azraq, Irbid, and the South)
- Presentation by DRC Resilient Youth, Socially, and Economically Empowered.
- Update from SGBV/CP/PwDs/MHPSS
- Update from Partners

Agenda item	Discussion points	Follow up action and focal point
Updates from the PWG Co-Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductions and agenda review. - Pending: Sawiyan to share their research paper for non-Syrians. - Partners to share their research for non-Syrians and services in the South. - UNDP started a project in the South. - Advocacy by UNHCR for no-Syrians. There is a need to follow up with beneficiaries to see if they are receiving services. - The external statistical report on UNHCR registered refugees and asylum seekers in Jordan from all nationalities was shared with members. UNHCR has put in place a process for remote refugee status determination interviews, applying safety measures in place to limit the spread of Coronavirus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MoM, documents and PPTs will be shared with PWG.
Update on JRP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The JRP review for 2021-2023 has started. Partners were requested to review their activities and send their feedback to be shared with MoSD. Deadline for submissions was on the 22nd of October 2020. - JRP main instructions: all Sector Task Forces shall review the PSS for the three years (2021 – 2023) based on the existing 2020-2022 JRP. The Task Forces should include one representative for all critical task force members, task force secretariat and the line/TF lead ministry which is the MoSD in protection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To share PPT with members.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The review shall take into consideration priorities as defined by the respective line ministry. - The annual budget cannot be increased by more than 10% of the existing yearly budget. Furthermore, the increase in budget is only allowed when all activities and projects are deemed necessary and cannot be modified, postponed or removed. - The PSS review needs to be undertaken in the context of COVID-19: Review of projects and activities in the PSS and amend, in case of deleting a project, specify why deleted, projects/ activities which were explicitly created or amended because of COVID-19 should be flagged, it is recommended that sector members follow the guidelines. - The ratio remains as previous years with no changes. - If you are an agency who is appealing for the first time please remember this is an appealing exercise, it means that you are telling us which needs are to support your activities for 2021-2023. - Presence in the JRP is a condition for us for accessing pooled humanitarian funding as OCHA JHF. - Feedback from the frequently Asked Questions: - The JRP 2021-2023 remains like previous years a three- year rolling plan that is updated and reviewed annually. - Agencies who already appealed need to confirm if nothing changed and what is their appeal for 2023. It might be same level of 2022. - The priority needs interventions that are provided by the line ministry and should be the core focus of the sectors. - If conditions of COVID-19 and limitation on social gatherings were lifted projects will be modified accordingly. - JRP components: Refugee (REF), Host Community (H.C) and Infrastructure and Institutional Development (IC). We added COVID-19 response. 	
<p>Presentation by INTERSOS on Cash for Protection Task Force</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cash for protection (CFP): a term used to describe the use of CVA assistance to help achieve protection outcomes - Objectives of CFP TF: coordinate on current CFP Programming in Jordan. Develop guidelines / common standards for Cash for Protection Programming in Jordan. - The Task Force is a sub-structure of the Protection WG and the Basic Needs WG. It is open to all actors interested in CFP. - CFP is a form of assistance that aims to mitigate, either through prevention or response, a protection incident or situation experienced by vulnerable individuals or HHs. - The cash payment(s) should always be accompanied by case management and other forms of assistance. - Cash for Protection is generally not intended to assist refugees to meet their basic needs as a result of their socio-economic vulnerability and cannot address a long-standing vulnerability. - Forms of CFP: one-time Emergency Cash for Protection. Recurring Cash for Protection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contacts: - Tricia Mazo, Intersos protection.jordan@intersos.org - Hanadi Alqayouti, UNHCR alqaryou@unhcr.org

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligibility criteria: high risk violence, abuse and/or exploitation. Protection risks because of a health crisis. Protection risks due to a sudden change in economic or living circumstances. Legal protection risks. Protection risks due to lack of adequate shelter. - Workplan: amounts of assistance, avoidance of duplication/Referral Pathways and exchange on best practices. - CFP came from BN WG, however there were other concerns than BN. - Contacts are Intersos and UNHCR, will have a confirmation of TF during the next meeting. - Cash for documentation does not mean to pay for UNHCR's certificates, it is to facilitate other services. - Q: How can we join the cash for protection task force? - A: to send an email to the TF. - Q: When was the TF established? - A: In early 2019, from a member of BN WG then there was a request for protection expertise and Intersos joined since they had cash for protection. - Q: Regarding the referral mechanism, how to refer certain cases? - A: this topic is on the agenda and will try to come up with a mechanism that will work for everyone. Each organization will have a FP to accept referrals, it is also available in Amaali App. - 	
