

Basic Needs Working Group / Winterization Task Force Meetings Amman - Jordan

Meeting Location	Virtual meeting	Meeting Date	1st Febauray 2021
Co-Chairs	Veena Krishnamoorthy (UNHCR) Christin OSTEBO (IOM)	Meeting Time	14:00 – 15:00 hrs.
Minutes Prepared by	Saud Al-sakr (UNHCR)		
Purpose of Meeting	Basic Needs Monthly Meeting		
Agencies attending			

1.) Summary of action points

No.	Action Point	Focal Point / Organization	Time frame
1.	Share the updated standard document for COVID -19 emergency response for further discussion in 2021.	All COVID-19 response partners	28 Feb
2.	COVID-19 Partners must consider their relevant budget and funds available when they book the cases for assistance on the RAIS.	All COVID -19 resposne parterns	30 Jun
Winterization Task Force Meeting			
1.	Partners who need any support in terms of DSA with UNHCR for Winterization assistance can contact Veena: krishnam@unhcr.org	Winterization Partners	31 Mar
2.	Partners who are woking on PDM for winterization assistance are requested kindly to share their PDM questionnaire with UNHCR (Veena) to exchange the experience with others.	All partners who are going to conduct PDM for winterization assiatcne.	31 Mar

2.) Session Summaries

Item	Discussion
Presentation on the graduation	- <i>As per the BNWG request, a presentation on the graduation out of poverty as an approach to self- reliance in Jordan has been conducted by the UNHCR livelihoods sector chair jointly with the DRC economic recovery manager. Highlighting the livelihoods sector’s priority in adopting a holistic approach in serving the Syrian refugees and host community in Jordan, in</i>

out of poverty in Jordan	<p><i>addition to supporting the refugees to be more reliant by facilitating the available livelihoods opportunities to cover their families need.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>More information is available in the presentation's material which can be found via the following link: https://mcusercontent.com/21ac4d661afc676782cbf14bc/files/135b7ad9-6baf-4fa2-965d-3f6cb4fa1db3/The_Graduation_Approach_in_Jordan.pptx</i>
Survival MEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>UNHCR VAF coordinator presented an in-detail brief on SMEB for Syrian refugees in urban, highlighting the poverty lines that were decided to be used in Jordan which are MEB & SMEB.</i> - <i>More detailed information about steps in updating the MEB and the application of SMEB in Basic Needs sector can be found the presentation's material via the following link: https://mcusercontent.com/21ac4d661afc676782cbf14bc/files/bcdc69a1-e819-4603-823c-c9ad84615eaa/SMEB_2020_BNWG_Feb_2021.pdf</i>
Food security part / MEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Presentation about the food security part of MEB has been delivered by WFP, mentioning that for this year a new approach was adopted to calculate the food basket from the monthly cost to yearly average, as this will include the seasonal development and its impact on the food prices.</i> - <i>Through relying on this approach, the yearly average cost for the WFP food basket has increased by 1.64 % in 2020 in comparison to 2019.</i> - <i>Presentation material can be found via the following link: https://mcusercontent.com/21ac4d661afc676782cbf14bc/files/eb360698-2394-464f-865f-45bcc80cc3cf/MEB_2020_Food.pptx</i>
Assistance and Assessment Conducted to PoCs per Governorate Distribution in Jordan Jan-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Presentation on this has been provided by the UNHCR to clarify how the assistance and assessment that targeted PoCs in Jordan governorates have been conducted, mentioning the assessment tools and means for the cash assistances and the results of that, noting that all the data of this brief was as per the RAIS for 2020 and as of 25th of Jan 2021.</i> - <i>To review the details of this presentation and for any further information please get the related material using the following link:</i> - <i>https://mcusercontent.com/21ac4d661afc676782cbf14bc/files/84a8d0db-6638-41bf-a60c-ca50d8c0124c/Assistance_and_Assessment_per_gov_BNWG_Jan_2021_External.pptx</i>
COVID- 10 update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The three months of COVID- 19 emergency response have been extended to six months, while the package of assistance will remain the same.</i> - <i>The eligible refugee households for the COVID-19 assistance are now almost 55,000 cases.</i> - <i>Booking the cases for COVID-19 response on RAIS has been extended till Jun 2021.</i>
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Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>UNHCR: For this winter UNHCR had fund available for 47,000 refugee families, the assistance has been provided in Nov & Dec 2020, and there is no indication for any additional fund in this regard.</i> - <i>UNHCR: All the assistance that was provided for winterization has been reflected on the related dashboard and RAIS.</i> - <i>UNHCR: I s now finalizing its PDM for winterization and will share the related questionnaire with the respective partners</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Caritas: are implementing a cash for winter project using the ATM cash modality, this project covers 273 SYR & JOR households.- Caritas: Now in the phase of collecting the relevant data for their own PDM on cash for winter.- TDH Italy: Have started their winterization assistance payments for the Syrian refugees who all were booked on RAIS, in this regard TDH might accept the referral of cases but without promising to provide the assistance and they would prefer the disability cases. For Jordanian they still wait a list of beneficiaries from MosD .

Next meeting is on 1st Mar 2021, Mean or location of the meeting will be determined later