



**Inter-Sector
Working Group**
Jordan

Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG)

Visit to Irbid



Report Summary

- The Inter Sector Working Group (ISWG), in collaboration with the Head of Irbid Office, organized a visit to the Irbid field Office and project sites on March 5, 2024. The primary objective of the visit was to enhance engagement and communication, fostering a cohesive connection between Amman and the Field. This effort aimed to align and mirror coordination structures across the country and promote synergy between the national and field levels. The mission showcased the outcomes of the priorities and workplan of the North Coordination Working Group, the renewed coordination structure and facilitated strategic discussions through coordination meetings with key stakeholders, including the UNHCR Irbid office and other entities in the North region.
- The discussions encompassed the identification of dynamic strategies to bolster coordination with various sectors in Amman. The intent was to comprehensively map and identify key partners operating in the North, facilitating deeper engagement with them. Recognizing the vital role of local authorities, there was a concerted effort to revive the coordination framework with the governor. This initiative aimed to strengthen collaboration at the grassroots level, ensuring a robust network of support. The emphasis on enhancing data collection emerged as a crucial aspect, contributing to evidence-based decision-making and mitigating the risk of duplication. By actively addressing these components, the ISWG seeks to fortify the foundation of collaboration, ensuring a more streamlined and effective coordination response.
- The visit also aimed to strengthen communication channels, bridge the geographical gap, and ensure seamless collaboration. This involved facilitating knowledge-sharing and exchanges on how to fill gaps while maintaining the quality of services within a harmonized cooperation between Amman-based teams and their counterparts in the field. In fostering a culture of cooperation, the ISWG aimed to create a cohesive network that transcends geographical boundaries. This allows for more efficient resource allocation and timely responses to emerging needs, particularly in light of declining funding.

Participants

Participants included sector chairs and co-chairs from the national coordination groups, in addition to chairs and co-chairs of the 3 local sub working group (Protection, Health and Economic Empowerment) and of the North Coordination Working Group in addition to key actors working in Irbid and the north.

Organizations that attended the meeting include:

UNHCR

UNOPS

IMC

UNDP

IRC

LWF

WFP

WVI

ARDD

UN Women

IRJ

IOCC

IOM

JOHUD

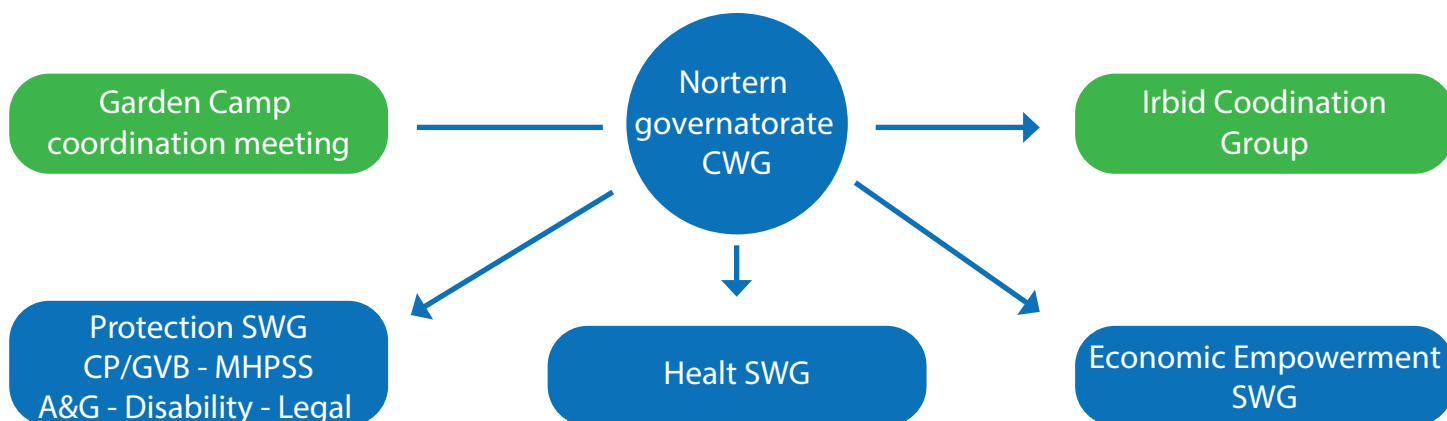
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Key Takeaways

Renewed Coordination structure in Irbid

The Irbid Head of Office highlighted the successful establishment of a renewed coordination structure in Irbid, demonstrating a commitment to enhancing efficiency and effectiveness in coordination efforts at the local level.

The current structure includes:



Next Steps

Coordination with Amman:

- Continue discussions with the Irbid office and NCWG to advance objectives and collaboration plans.
- Ensure NCWG attendance at the ISWG meetings to provide updates.
- Share the 'Coordination Framework Paper' with NCWG for active contribution to its development.
- ISWG Secretariat to facilitate liaison between NCWG and Amman Sector chairs and co-chairs (Education and WASH) to enhance collaboration, representation of sectors in the NCWG, and alignment.
- ISWG to present 2024 priorities and share the 3RP Jordan strategy with all field offices for their inputs and contributions.

Trainings:

- Arrange TOT sessions for IRBID staff between May and June on:
 - i) Leadership and Coordination (UNHCR & UNDP)
 - ii) Gender and Protection Mainstreaming workshops (UNHCR & UNWOMEN)
- Conduct follow-up training sessions for partners and actors in IRBID using Arabic language (Irbid staff)
- Organize a training by UNDP Senior Development Advisor in Irbid post-Ramadan to educate partners and stakeholders on development concepts.

Mapping and Data Management:

- Provide technical support to Irbid and NCWG for identifying simple tools for mapping and evidence-based data collection (e.g., 4Ws and dashboard).
- Collaborate with Irbid Governor to map humanitarian (UNHCR) and development (UNDP) actors to revive a humanitarian-development fora.
- Organize a training by UNDP Senior Development Advisor in Irbid post-Ramadan to educate partners and stakeholders on development concepts.
- Conduct a meeting with UNDP and Irbid office to discuss details and format of the Development training and set objectives for the planned 'Irbid Coordination Group' with the governor.

- Map CBOs in Irbid to understand their status in the region and strengthen coordination and collaboration. The CBOs Task Force will coordinate with UNWOMEN and JONAF to gather data/info on ongoing or completed similar mapping to avoid duplication of work and complement efforts.
- Based on the mapping exercise, coordinate with Amman NCWG to develop training needs for identified CBOs.

Summary of Projects Visited



Part of the ISWG Meeting regarding the North Coordination Working Group



NHF protection center that takes care of women's and children's health



WF Boutique in Irbid City Center for vulnerable populations to shop in dignity



IMC Mental Health Clinic in Alsareeh Governmental Health Center benefiting more than 300 patients/month



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