

ISWG Meeting Note

March 2023



Inter-Sector
Working Group
Jordan

ISWG Meeting Note and Action Points

Date / Time / Venue	Sunday, 05 March 2023, 14:30-16:00, UNHCR office
Attendees	UNHCR Deputy Representative, Inter-Sector Coordinator, UNDP Representative, UNHCR and UNDP 3RP Joint Secretariat and Sector Coordinators and Leads/co-leads of the Economic Empowerment, Shelter, WASH, Food Security Basic Needs, Education, Health, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Child Protection (sub)sectors, Senior Protection Advisor and Senior Gender Advisor, JIF Coordinator and Chair of AALH

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND OUTCOMES

- ISWG reiterates its commitment to providing support to all sectors in the development of strategies, needs overview, including information management. Information management support will include producing dashboards & mapping, training on monitoring & evaluation, Activity Info reporting, and Jordan Financial Tracking (JFT).
- The ISWG identified three themes of inter-sectoral importance: protection, gender and resilience; and envisages having advisors that will support integrating thematic areas into the sectors' plans and performance. UNHCR will provide a protection adviser and UNWOMEN has agreed to provide an adviser on gender.
- The ISWG structure wishes to facilitate the mainstreaming of Protection by strengthening the roles of protection and making it a driving wheel from top ISWG level down to all sectors – along with the resilience and gender pillars. Stemming from the consideration that the refugee component addresses the protection and humanitarian assistance needs of refugees as a starting and guiding element for the refugee response (while the resilience component addressing the resilience, stabilization and development needs of impacted individuals, communities and institutions, aiming to strengthen the capacities of national actors).
- Sectors strategies are to be finalized by March 19th and a peer review exercise will follow to ensure coherency, alignment, and strengthening of inter and cross-sectoral linkages.
- The 3RP remains a strategic coordination, planning, advocacy, fundraising, and programming platform for over 270 humanitarian and development partners. The plan is centered on national leadership and capacities to achieve resilience for all, guided by the principle of 'leaving no one behind'.

OVERVIEW OF 3RP AND ITS REGIONAL ROLE FOR THE ISWG

The 3RP Joint Secretariat (JS) provided an overview on the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP), centering on the role of the Joint Secretariat, the coordination structure, overall funding trends as well as the progress on 3RP evaluation recommendations. The 3RP remains a **strategic coordination, planning, advocacy, fundraising and**

programming platform for over 270 humanitarian and development partners. The platform **has channeled over USD 23 bln** since 2015. **The plan is centered on national leadership and capacities to achieve resilience for all, guided by the principle of ‘leaving no one behind’.** It comprises one regional plan, with five standalone country chapters covering Türkiye, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt. In June 2022, an external evaluation report was released – the first such evaluation of the 3RP since its inception in 2015. The evaluation focused on several research questions, including whether “the 3RP has provided an effective platform to conduct advocacy, policy, and resource mobilization at the global and regional levels”. In specific, it found that the 3RP is a successful advocate and fundraiser for the Syria response, but that the lack of a formal advocacy strategy may be affecting the ability of the 3RP to promote the coherence of advocacy efforts across the region. The development of an advocacy roadmap was recommended.

As such, in January 2023, an Advocacy Taskforce was established to i) create advocacy messages for the 2023 Brussels’ Conference on Syria (BXL); ii) create an advocacy stocktaking Paper; iii) create a 3RP Advocacy Roadmap. The **2023 3RP is counting on advancing humanitarian and development coherence**, admitting that the specifics of each member country shall be considered. This approach provides Jordan with opportunities to reflect the needs of all communities and serve an entry point to revamp discussions with the Government.

THE ISWG REFORMS

The ISWG reforms launched in November 2022 **continue to progress with key elements including identifying the three themes of inter-sectoral importance: protection, gender, and resilience moving;** including nominations of advisors that will support integrating thematic areas into the sectors’ plans and performance. UNHCR will provide a protection adviser and UNWOMEN has agreed to provide an adviser on gender. In this context, the Snr. Protection Advisor provided a presentation on protection mainstreaming to be followed in the next ISWG with another presentation on gender mainstreaming by the Snr. Gender Advisor.

MAINSTREAMING PROTECTION ACROSS ALL SECTORS

The ISWG Senior Protection Advisor provided a briefing **on how the ISWG structure will facilitate the mainstreaming protection across all sectors through i) ensuring that protection strategic directions are considered in a coherent manner across the multi-sectoral response; and ii) advising the ISWG chair and co-chairs on how to forward the three possible durable solutions** in line with international standards and frameworks: voluntary repatriation to Syria; international resettlement; and local solutions and opportunities.

Further to the discussion, overall, **the meeting participants concluded** the followings:

- Sectors to complete the **development of the strategic documents** by 19 March (in accordance with the below road map)
- A peer review of the strategies will follow to ensure alignment, coherency, and identification of inter and cross-linkages
- **End of March:** a training/guidance session will be planned for all sector chairs/co-chairs to develop log frame and means of verification
- **April:** Sectors will develop the log frame, set targets and means of verification
- **May:** ISWG Jordan Refugee Plan developed
- ISWG will undertake regular monitoring of the implementation of the reform process and review as and when needed (in case of context change, emerging needs, etc.)

- ISWG to maintain discussions with key stakeholders on how the **cross-cutting thematic areas** shall be mainstreamed (Protection, Gender, Resilience)

2022 JORDAN FINANCIAL TRACKING ANALYSIS

ISWG Information Management presented the dashboard of 3RP'22 funding status in Jordan, including by sector, agency, donors, and gaps in partners' reporting. **56 3RP partners appealed for USD 920.4 M, out of which 69% were received. The underfunding remains a concern, for the Education, Health, and WASH sectors.**

The ISWG and the sector (co)Leads remain accountable for ensuring proper and quality reporting from the partners.

ROAD MAP OF ISWG DEADLINES

Based on the above, the road map of the key actions and the respective deadlines were updated:

Action Point(s)	Timeframe	Focal Point(s)	Status	Note(s)
Revise sector TORs	19-March-23	Sector Leads, Sector Coordinators	In progress	
Submit the analysis of the best way to mainstream gender (One pager)	19-March-23	Sector Leads	In progress	
Submit a draft one-pager on the way forward for the sector's coordination vision, objectives, and structure	19-March-23	Sector Leads	In progress	
Initiate discussions with sector constituencies to formulate the sector response strategy	1-Jan – 19-March-23	Sector Leads	In progress	
Initiate consultations on establishing cross sectoral linkages while discussing the response strategy	1-Jan – 19-March-23	Sector Leads	In progress	
Sectoral strategies to be submitted to ISWG	19-March-23	Sector Leads		ISWG to peer-review strategies to ensure coherence
Develop the sector plan Matrix to include in addition to the agreed objectives, the planned activities and proposed indicators	TBC	ISWG and Sector Leads and Coordinator		To be discussed at the upcoming ISWG
Conduct a guiding session on development of sector logframe (objectives, outputs, indicators)	ASAP	ISWG, AALH		Aim to set targets in April'23, before Brussels Conference

Develop sector log frame, set targets and means of verification	April	ISWG and Sector Leads and Coordinators		
Share information on the regional 'Advocacy Taskforce'	ASAP	ISWG		MENA to share with ISWG
Develop Jordan Refugee Plan	May	ISWG and Sector Leads and Coordinators		