

WASH Sector Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Location	Zoom online call	Meeting Date	24 March 2021
Chair and Co-chair	Benjamin Smith	Meeting Time	11:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Note-taker	Samira Smairat [UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Associate]		
Attendance	UNICEF, UNHCR, ICMC, NRC, ACF, RHAS, World Vision, TDH Italy		
Purpose of Meeting	WASH Sector Monthly Meeting		
Next Meeting	(Date TBC)		

Agenda Items

Item	Action points	Focal Point / Organization
1	Agenda Announcements	Sector Chair, Benjamin Smith; Samira Smairat
2	JRP Planning and Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2021 JRP status ○ 2021 JRP Reporting process (PSS matrices) 	Sector Chair, Benjamin Smith; Samira Smairat
3	WASH Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding gaps and Brussels conference ○ COVID Response (camps, vaccine, lockdown implications) ○ Camps ○ Schools and Health Care Facilities ○ ITSS ○ WASH in Development 	Benjamin Smith Samira Smairat, UNICEF, and Partners
4	AOB Disability and Age-Sub working group Presentation	Lauren, Huda – UNHCR

<p>2021 JRP Reporting process (PSS matrices)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sector chair, Benjamin Smith provided an update on the JRP which has been approved by the Cabinet and asked MOPIC for minor comments. MOPIC will communicate them with the sector chairs. In parallel, partners can upload their PSS on JORIS. <p>UNHCR Update on ActivityInfo (AI) /3RP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samira Smairat (UNHCR) provided an update on the Sector Matrices; WASH sector matrices were completed and shared with IACU information management team who is now working on building the activity info platform for reporting. Samira Smairat shared questions raised by the partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who will upload the planning data? When we can start uploading our monitoring data as the JRP is not formally launched yet? Are we going to use the data in our PSS, or shall we wait until the final approval of the JRP?
<p>Action Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ali Nasser (UNICEF) will upload the planning data on the Activityinfo on behalf of the partners. Samira to inform partners on the time to start reporting on the monitoring at Activityinfo platform.
<p>3. WASH Updates</p>	
<p>Funding Gaps.</p> <p>Brussels Conference</p>	<p>UNICEF is facing a funding gap of around USD 9.2 million for critical WASH operations in the camps for 2021. Because of that, UNICEF may reduce services by June onwards and might cease all services by end of September 2021. Other UN agencies are facing funding gaps as well; WFP faces a funding gap of around USD 16 million per month.</p> <p>UNICEF highlighted its funding gap regarding WASH in the camps in different fora: HDPG, HPF and in bilateral meetings with donors where they presented the challenges faced by the water sector.</p> <p>The sector chair Benjamin Smith provided a short update on the 5th Brussels Conference; The European Union and the United Nations will co-chair the 5th Brussels Conference on “Supporting the future of Syria and the region” on the 29th and the 30th March 2021. In view of the imposed COVID-19 restrictions, the conference will take place online.</p> <p>The overarching objective of Brussels Conferences is to continue supporting the Syrian people and to mobilise the international community in support of a comprehensive and credible political solution to the Syrian conflict, in line with the UN Security Council Resolution 2254.</p> <p>As with the four previous editions, Brussels V will also address the most critical humanitarian and resilience issues affecting Syrians and communities hosting refugees from Syria, both inside the country and in the region and will renew the international community’s political and financial support for Syria’s neighbours, particularly Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, as well as Egypt and Iraq. Brussels V will be the main pledging event for Syria and the region in 2021.</p>

Question: Are partners facing funding challenges as well?

ACF and ICM stated that it is very hard to secure funding for projects in the near future as most of the funding is steered to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, they have funds available for their ongoing projects. ICMC will conduct an impact assessment using the findings to develop proposals to be submitted to donors.

Ala'a (World Vision) stated that we need to define well what underfunding/funding gaps mean and how to better communicate that with donors; Ala'a provided an example on water supply in Azraq as a vital need and how important it is to sustain WASH services in all camps. He recommended WSWG to draft an advocacy document that all partners can use in their advocacy efforts for funding. The sector chair suggested to discuss this at the camp coordination level. World vision volunteered to provide support on developing the advocacy document through their communication department.

