FSBN Working Group Meeting, November 2025

Date: November 17th, 2025
Place: IOM Amman Office
Chaired by: Hala Alnawaiseh -UNHCR, Osama Muhsen WFP
Attendees: WFP, Caritas, IOM, UNHCR, TDH, COOPI, ACF

Agenda:

1. **Welcome & introductions.**
2. **ISWG update**
3. **Syrian Returns update.**
4. **3RP 2026 Planning Figures**
5. **Member updates**
    a. **Funding updates**
6. **AOB**

Action Point:

- Reach out to the working group partners to get their 2026 3RP planning figures.

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

- **Syrian Returns Updates:**

- The total number of Syrian refugees who have returned since December 8, 2024 is approximately 170,000.
- According to the latest intention survey, the proportion of Syrian refugees planning to return within the next 12 months has decreased to 20%, compared to 40% in the initial survey conducted earlier.

- Among them, 93% intend to return with their entire family, and 85% plan to go back to their original areas in Syria.
- The following link provides access to the Enhanced Regional Survey on Syrian Refugees' Perceptions and Intentions regarding Return to Syria, which offers more detailed information on return intentions:
- https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdata.unhcr.org%2Fen%2Fdocuments%2Fdetails%2F118532&data=05%7C02%7Calhassou%40unhcr.org%7Cfc0dc61ef50247c5535308ddfb6bcd30%7Ce5c37981666441348a0c6543d2af80be%7C0%7C0%7C638943162604743499%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9xe42hhkmjuyS4R1l0rfGJK9qp851NdOdorOnUICyH0%3D&reserved=0

- **3RP 2026 Planning Figures**

- Following the guidance from the UNHCR regional bureau, all sectors are required to submit their 2026 planning figures, including both financial requirements and target goals. This information will contribute to the Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) and the Regional Strategic Overview (RSO).
- Partners reviewed the 2025 appeal and discussed the approach for submitting 2026 planning inputs, aligning with the ISWG recommendations and the related guidance shared with the working groups' co-chairs.
- The group discussed the reduction scenario of 30% for the 2026 funding appeal compared to 2025, agreed as a general guideline.
- Partners will be asked to submit realistic planning figures aligned with this reduction, avoiding inflated numbers but reflecting actual needs and capacity.

- It was emphasized that these figures are initial and subject to revision based on funding availability and evolving program needs.
- It has been agreed to the share a template with partners informing them to provide through their planning figures for 2026 based on the guidance shared. 30% reduction will be applied and ensuring that the 2026 planning budget not exceed 70% of 2025.
- The partners expected to provide their inputs by December 10th where after compiling all inputs should be done to shared with the ISWG and UNHCR Interagency coordination unit.
- On 2026 JRP, there is no official confirmation yet from MoPIC. the partners will be informed on any related updates.

Partners Updates

UNHCR

- Since the launch of the cash-for-return program, 496 cases from the camps have benefited, all meeting the initially established targeting criteria. However, there is currently a proposal to eliminate these criteria and extend assistance to all individuals living in the camps.
- Plans are underway to potentially expand the program next year to include residents of host communities, as currently the cash-for-return assistance is restricted to camp populations.
- Bus and transportation services continue to be provided for beneficiaries living in host communities.

IOM

- PRM funding for IOM's cash assistance project has been secured, covering both multipurpose cash assistance and winterization activities.

- The IOM project to support the voluntary return of Syrian refugees was launched in 2018 in coordination with UNHCR, targeting primarily refugees living in camps.
- Most participants came from the camps, especially Azraq camp.
- Operations were halted in January but resumed in June and July 2025. Since then, the number of returnees has varied due to the changing situation in Syria. Only one return movement occurred in January before the suspension.
- From January to the present, IOM has assisted 997 individuals from the camps, bringing the total assisted since 2018 to 3,600. Assistance included filling gaps such as transportation and medical support.
- Approximately 6,000 refugees residing in the camps are expected to benefit from IOM's transportation project, with priority given to cases with protection needs and medical conditions.
- Regarding the caseload, IOM is preparing a new beneficiary list for cash assistance or winter support, comprising about 1,250 cases, including 700 from the previous caseload, targeting both Syrian and non-Syrian individuals.

COOPI

- starting in July, COOPI serving 90 cases with cash assistance in the governorates of: Mafraq, Zarqa, and Karak. cash for winterization will start soon and will target Syrian and Jordanian
- Another project focusing on livelihood funded from Italian Cooperation has started recently.

WFP

- Brief about the currentfunding situation. the current available fund cover WFP’s activities until the end of Mar 2026.

TDH

- A brief update on the ongoing cash-for-health and cash-for-protection projects.

- An upcoming cash-related project is expected to launch soon, pending confirmation and approval.
- Since IOM's cash-for-protection project is also active, it is recommended to coordinate with TDH to jointly review the assistance criteria and explore ways to strengthen complementarity between the two partners.

Caritas

- The agreement for distributing in-kind winterization material packages to 330 families is still pending. The agreement is expected to be signed within two weeks.
- Meanwhile, the selection of beneficiary families has begun, prioritizing those who are extremely vulnerable and not receiving monthly cash assistance from other partners. The target group across all governorates consists of 70% refugees and 30% Jordanians.

- Currently, the process for distribution is being reviewed. The winterization package will include blankets (quantity based on family size), one mat per family, one gas heater, fuel refills for six times, and a 20-liter container.

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