WASH Sector Meeting
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Location	Hybrid (Online and in person) - UNICEF	**Meeting Date**	Jan 29th, 2026
Chair and Co-chair	Jesus Trelles (UNICEF JCO) / Mohammad Al Tawiel (World Vision)	**Meeting Time**	10:00 am - 11:30 am
Interagency Coordination Unit	**Lina Tu'aimeh** (UNHCR)		
Attendance	**UNHCR** (In Person: Lina Tu`aimeh) (Online: Lina Younis) **UNICEF** (In Person: Jesus Trelles,Tamara Rabadi, Tamam Adi, Ali Naser, Saleh Sharabati) **WVI (In Person**: Mohammad Al Tawiel) **Ministry of Water and Irrigation-MWI (**Online: Mohammad Dweri**)** **Oxfam (**Online: Qasem Al Ayoubi) **Islamic Relief Jordan (**Online: Tareq Al Taweel) **AICS (**Online: Claudio Deola) **UNOPS (**Online: Anna Saksagon) Mateen (Online: Mohammad Al-Zou'bi)		
Purpose of Meeting	WASH Sector Monthly Meeting		
Next Meeting	**Feb 26th, 2026**		

Agenda Items

Item	Action Point	Focal Point/Organization
1	Agenda: • Welcome and introduction of members • Updates from Updates from JOSH and ISWG (UNHCR)	**Jesus Trelles** (Sector Chief/UNICEF) **Lina Tu`aimeh** (Interagency Coordination Unit/UNHCR) **Tamara Rabadi** (WASH Officer/UNICEF) **Tamam Adi** (WASH Officer/UNICEF)
2	• 2026 workplan for the WASH sector – open discussion • Partner updates, including progress on the Voluntary National Review (VNR)	**Jesus Trelles** (Sector Chief/UNICEF) **Mohammad Dweri** (Ministry of Water and Irrigation-MWI)
3	• Any other business (AoB)	**UNICEF, WVI, MWI, Oxfam, UNHCR, Islamic Relief, AICS**

Meeting Minutes	
1. Introductions (Welcoming of Partners), Updates from ISWG & Inter-agency Coordination Unit	
Inter-Agency Coordination Unit (Lina Tu`aimeh)	**ISWG Updates:** - Key recommendations from ISWG December discussions included improving access to healthcare and enhancing White Card uptake, addressing the deterioration in food security and related funding shortfalls, and managing reduced budget allocations across the Health, WASH, Shelter, and Economic Empowerment sectors. - 2026 3RP/JRP update: A UNHCR-supported staff member has been placed within MoPIC to help coordinate the response planning process. Sectors were also advised to incorporate a 30 percent budget reduction target into their 2026 submissions and requested to update their indicator tables, which were submitted with varying levels of completeness. - WASH Working Group noted that the absence of a clear timeline or guidance from MoPIC continues to delay comprehensive planning for 2026. Although partners submitted preliminary updates in December and January, the WASH sector agreed to pause further requests until formal guidance is issued by MoPIC and UNHCR. - From the Government perspective, it was reported that the Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) submitted an updated project list to MoPIC following a request for budget reductions in early December; however, MoPIC has since paused communications and no further instructions have been issued. MWI reaffirmed its commitment to align with the humanitarian community once official guidance becomes available. **JOSH (Jordan Strategic Humanitarian) Updates (last JOSH meeting – 13 January 2026):** - Planning for the 2026 JRP is underway, with the overall appeal set at USD 654 million, representing a 30 percent reduction compared to 2025. This decrease is attributed to several factors, including declining numbers of registered refugees, continued trends of voluntary returns, and the outcomes of the prioritization exercise conducted in mid-2025. - Funding coverage for 2025 reached only 33 percent, down from 45 percent in 2024, resulting in significant shortfalls across key sectors such as WASH, Shelter, Health, and Livelihoods. - Structural changes were also highlighted at the subnational level, where the Protection and Economic Empowerment coordination groups in Irbid have been merged into a single multi-sectoral coordination platform that will convene bimonthly. - At the strategic level, the Government of Jordan is transitioning toward a multi-year planning framework centered on two complementary tracks: the protection of refugees' rights and dignity, and support for voluntary repatriation. The new framework is expected to address several priority issues, including the future of camp services, the sustainability of camp modalities, prioritization under shrinking resources, and the integration of returns as a programmatic component. - UNHCR will continue to share updates as soon as joint guidance with MoPIC becomes available.
2. Reporting	
UNICEF (Jesus Trelles, Tamara Rabadi)	**2026 Workplan for the WASH Sector – Open Discussion:** **Suggested Thematic Deep Dives by AICS.** Partners proposed hosting a rotating series of **technical learning sessions**, not as show-and-tell but as experience-sharing and reflection on challenges. Suggested topics: ○ WASH in Healthcare Facilities ○ WASH in Schools ○ Groundwater and resource management ○ Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and climate-linked water emergencies ○ "Learning from failure" sessions ○ The WG agreed to structure a 2026 learning agenda around such deep dives.

