



NFI Working Group

Standardization Group Meeting

Meeting Location	UNHCR–Large Conference Room	Meeting Date	06.05.2013
Chair Person	Christophe Petit	Meeting Time	10:00-11:00
Minutes Prepared by	Samia Qumri		
Purpose of Meeting	Standardization meeting (to define main composition for NFIs)		
Attendees	ACTED, DRC, Acted, JEN, ICMC, ActionAid		

Based on the RRP5, planning for the population figures for the end of 2013 has been revised to 1 million. We are planning on having 700,000 in the urban areas and 300,000 in camps. As recent figures projected to the end of 2013, NFI WG deemed it necessary to hold sub- working group meeting to discuss ‘standardization’ to define and discuss items specification for the NFIs.

Standardization group meeting was held highlighting;

- Recommendations on the provision of NFI assistance to new arrivals; winterization and summerization plans
- WG proposed to set time period of 5 months for the winterization starting November up to the month of March
- Assessments conducted by different partners and the identification of beneficiaries hence sharing lists to avoid duplication
- To refer to the Sphere Project for the NFIs by alluding to the key indicators if any want to develop recommended list of items

Clothing, bedding and household items

Service provision to Syrian refugees in Jordan started from the beginning of the crisis to meet the needs of those affected through NFI in kind assistance. By recognizing the core role of the humanitarian agencies consolidated with the participation of the disaster-affected people themselves to meet the urgent survival needs, Clothing, blankets and cooking materials “meet the most personal human needs for shelter from the climate and for the maintenance of health, privacy and dignity. Access to basic goods and supplies is required to enable affected populations to prepare and consume food, provide thermal comfort, meet personal hygiene needs and build, maintain or repair shelters.”¹

Ensuring that basic needs of the individual is met through sufficient household and shelter support items has been brought about by assessing the needs of the people for non-food items, identifying which items to be procured the local market, prior planning and designing an equitable, transparent distribution thus evading any duplication that might ensue.

1.1 Non-food items standard 1: Heaters

- Supply of gas heaters to both the urban and camp settings

¹ “Non-food items: clothing bedding and household items.” The Sphere Project, United Kingdom pp.268

- Refills for heaters to be provided via coupons by time period of 3 refills per 1month – for urban setting
- Specifications for gas heaters to be determined by NRC/DRC
- Based on last 2012 pricing, an estimate cost in Jordanian Dinars;
Heaters 50-80 JD
Cylinder 43 JD
Each refill 10 JD
- Cross check 2012 beneficiary list- even though it might not be reliable process due to new arrivals and some could be sold during summer time

1.2 Non-food items standard 2: Blankets

- NFI WG prefers to focus on the thermal aspect of the blanket rather than weight
- HCR commits to same distribution mode of 2 mid-thermal blanket per person OR 1 high-thermal blanket (based on stock availability)
- Sleeping bags as last resort (based on stock availability)

1.3 Non-food items standard 3: Clothes and footwear

- To Identify clothing needs of women, girls, men and boys of all ages including infants and vulnerable or marginalized individuals and ensure access to required items in the correct sizes and appropriate to the culture, season and climate.
- All to have at least two full sets of clothing in the correct sizes that are appropriate to the culture, season and climate.
- *Thermal performance: The insulating properties of clothing should be considered, as well as the effect of wet or damp climatic conditions on the thermal performance of such items.*
 - **Winter climate: (1 trouser, 1 shirt, 1 jacket OR 2 on top layers, underwear, pair of socks, head covers- caps, scarves)**
 - **Summer climate: (light layers recommended preferable in cotton materials; 1 trouser, 1 shirt, ‘Abaya’, head covers- ‘kofeye’, caps)**
- Footwear (high priority need) should be appropriate to climatic conditions and cultural practices and sized accordingly.
- HCR pinpointed to the ‘space capacity’ in warehouses as storage places are limited especially to in kind donations.

Key topics for further discussion;

- HCR New arrival package will remain the same
- Recommendation to include hot water bottles and water boilers in addition to plastic sheeting- this will be done in coordination with the Shelter WG
- WG confirms to distribute 2 jerry cans (10 lt.) per family, cooking stove per family for the urban setting as well as 1 solar lamp for both camp and urban settings.

- * *Partners are welcome to propose any additional summer tools and equipments such as combo solar lamps- for lighting and as source of phone mobile charger, solar fans..*