

Shelter Working Group

Attendees: Medair, NRC, ICRC, UNHCR, Habitat for Humanity, IOCC, Caritas, Islamic Relief

- Introductions
- Partners Updates
 - HfH – In final stages of Home Equals campaign. Plan to submit new policy for housing for Palestinian camps. This will be the starting point to apply for another fund.
 - Completed 85 home rehab in Hitteen camp. The need there is very high.
 - Some fund for community-level. In discussion with UNRWA and DPA on type of intervention planning – targeting WASH sector related to climate and resilience intervention.
 - NRC in the host community is restarting cash for rent under waiver for life-saving shelter support. Taking a conservative approach and targeting the most vulnerable at risk of eviction. Other modalities are still suspended.
 - In camps, working with UNHCR, ensuring operations continue.
 - Responded to questions on package
 - For now, will provide for 3 months and see what happens with review
 - Medair – stop referrals, 2 cycles started last year and will finish in April, and don't have any new cases
 - Cash and case management
 - IOCC
 - Camp
 - Host – CFR and CFU
 - Caritas – cash program ongoing – focus on those with court note
 - Flexible for those returning to Syria and cover transportation cost
 - From all governorates
 - Three times for rent but if have debt
 - Without court note and need to pay debt and then go to Syria
 - Use winterization amount to cover transportation cost
 - Islamic Relief
 - No huge update
 - Highlight
 - USAID funding pause – have no project
 - All projects through Islamic Relief family
 - New opportunity for new project for shelter rehabilitation and new shelter construction – in concept note phase – focus on Palestinian and Jordanian
 - For new project – try to be flexible because uncertain of the future of the camp
 - UNHCR
 - Budget cut of 10% as of now

- Stop some activities related to infrastructure in camp
- With NRC, Oxfam, IOCC – as result of return started to decommission some shelters
 - When return UNHCR take asset or let refugee take asset with them or transfer asset to extended family who stay
 - To take, have not been approved by MoI
 - Hoping to receive an answer
 - Yesterday meeting with MoI – decision needs to come from minister
 - Rep had meeting with minister but was told not to open this topic
 - From camp perspective, it will create chaos, requires logistics
 - But refugees want to take back to Syria
- Meeting with Qatat Charirites – 350 – 360,000 shelter rehabilitation in Zaatari rehabilitation – wth UNHCR and returns and this shelters should be covered in Zaatari
- UNHabitat – meeting to look at how and what needs to be done with urban caseload
 - UNHCR been bit too laid back
 - Focus on activities at community level
 - Not funding but more of a general focus
 - Prsures for govt on what doing for impacted municpaltiies
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 - Unclear where funds come to support
- ICRC
 - Don't do shelter specifically
 - Accompanient program for missings persons, partycilarly in Syria
 - These families were facing challenges related to missing person
 - MHPSS, emergency cash for severe protection cases (CP, urgent medical) + referrals, small grants for Syrians to develop HBB
 - Want to identify service providers to address needs
 - DRC, JCLA, and NRC were main referrals but with USG cuts have lost service providers for referrals
 - Action: Hold meeting on cash-for-rent
- IACU
 - 2025 PLAN database on ActivityInfo
 - 5 entries from 5 partners – Caritas, IOCC, NRC, UNHCR, HfH
 - Medair can go ahead and add, IR can share info to get access
 - Around \$45 M for 2025
 - Importance of reporting
 - Funding opp for UN Democracy Fund, targeting civil society organizations

- 2024 Dashboard with minutes
- Updates on Returns and Scenario Planning/Footprint of Camps Discussion (UNHCR)
 - Based on 40,000 crossed the border between December and mid-Feb
 - 10,000 from last report
 - No major updates at the border with normal flow
 - Majority of returnees
 - Mission to Jaber border with IOM to do improvements at the broder
 - Will create shaded area where refugees wait
 - Border have 5 gates
 - Abusers are white taxis who can go between different gates at 35 JOD per head from Gate 1 to Gate 5
 - Internal bus that UNHCR will drive to provide shuffle (\$40,000)
 - If anyone has means to donate bus to authorities, let know
 - Those who cannot afford
 - Action: will check on the distance
 - Meeting last week to plan for shelter next steps (8-9 orgs)
 - Look at how plan/inform planning for reduction of footprint in the camp
 - In order to reduce running costs
 - Currently camps – 4% left from camp (12% of returns)
 - Spreadsheet to be updated weekly
 - Based on sheet, what is the plan of action
- Readout from ISWG Workshop (UNHCR and IOCC)
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- Presentation of UNHCR Climate Strategy
 - Country-specific climate strategy, contextualizing global strategy for Jordan
 - Focus on country readiness and water scarcity
 - Government policies and plans that are related and connected with Economic Modernization Vision
 - Refugee narratives seen between stressor or burden to inclusion opportunity
 - Last year included climate vulnerability index in VAF
 - 40% are significantly vulnerable
 - Refugees in camp are higher risk due to shelter conditions and limited resource to mitigate
 - Global level – adovocacy, program for adaptation and resilience, and mitigation to reduce carbon footprint
 - Refugees protected and resilients to climate change
 - For future
 - Apply climate- refugee nexus initiative with govt

- Understand needs and opps of refugees by govt
 - UNHCR play advisory role
 - Economic inclusion via green jobs
 - Sustainable shelter support
 - Community-led initiatives
 - Consumption monitoring
 - Housing and settlement
 - Shelter maintenance – reduce exposure of refugees
 - Explore community cooling spots
 - Where refugees can go and rest during heat peak hours
 - Explore more in urban setting
 - Identify success stories that can be replicable, sustainable, etc.
 - Questions
 - HfH shared some of their programs
 - UNHCR work on what has already be done and amplify
 - One UN system climate strategy
 - Impact assessments can be helpful and be shared if available
 - Jordan’s climate vulnerability is not very visible
 - But to sell needs to donors, must have evidence base with figures and data and in addition to impact
 - NRC – UNITAR REEDS report
 - Being finalized with input from UNHCR, HfH
 - Mention 5 years to 2030 but climate is long-term + engagement with the government takes time
 - NRC had previously set up an energy and water WG
- AOB
- Next meeting