Capacity Building Opportunities

- UNHCR and UNICEF will re-engage with **SDC** regarding their capacity-building platforms.
- Partners invited to share any training offers or global learning opportunities.

Updating Key Governance Documents

- The WASH Sector **Terms of Reference** and **strategy** require revision due to changing refugee demographics, reduced funding, and shifting government priorities.
- A drafting group will be formed. Initial volunteers: UNHCR (Lina Tu`aimeh)
- Additional partners to be contacted offline (including local NGOs if interested)

Renewal of WASH Sector Co-Chair (INGO)

- Current co-chair: **World Vision**.
- The 2-year term ended in December 2025.
- Call for nominations re-circulated; election to follow once candidates are confirmed.
- World Vision will continue as acting co-chair during the transition.

3. Updates from partners

MWI
(Mohammad Dweiri)

Partner Updates (Including Voluntary National Review – VNR)

Voluntary National Review (VNR) – SDG 6: Eng. Dweiry (MWI) provided an update on the VNR process, noting that MoPIC had initially proposed a large in-person consultation; however, this approach proved infeasible due to government protocols and the tight timeline. As a result, a revised modality was agreed upon whereby MWI, in close coordination with UNICEF, will prepare the first draft drawing on existing reports and available data. This draft will then be circulated to stakeholders for their review and feedback before finalization and submission to MoPIC within the required timeframe. A launch meeting for the process is planned for early February 2026, after which the Working Group will receive the draft document for review as soon as it becomes available.

UNICEF
(Saleh Sharabati, Tamara Rabadi)

UNICEF

Azraq Camp:

- Regular O&M for wastewater systems ongoing.
- New desludging contract in final award stage.
- Approval pending for a new wastewater transfer area.
- New community mobilization and SBC program starting in February.
- Winter response was efficient, no major disruptions.
- Private latrine project (World Vision) experiencing beneficiary identification challenges; discussions continue with UNHCR.

Zaatari Camp

- New O&M contract signed; contractor mobilized.
- Continued decommissioning of water/sanitation connections for shelters vacated due to returns.
- Winter response well-coordinated and effective.

WASH in Healthcare Facilities

Major progress shared:

WVI (Mohammad Al Tawiel) **Islamic Relief** (Tareq Al Taweel) **UNHCR** (Lina Younis) **Oxfam** (Qasem Al Ayoubi)	○ National M&E framework for **WASHFIT** is finalized and rolling out in MoH facilities. ○ Capacity building completed in **Irbid, Ajloun, Madaba, Jerash**. ○ Data collection using WASHFIT 2.0 underway. ○ Two facilities (Wadi El-Hajar – Zarqa, Al-Razi – Jerash) have achieved **full WASHFIT compliance**. ○ Will be formally recognized in a ceremony next week. ○ WHO & MoH are developing **climate-resilient healthcare facilities guidelines**; UNICEF is contributing to ensure WASHFIT alignment. ○ WASHFIT indicators are integrated into **DHIS2** for routine monitoring. **World Vision:** Camp sanitation and host community WASH programs ongoing with no major new developments. **Islamic Relief:** ○ Tendering ongoing for two WASH blocks in public schools (Mafraq and Irbid), including greywater treatment systems. ○ Hygiene kits will be distributed to students. ○ Final stage of beneficiary selection for: 1. Shelter rehabilitation, 2. Solar heating/on-grid systems ○ Working on a new concept note for school solarization + WASH infrastructure upgrades. **UNHCR:** **Zaatari – Private Sector Engagement for Caravan Disposal** ○ New approach approved by Ministry of Interior and SRAD: ○ Refugees returning to Syria may sell their caravans to approved private companies. ○ Pilot running for 3 months in Zaatari; Azraq to follow after review. ○ Units must be sold as whole structures (no dismantling for parts). ○ Companies may recycle or repurpose units after purchase. ○ No replacement caravans will be provided except for emergencies. **Oxfam** ○ Solid waste management operations ongoing in camps and host communities. ○ Recycling: continued receipt and processing of caravan sandwich panels. ○ Strong winter preparation: ○ Culvert cleaning and drainage management in Zaatari. ○ Pumping systems are fully operational for flood response in both camps.
4. AoB	
	○ Next WASH SWG meeting proposed for 26 February 2026, given anticipated updates on: ○ JRP guidance ○ VNR progress ○ Ongoing humanitarian planning processes ○ Meeting falls during Ramadan; agenda will be kept lighter.

Next Meeting action points:

- MWI & UNICEF to prepare the first draft of the Voluntary National Review (VNR – SDG 6) and circulate it to partners for review once ready
- UNICEF to follow up with SDC regarding available capacity-building platforms and update partners.
- Partners to share any training opportunities or global learning resources with the Working Group.
- Partners (including AICS) to support planning for the 2026 technical deep-dive learning sessions.
- Partners to submit any remaining nominations for the new WASH Sector INGO Co-Chair, with World Vision continuing as acting co-chair until elections.
- MWI to update the Working Group following the VNR launch meeting in early February, including sharing the draft once available.