<p>Update from the PWGs in the Field</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Irbid: coordination WG took place last week and there were 30 participants. Main areas of focus: upcoming 16 days of activism and activities that partners will implement. Challenges: discuss the impact of COVID-19 as partners are receiving few numbers of beneficiaries due to the current situation. UNHCR organized meetings with volunteers and will have multifunctional teams like registration, protection, etc. Many questions were raised by volunteers, shared information and questions were delivered to partners. - Mafraq and Zaatari: various hotlines by different agencies, protection actors supporting POCs who are in quarantine in the camp to make sure that they have access to their basic needs. Coordination with legal unit to avoid fines. Sharia court closed in the camp due to COVID-19, however it will re-open. Protection WG meeting took place in the camp and there was a discussion on IBVs violations. As a result, a clear COC declaration is needed to avoid violations. Activities: working on 16 days of activism. - Azraq: PWG took place last Monday, partners reduced presence due to COVID-19 cases. Established referral pathways. Looking to enhance UNHCR's presence in the Emarati camp. Discussion to see how to copy and replicate best practices for camps. 16 days of activism preparations and finalizing activities are going on. - South: last South Inter-Agency coordination meeting: 1-Gaps and challenges in conducting field activities - impact of COVID-19. 2- Overlap in health services, coordination to include health 	



	<p>services. 3- Majority of ongoing projects/services are related to PSS and mental health services. There is a huge need of livelihood projects for Syrians and Non-Syrians in the south.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q: When was the south inter agency coordination meeting held? - A: on the 28th of October. 	
<p>Presentation by DRC Resilient Youth, Socially, and Economically Empowered</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RYSE: Resilient Youth, Socially and Economically Empowered. Engaging Syrian refugees and vulnerable conflict affected youth in Jordan to build a better future. - Overall objective: Provide Syrian refugees and conflict affected Jordanian youth with skills and opportunities required to become economically and socially resilient. - Partners: DRC, GRF, Generation for Peace, Mercy Corps and Injaz. - Objectives: civic engagement, economic empowerment and enabling Environment. - Civic engagement objective: will be targeting youth in three setups: local communities, camps and schools. Youth will receive age-appropriate life skills training that will strengthen their civic skills. Experiential learning will be offered in a variety of ways. - The activities are designed to simultaneously foster acceptance and social cohesion among Syrian and Jordanian youth. The civic engagement activities are designed to encourage youth to grow in confidence, develop teamwork and consensus-building skills. - The Four core components of the Civic Engagement Intervention: capacity building of youth and youth actors. Youth-led community needs assessment. Transformative civic skills. Civic engagement. - Civic engagement activities: there are several activities including: selection and training of youth in transformative leadership skills, selection and training of teachers, design and implementation of community needs assessments and other activities. 	
<p>Update from SGBV/CP/PwDs/ MHPSS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SGBV SWG: meeting every last Tuesday of each month at 10 am. Main update, 16 days of activism against GBV. 16 days of activism takes place globally and in Jordan, every year the JNCW announce the national team based on comprehensive study and consultation with the government and SGBV WG. This year the theme is aligned with the global theme and it's related to COVID-19 since GBV increased due to COVID-19. Hashtag and key messages are ready. SGBV WG promotes the usage of common messages and common activities, this year there won't be a big fair so it will be an online campaign that was organized with the TF. - Two webinars, one merged with UN talk and another webinar on technical and thematic area of finding alternatives to respond on domestic violence during COVID-19. - A joint calendar for all activities with links will be shared. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CP SWG: held a meeting on the 15th of October, theme was discussion on COVID-19 impact and challenges on CP. Challenges: supervision of remote CM, engagement of persons of concern, isolation of cases that have a member who tested positive. Review of ToRs, collection of review of projections for JRP activities related to COVID-19, new activities related to parenting skills, CM, CL were highlighted. Review of CPIMS data for Q3, more reported CL cases which is higher than previous quarters. - Disability TF: managed to agree on series of trainings for members and will share it with the PWG if anyone is interested. International day for PWDs, request members who are interested in making any activities during 16 days of activism to take into consideration PWD. JRP review was shared with members for their updates. All COVID-19 key messages from UNICEF were shared with members. - MHPSS: focusing on updating 4Ws to analyse info and come up with the updated gaps. Engage national agencies in MHPSS and it is one of the lessons learnt. Presentation focused on general common programs in the region. Topic of suicide is one of the hot topics, will try to have a round table discussion including government and non-governmental organizations to see what recommendations they have. Hotline is one of the discussion items on suicide topic so that people can report on suicidal attempts or thoughts. MHPSS update under JRP. The 10th of October was world mental health day and there is a need to support this day especially that we are witnessing increase in mental health disorders. 	
