

14th Food Sector Meeting Minutes

16 April 2013, WFP Jordan – Amman Compound

Attendees: WFP, JHCO, UNHCR, UNDP, OCHA, FAO, IOCC, NICCOD, World Vision

Agenda:

1. Partner Updates
2. ERF Call for proposal
3. JAM Update
4. RRP5 submission
5. AOB

Status	Action Points
<p>1. Partner Updates:</p> <p>IOCC: Distributing one-off food packages to minimum family size 4 for two months in one distribution for unregistered Syrians. The activity is coordinated with JHCO.</p> <p>UNHCR: Current figures in Za’atri at 192,193, started ProGres registration with IRIS scanning. As soon as Azraq opens and Za’atri population stop expanding, will re-register those in Za’atri.</p> <p>FAO: New assessment of five regional countries Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey with rich insights into the dynamics of borders and market implications.</p> <p>World Vision: Working on WASH and child friendly spaces in Jordanian communities. Lead for sanitation working group and CFS with UNICEF. Did not operate between October and February 2012, but has been working in the country for some time.</p> <p>NICCOD: Preparing to distribute food parcels in host communities for 500 families. Have distributed in 3 areas so far this year, psycho-social support for children and women as well.</p> <p>JHCO: Working in Amman and Zarqa on food voucher programme with STC. Cash assistance with ADRA and DRC, opened an office in ‘Heina Zhad’ in East Amman for this programme. JHCO mentions that the current 2 week voucher distribution times are burdensome on the CBOs that host distributions, and the e-voucher transition might help minimizing this issue.</p> <p>Medair: Currently screening children under 5 and PLW, so far end of March figures of 3,506 have been screened. Mediair shared news from recent nutrition meeting with MOH who has agreed on guidelines of Acute Malnutrition. Locating children of acute malnutrition proves difficult, doing it through JHAS clinics. Have found many Jordanians with these problems, but don’t have the treatment products. Also are distributing cash assistance for rent in urban communities.</p> <p>WFP through implementing partners reached 121,851 Syrian refugees through vouchers in local communities and 124,822 refugees living in camps along with 5,444 students receiving a mid-session snack in two schools in Za’atri camp. WFP is in the process exploring a flexible e-voucher system, which once launched</p>	<p>WFP to circulate FAO Regional Assessment to Food Sector members</p> <p>Follow up with JHCO to coordinate distributions</p> <p>WFP will follow up with Nutrition working group and provide briefing on upcoming meeting.</p>

<p>would hold the option for other partners/sectors to utilize the WFP e-card for different kinds of assistance, either as voucher which can be tied to specific retailers or retail sectors (e.g. NFI purchase from the same or different points of sale) as well as cash-withdrawals from ATMs</p>	
<p>2. Emergency Response Fund (ERF) Call for proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OCHA representative gave an overall briefing on how the ERF has funded 61 projects worth US\$17.5 million, 10.5 million for Syria and remaining for regional countries. Funding in Jordan will be mainly for NGOs. • ERF outside Syria is specifically for NGOs with a funding cap of 250,000\$US. • Call for proposals have been floated by WFP 15 April 2013. • Organisations interested in submitting are encouraged to consult the sector lead prior to submission, to reduce duplication. • Deadline for submissions: 26 April 2012 • Briefing session for NGOs will be held at OCHA 2pm Thursday 17 April • Each sector lead will form a review committee and provide a technical recommendation to OHCA. • Sector lead to prioritize 2-3 projects to send to OCHA based on the two priority objectives to provide lifesaving food assistance and protect livelihoods (for Jordanians). 	<p>JHCO to circulate the call to proposals to other non-food sector affiliated NGOs in Jordan</p> <p>Interested NGOs to join briefing on guidelines and proposal criteria for NGOs on Thursday, 17 April 2:00pm OCHA office.</p>
<p>3. JAM Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFP gave a briefing on the background and progress of the JAM activity. WFP received clearance for the TORs and the Questionnaires from eight ministries/departments involved. MOPIC has sent to the Cabinet the approval of the JAM exercise. We are anticipating an approval over the next week. This is a follow-up of the Rapid JAM of last year. Questionnaire is 3 pages long. • Once approved by the Cabinet, WFP/UNHCR will conduct a two-day training with field staff then begin the field work, which will take 12-16 days throughout the country. WFP and UNHCR would appreciate assistance from NGOs including staff and vehicles during the JAM exercise. • UNHCR is conducting a participatory assessment in Za'atri using the questionnaire and tools developed for the JAM. UNHCR plans to finish the assessment this week. For the JAM the plan is to conduct between 90-105 sample questionnaires in the field. • WFP to circulate JAM documents after government approval. 	<p>Organisations interested to participate, to send an email to WFP outlining their interest.</p> <p>WFP to circulate call for participation after GoJ approval of JAM.</p>
<p>4. RRP5 Submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFP thanked food sector partners for their timely submissions for the RRP5 and then asked for comments on the process. JHCO found the workshop prior to be very useful and preferred to keep the half day focused workshop model for future RRP revisions, and expressed appreciation for taking comments into consideration during the process. • Final version has been shared with food sector members and is now under review at RRP Secretariat/UNHCR. 	<p>WFP to share updates from UNHCR as they become available</p>
<p>5. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting – TBC 	