FSBN Working Group Meeting, June 2025

Date: June 23, 2025
Place: UNHCR Amman Office
Chaired by: Hala Alnawaiseh -UNHCR, Osama Muhsen WFP
Attendees: WFP, IRW, Caritas, Medair, UNHCR, TUA, Plan International.

Agenda:

1. **Welcome & introductions.**
2. **Syrian Returns update.**
3. **ISWG updates:**
a. **Sectors prioritization plan**
4. **Member updates:**
a. **ECJ relocation to Azraq camp**
b. **Funding updates**
5. **Training on Protection and Gender Mainstreaming**
6. **July meeting at IOM office**
7. **AOB**

Action Point:

- Share ISWG 2025 prioritization exercise. The document can be found through the following link: https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/117182

The co-chairs started the meeting and welcomed the participants.

Syrian returns:

- A of mid-June 2025, around 85,000 Syrian registered refugees in Jordan have returned to Syria since December 8th, 2024.
- The anticipated increase in Syrian returns is expected to occur in July 2025, following the conclusion of the school summer semester.
- A new cash assistance program will soon be launched in Syria, targeting returnees who were previously registered as refugees with UNHCR outside the country by providing them with cash packages.

- Certain criteria will be taken into account for the provision of these services. One key criteria is the eligibility of returnees for monthly cash assistance during their time as refugees. Additionally, further assessments will be carried out by UNHCR offices in Syria.

- The package will be around 400 $ per household and it is different from the transportation assistance.
- The main aim of this package is to support the returnees in their first days of arrival to their home country.
- For those who returned can find more details on the assistance and other services provided upon their return through Syria is home page , and the UNHCR Syria help page , in addition they can contact UNHCR supported Community Centers for more information.
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ISWG Updates – Sector prioritization Plan:

- The co-chairs briefed about the sector prioritization exercise and the related results pertaining to FSBN sector.
- The exercise results have been presented to JoSH in June meeting.
- The exercise outlined the current funding status as well as the anticipated conditions for the rest of the year.
- In FSBN the priorities were pertaining to provision of cash assistance to refugees in camps, provision of food assistance to refugees in camps , provision to cash assistance to refugees in host communities, and provision of food assistance to refugees in host communities.
- The co-chairs briefed on the financial gap in FSBN in 2025 which is around 49 $ millions.

EJC relocation to Azraq

- ECJ camps was officially closed on 24 June with the following stats.:
  - 1,147 individuals were relocated to Azraq camp in 10 batches between 21 May and 22 June.
  - 4,932 refugees returned to Syria:
    - 1,920 individuals through private donor arrangements (Farah Wakef Foundation).
    - 681 individuals through UNHCR transportation packages.
    - 2,331 individuals returned independently.
- Below link leads to the EJC closure summary for reference:

  https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/117231

Funding and Partners Updates:

- As we approach the end of the second quarters of 2025, the sectors' partners will be communicated soon to provide their funding information on the Jordan Financial Tracking.
- UNHCR will conduct eligibility assessments for basic needs in host communities for the third quarter of 2025, targeting 15,500 households. This is a decrease from the second quarter's target of 17,000 households.
- WFP has not decided on any reductions yet. Assistance for July and August is secured. In the coming weeks, WFP will conduct a verification of all assisted cases in both camps and urban areas.
- WFP briefed about the current situation of humanitarian assistance provision in Gaza Strip.
- IRW over the past month has distributed approximately 2,700 food baskets to Syrian and Jordanian beneficiaries. Additionally, around 3,500 food vouchers were distributed during the last Ramadan. Recently, IRW submitted a proposal for a winterization project, which includes components such as house rehabilitation, awareness sessions, and the provision of winter clothing.

ISWG updates:

- Brief about the upcoming one-day training session on gender and protection mainstreaming will be held on July 2nd at the UNHCR office. Partners who are interested are encouraged to participate in this training.

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