WASH Sector Meeting
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Location	Hybrid (Online and in person) - UNICEF	**Meeting Date**	Feb 26th, 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: Layal Abou Darwiche, Lina Tu`aimeh) **UNICEF** (In Person: Jesus Trelles, Tamam Adi, Ali Naser, Ali Nasser) (Online: Tamara Rabadi) **WVI (**Online: Mohammad Al Tawiel) **Oxfam (**Online: Qasem Al Ayoubi) **Islamic Relief Jordan (**Online: Tareq Al Taweel) **AICS (**Online: Claudio Deola) **RSS (**Online: Mohammad El Mustafah) RHAS (Online: Reem Jarrar)		
Purpose of Meeting	WASH Sector Monthly Meeting		
Next Meeting	**Mar 26th, 2026**		

Agenda Items

Item	Action Point	Focal Point/Organization
1	Agenda: • Welcome and introduction of members	**Jesus Trelles** (Sector Chief/UNICEF) **Layal Abou Darwiche** (Interagency Coordination Unit/UNHCR) **Lina Tu`aimeh** (Interagency Coordination Unit/UNHCR) **Tamara Rabadi** (WASH Officer/UNICEF) **Tamam Adi** (WASH Officer/UNICEF)
2	• Updates from Updates from JOSH and ISWG (UNHCR) • 2026 WASH sector planning process • Recap on 2025 Prioritization Exercise • 2026 government-led strategic planning & 3RP planning process • Next steps for updating and finalization of plans	**Jesus Trelles** (Sector Chief/UNICEF) **Layal Abou Darwiche** (Interagency Coordination Unit/UNHCR)
3	• Other updates from partners	

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Introductions, Updates from Inter-Agency Coordination Unit	
Inter-Agency Coordination Unit (Layal Abou Darwiche)	**High Commissioner's Visit to Jordan:** - The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Barham Salih, completed his first official visit to Jordan in February 2026 after one month in office. - During the visit, the High Commissioner met with senior Jordanian leadership, including: His Majesty King Abdullah II Deputy Prime Minister / Minister of Foreign Affairs Ayman Safadi Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Zeina Toukan Minister of Interior Mazin Al Farrayeh Mr. Barham Salih also visited Za'atari Camp and held discussions with civil society networks such as: Jordan INGO Forum (JIF), Jordan National NGOs Forum (JONAF), Whole-of-Society Network for Displacement. - Discussions with government counterparts focused on: Access to refugee registration Inclusion of refugees, particularly in the labor market Broader geopolitical developments affecting Jordan and the regional refugee response **2026 3RP Planning** - Inter-Agency and sectoral groups conducted a **light review** of the Jordan chapter of the **2026 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP)**. - The **overall appeal for 2026 stands at USD 654 million**, representing a **30% reduction** compared to 2025. This decrease reflects: - Declining numbers of registered refugees - Continued refugee return trends - Outcomes of the 2025 prioritization exercise carried out in early summer 2025 **Update on the 2025 3RP Funding Status** - Funding levels in 2025 remained significantly below requirements. - As of end-January 2025, partners appealing under the Jordan 3RP had received: USD 326 million, equivalent to 34.9% of total financial needs - This marks a notable decline from the 45% funding coverage achieved in 2024. - The 2025 Jordan Financial Tracking (JFT) system will remain open until end-February 2026 to allow partners to complete and finalize their reporting. - The 2026 JFT platform is expected to launch by end-February 2026, following the completion of partner trainings and refresher sessions. **JoSH Meeting:** The February JoSH meeting focused on key operational updates, including the UN High Commissioner's recent visit to Jordan and high-level discussions on refugee inclusion, registration, and labor market access. Members reviewed progress on the 2026 3RP planning, noting significant funding reductions and low 2025 funding coverage, and received an update on refugee return trends showing decreasing monthly returns and increased cross-border mobility. The committee also discussed the Government of Jordan's forthcoming strategic plan on refugee response, emphasizing the need for robust data contributions from partners. Updates were presented on major initiatives such as the Bayt.com employment-matching program for Syrians, the SANAD digital ID platform rollout for refugees, World Bank–UNHCR findings on school dropout drivers, and a supplementary survey on access to subsidized healthcare via the White Card system.

Updates on 2026 WASH sector planning process- Recap on 2025 Prioritization Exercise- 2026 government-led strategic planning & 3RP planning process-Next steps for updating and finalization of plans	
Inter-Agency Coordination Unit (Layal Abou Darwiche)	**2026 WASH Sector Planning Process** **Current Approach** - 2026 planning is based on the **2025 prioritization exercise (30% funding scenario)** due to delays in the government-led strategic planning launch. The 2026 WASH plan must: - Align with the **regional 3RP** structure. - Reflect **updated project realities** (funding reductions, shifting priorities, refugee returns, partner changes). **Required Partner Action** Partners will be contacted **bilaterally** to: - Validate existing JRP/3RP project entries. - Indicate which projects remain valid for 2026. - Update targets, budgets, and geographic coverage. - Add new activities if needed (even if not originally in the JRP). - Partners not included individually (e.g., new organizations working under UNICEF grants) can still add separate activities if implemented independently. **Recap of 2025 Prioritization Exercise** - In mid-2025, partners prioritized activities across two funding scenarios: **30%** and **50%**. - The WASH sector is currently using the **30% scenario** as the base for 2026 planning. - Key considerations for revisiting 2025 insights: • Reduced number of active partners in 2026. • Changes in refugee population and needs. • Updated funding availability. **2026 Government-Led Strategic Planning & 3RP Process** **Government Strategic Plan** - The Government of Jordan is preparing a **new multi-year national strategy**, expected to conclude by **June 2026**. - Technical support is being provided by: UNHCR, UNDP, and other relevant agencies **Current Status** - Initial planning templates are approved at the technical level and awaiting ministerial clearance. - Once approved, the government will launch: • **Phase 1:** Broad consultation with sectors and stakeholders • **Phase 2:** Establishment of thematic task forces (similar to the 2023 process)

	Impact on WASH Planning - Although a new national plan will be finalized mid-year, the WASH WG still needs an **interim 2026 plan** to: • Maintain donor funding flows • Continue operational coordination • Ensure reporting compliance with JRP/3RP structures **Next Steps for Updating and Finalizing Plans** - UNICEF/UNHCR to engage bilaterally with each partner - Partners to review/update: • Project status • Targets • Budget requirements • Whether activities remain valid for 2026 - Partners to add new activities not previously included (where relevant). **Updating ActivityInfo and Financial Tracking** - Once the consolidated WASH plan is finalized: • Indicators, targets, and budgets will be updated in ActivityInfo (3RP module). • Partners will enter their appeal budgets directly in the 3RP financial tracking system. • UNICEF/UNHCR will extract and cross-check entries to ensure alignment with the approved plan. **JORISS Update** - UNDP is rolling out a more user-friendly JORISS, including: - Gender, protection, resilience, and environment markers - Future aim to integrate M&E, but not available yet - As JORISS lacks full M&E capability, ActivityInfo remains mandatory.
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	○ Next WASH SWG meeting proposed for 26 March 2026, given anticipated updates on: ○ JRP guidance