Action points

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4. WASH Update

WASH-Sub-Working group

WASH in Camps
COVID-19 update

WASH in Camps WG

- Himalaya Gautam (UNICEF) who is chairing the WASH coordination in Za'atari and Azraq camps and Samira Smairat (UNHCR) have shared the following data updates on the COVID-19 situation in the camps as well as vaccination data for Za'atari and Azraq camps (as of March 22nd, 2021):

COVID-19 cases

Za'atari Camp	
Total confirmed COVID-19 cases	1,553
Total active COVID-19 cases	131
Total recovered COVID-19 cases	1,409
Total deaths due to COVID-19	14

Azraq Camp	
Total confirmed COVID-19 cases	710
Total active COVID-19 cases	73
Total recovered COVID-19 cases	633
Total deaths due to COVID-19	4

EJC Camp	
Total confirmed COVID-19 cases	365
Total active COVID-19 cases	13
Have completed the quarantine and the treatment period and hence, were released	347
Total deaths due to COVID-19	5

Vaccination

Za'atari Camp	
Number of persons who received first dose	1,353
Number of persons who received second dose	245
Total number of vaccine doses given	1,598

Azraq Camp	
Number of persons who received first dose	172
Number of persons who received second dose	8
Total number of vaccine doses given	180

EJC Camp	
Number of persons who received first dose	73 the
Number of persons who received second dose	15
Total number of vaccine doses given	88

Regarding the challenges of providing services during lockdown, UNICEF is working on updating business continuity plan in the camps in the preparation for any future lockdown. Benjamin Smith encouraged partners to update their business continuity plan as well.

WASH updates:

Za'atari

- UNICEF updated and reactivated the CPC and is maintaining the minimum required emergency items in all camps.

- UNICEF submitted permits to the camp management to assure its presence and has obtained permits for all camps. Regular support is provided to the camps as usual: WASH NFIs, soap, HKs, blankets, cleaning kits in both camps and in isolated areas.
- Continue disseminating messages through WhatsApp and other social media platforms.
- One blanket distribution of soap, HKs is planned on 28th of March 2021.
- Regular support to families in self-isolation and in transit areas in camps is ongoing.
- On 23rd and 24th of March, UNICEF is celebrating the World Water Day, mainly virtually, the activity is currently ongoing.
- Partners continued disseminating awareness messages using social media and their teams in the field.
- Infrastructure support to transit areas and families in self-isolation, ensuring business continuity of WASH services, is ongoing.
- Providing WASH units to the hospitals in the transit area.

Azraq

- Himalaya Gautam (UNICEF) provided an update on WASH in Azraq. Currently, UNICEF is planning a new borehole in Azraq due to the shortage of water supply in the camp especially in summertime when the demand is very high and needs to be covered by water trucking; the discussion with donors is positive and UNICEF will start initiating the plan in about 3 months.
- The next activity is to expand the current water network into bloc level in the camp.
- Similar discussion is ongoing regarding the solid waste and wastewater disposal. A donor is interested in mobile treatment plant either next to or inside the camp. Himalaya Gautam suggested to discuss the latrine issue in the upcoming camps coordination meeting as 60 % of the refugees in the Azraq camps are using the communal latrines and maintenance is needed.
- One blanket distribution of soap bars, HKs completed in in the first week of April; a joint distribution between UNICEF, ACF and UNHCR.
- Installed WASH units in the transit area and handed over to UNHCR and IMC hospital.
- One water truck stand to provide water supply to the isolation area when needed.

KAP

- UNICEF is Providing water supply regularly.

WASH in Institutions and Schools

- UNICEF is working with MOE to rehabilitate and expand WASH facilities in 25 schools in southern and central governorates. Tenders are prepared and launched. Mark Summerton will share the link with the partners.
- Internal meeting will take place tomorrow to discuss the way forward.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just university has completed the Assessment of Health Facilities on behalf of MOH with the support of UNICEF, a draft report has been shared. Benjamin Smith will present the findings in the next WASH - WG meeting. <p>WASH in ITSs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNICEF implemented a pilot WASH cash transfer project and received very positive feedback from beneficiaries. <p>WASH in Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate resilience plan for Madaba is completed and the report will be launched in two weeks' time; a follow-up workshop will be conducted on the findings in collaboration with Miyahuna. • Working closely with WAJ and the Ministry of Environment and providing the needed support, ensuring to include the climate lense into programming. • World vision manged to secure funds for a climate change project. • One of the action points of our last meeting was that World Vision is to develop a TOR for the WASH in development sub-group for the discussion but there is no update. Ala'a (World Vision) to develop and suggest a call for a meeting with the group to discuss and to reactivate the sub-group. • Benjamin Smith answered Ala'a's question on the 4Ws exercise; the exercise is in place and World Vision is to share their inputs with Ali Nasser.
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World vision to draft TOR for WASH in Development to share with the sector chair.
5. AOB	
Disability and Age-Sub working group Presentation.	<p>Ms. Lauren and Ms. Shatha from UNHCR have presented a brief presentation on Disability and Age Task Force aiming to receive nominations of two focal point per organization to join the DA Sub-working group. They have covered the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons with disabilities in Humanitarian Action • Persons with disabilities in Jordan • Older persons in Jordan • Refugee Response challenges in Jordan • Key facts about the DATF • Overall objective • Disability and age inclusion in refugee response • Disability and age focal points • Responsibilities • Way forward
Recommendations and Actions Points	

Action Points	Interested partners to share with the sector chair the nominations of two focal point per organization to join the DA Sub - working group.
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