



Food Security Working Group - Minutes of the Meeting

Date	12 Dec 2022	Time	11:30-12:30
Purpose of the meeting	Food Security Meeting		
Chair	WFP & TUA		
Participating organizations	ACTED, ICRC, IMMAP, IRW, TUA, UNHCR, WFP		

Agenda:

- ISWG coordination way forward
- Overlap of Food Security & Basic Needs
- Updating FS mailing list
- AOB

Agenda items	Discussion	Action points
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming participants and providing a brief on the agenda and housekeeping rules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MoM will be available on UNHCR's data portal
ISWG coordination way forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of key points on revising and upgrading the Inter-Sector Coordination structure and approach to make the coordination more efficient and strategic and to enhance humanitarian and development coherence, need to ensure a fit-for-purpose approach - Strengthening humanitarian and development accountability. - Have stronger coordination linkages among all sectors and consider medium- and long-term prospects to engage the GoJ at the strategic level. - Define the areas where the ISWG can bring evidence-based analysis and guide the sectors. - Improve gender mainstreaming among different sectors, one of the main findings was that the capacity varies between sectors, need to look at how to enhance capacity. - Review the rationale of having multiple sub-sectors and taskforces under the current eight sectors. 	



Overlap of Food Security & Basic Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was discussed during the Inter sector coordination meeting to look more closely into Food Security and Basic Needs sectors based on the rationale that in a protracted crisis the coordination needs and response packages are different than in an onset crisis - Both Food Security and Basic Needs WGs focus on humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable groups in Jordan. Food is a basic need and a key component of basic needs for the vulnerable population. Also, there is a large overlap between actors who participate both in Basic Needs and Food Security Working groups. From a refugee perspective, no distinction between the two exists - To strengthen the coordination structure and to be efficient and fit for purpose, the idea is to merge Food Security and Basic Needs Working Groups. This will lead to the complementarity of interventions and efficiency in coordination. <p>Comments and questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic Needs sector lead confirmed the high interest of the Basic Needs WG to create a new joint WG, Food Security is a basic need, and both sectors share the same programming, target groups, etc. - TUA expressed their support for the idea to merge the working groups. - ICRC: supports the merging of the working groups, since food security is a basic need - No participant raised any question or objection in forming a joint Basic Needs and Food Security WG. All actors will be included in the merged WG. There won't be less coordination and sharing of information, in fact, it will be the opposite as it streamlines exchange of information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decision: Food Security & Basic Needs will proceed with merging the two working groups into one working group.
Updating FS mailing list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All partners should use their official email addresses and not private emails or email addresses from yahoo, Gmail, Hotmail. Mailing list will be cleaned to make sure that only people who are active and using official emails are in the list. This is a follow-up action to the various emails and reminders that were sent out in October. 	



AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Next time will have a joint meeting with Basic Needs WG- Need to better address mainstreaming gender and will conduct more consultations on what is required suggested to improve gender programming- Winterization is done by the BN WG with a special task force in place. For winterization please reach out to Mette Karlsen from UNHCR: karlsenm@unhcr.org- TUA is implementing the Winter Campaign now and distributing in-kind assistance.- WFP informed the group that while there was a decrease in transfer value by 30% for WFP-assisted beneficiaries in host communities in Sep, Oct, and Nov, for the month of December the standard transfer value was reinstated.- Q: IRW needs guidance and support in designing in-kind rations for Ramadan, especially since it was hard to select food items for families.- A: WFP and TUA ask IRW to contact them bilaterally as both organizations are happy to support IRW.	
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