<p>Update from Partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NRC: last week NRC conducted a WhatsApp campaign to raise awareness on the renewal of asylum seeker cards. The message was successfully delivered to 13,982 beneficiaries (7,001 males and 6,981 females) from Irbid governorate. The campaign will be repeated in Amman and Mafraq as well. - CVT: psychosocial counselling and physiotherapy session. providing trauma resilience workshops. Building the capacity by providing targeted professional trainings to others working in the field. Raise community awareness on the mental health and physical impacts of torture and war trauma. - HelpAge: winterization funding. Main interventions: providing CBO staff and volunteers with mechanism and response targeting 1,000 beneficiaries. Other intervention is holding an awareness raising messages. Support vulnerable groups for winterization season. - HI: established rehabilitation unit in Zarqa governmental hospital in collaboration with MOH. will conduct distribution of IPC kit in Mafraq, Irbid and Zarqa. HI established early intervention unit in Almanar centre under MOSD in Irbid, Zarqa and Amman. Rehabilitation sessions for PWD is ongoing as usual. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- JOHUD: The implemented Projects in cooperation with UNHCR 2020. Assistance to refugees and asylum seekers with specific needs (Syrian/Non-Syrian and host) Component Azem project: This Project seeks to target PWDs and elderly by preparing to serve the unserved PoCs/PWD who are referred from UNHCR and other I/NGOs with assistive medical devices. JOHUD is Preparing the contingency plan especially for the homecare and shelter services, the psycho-social support activities including (parent-child centre, individual counselling, group therapy, and elderly club) and the target was reached. Continuing in the internal and external referral pathway. The achievements until September are updated on RAIS and AI.- Community Support Committees Component (CSCs): 26 distribution activities have been implemented by the CSCs in September, the distributions included school kits, masks and hygiene kits in different locations. Publishing reports, information, and messages on the online magazine https://cscs.johud.org.jo . Through The network of WhatsApp groups, the links to the published info are disseminated.- Education Assurances Component: 6 main services (3 for the Syrian PWDs) and (3 for the Non-Syrian students-Ghurair). the Syrian component includes special education inclusive school. Challenge: High need and number of children on waiting list. Early intervention program (Portage): reached to the target for this year through following the blended implementation that JOHUD implemented both the physical sessions with full commitment to the preventive measures, and online sessions. Group Counselling service targeting the parents who have CWDs from severity degree to increase the awareness. Non-Syrian students-Ghurair: in cooperation with MOE, available books from grades (8-12). Challenge: students from 1-7 grade will be out of schools. School transportation fees are available and JOHUD pays 20 JOD per month to the student based on a certain criterion. Location: Irbid, Amman, Zarqa, Mafraq, Madaba, Karak).- DRC: preparing for the start of the new PRM project in East Amman, Karak and Maan, once approval is granted. Will provide PSS services (group and individual), case management, cash for protection and legal aid (counselling and awareness). Accepting referrals for the RYSE civic engagement programme, presented by partners in Azraq. Finalizing the GBV Risk assessment report for Azraq Camp and will share it with partners for their validation later this month.- AVSI: resumed activities, conducting recreational activities with PSS, using protection measures. Resume online classes, conducting life skills trainings for youth in Zarqa, Aqaba and Ghweira. Conducting CM.	
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