

16th Food Sector Meeting Minutes

6 June 2013, WFP Jordan - Amman

Participation: ACTED, ADRA, CARITAS Germany, IR Worldwide, JHCO, MedAir, NICCOD, OCHA, SC-I, UNRWA, UNDP, U.S. Embassy, WFP, WV.

Agenda:

1. Partner Updates (3W's)
2. RRP5
3. Nutrition
4. Measles and Vitamin A vaccination campaign
5. Local communities mainstreaming (UNDP)
6. Gender in Humanitarian Action Training (UNWOMEN)
7. JAM – preliminary results
8. Ramadan
9. AOB

STATUS	ACTION POINTS
<p>1. <u>Partner Updates (3W's)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was agreed that each member organization will provide updates on food assistance activities through completing and submitting the 3W's template, originally provided/developed by UNHCR, to WFP as food sector lead in lieu of the usual round table updates.• For the month of May, the food sector collectively distributed to over 319,000 registered Syrian refugees; 133,941 beneficiaries through dry rations, welcome meals, daily bread and school feeding in Al Za'atri camp and 185,341 beneficiaries through value-based food vouchers in Jordanian communities, along with 8,000 unregistered refugees.	<p>Each organization to submit their completed 3W's form to WFP by 11 June 2013.</p> <p>WFP to forward to 3W's templates to OCHA to assist in the sectoral mapping exercise underway by 12 June 2013.</p>
<p>2. <u>RRP 5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agencies were advised to only provide food sector <u>achievements</u> for future updates/requests for input to the RRP5 as a modality of allowing for more precision in reporting and thus clarity in identifying gaps and designing the appropriate response accordingly.• A table was presented to the group reflecting the framework upon which the reporting on achievements will operate. The first column contained information on the <u>Agency/agencies</u> involved, while the second outlined the <u>Baseline for March 2013</u> and the third column reflected the <u>Key Targets expected by the end of 2013</u>. An additional column on "<u>Achievements</u>" has been added which will be the area where each agency is expected to provide updates.	<p>WFP to share the template with the food sector members in order to provide monthly updates on their activities.</p>

<p>3. <u>Nutrition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFP is preparing to launch its Nutrition Programme following the MoH formal approval of the guidelines. Call for proposal will be circulated to organizations on the WFP roster. 	<p>WFP to circulate call for proposals.</p>
<p>4. <u>Measles and Vitamin A vaccination campaign</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFP shared with the members its involvement in the upcoming Measles and Vitamin A vaccination campaign led by UNICEF, UNHCR and WHO in collaboration with the Jordanian MoH and local NGO's/CBO's acting in Irbid (including Ramtha) and Mafraq. The campaign will formally begin from 8 June - 4 July 2013 targeting Jordanians and non-Jordanians (presumably Syrians and Iraqis) and will vaccinate children between the ages of 6 months - 14 years and 11 months old. The aim is to reach 95% of the targeted population in these two areas. WFP's partner - Islamic Relief Worldwide, will be involved in supporting the awareness raising/social mobilization component of the campaign. The voucher distribution points in Irbid and Mafraq will be used as information sharing venues (along with hospitals, primary health care centers, schools, child care centers, Mosques, UN/NGO helpdesks and other methods of social media communication such as a number of selected radio and T.V stations, mobile SMS and online networks like facebook). The actual vaccinations will be conducted in primary health care centers in addition to mobile clinics which will be reaching remote areas. Participating NGO's/CBO's include: Islamic Relief Worldwide, Save the Children, International Relief and Development, CARE, Jordanian Health Aid Society, Jesuit Refugee Services, MDM. 	
<p>5. <u>Local communities mainstreaming (UNDP)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP raised the importance of mainstreaming local communities into the humanitarian work of UN agencies and NGO's responding to the current situation of Syrians in Jordan. The purpose is to explore the means that will allow for the food sector to begin assisting in the process of mainstreaming local communities into their programming. This initiative will indirectly address the tensions which are increasingly on the rise between the Jordanian and Syrian populations. The objective is to help mitigate the impact of the Syrian refugee influx on local communities." Emphasis was placed on the need to establish a committee to coordinate the work of all sectors towards forming a collective response plan for local community support so as to reduce tension and reserve refugee protection place among other issues, by focusing on the immediate needs of Jordanians. 	<p>UNDP to establish a committee for following up with each sector on the process of mainstreaming local communities</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP explained that the role of a “local community” sector person/focal point is to pass on messages and advocate for streamlining in addition to ask specific questions on how much progress is made. • OCHA is currently conducting a mapping on the work of all sectors to identify what exactly is being done in support of local communities, if any. 	<p>OCHA to share 3W of organizations working in local communities.</p>
<p>6. <u>JAM:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFP launched the preliminary draft results of the JAM, with special focus on the main food security-related findings and some general observations from other sectors were shared. • Key food security findings include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food is widely available and accessible to Syrians in the local community through vouchers and in the camps through the distribution of general food rations; ○ Voucher programme providing beneficiaries with their basic food and nutritional needs; ○ Nutrition status appears stable – according to beneficiaries, some cases of malnutrition have improved; ○ The need for food was not mentioned as a source of insecurity or a priority for refugees. Beneficiaries quoted WFP assistance to represent a source of relief; ○ Rent was cited as the most urgent need 	<p>WFP to share the final report with food sector members once finalized</p>
<p>7. <u>Ramadan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food sector will collectively compile a list of commodities that are found suitable for distribution during the Holy month of Ramadan inside the camps and encourage donors to provide the items in the list. • From past experience, dates are usually generously donated in Ramadan. 	<p>WFP to circulate list of commodities for Ramadan.</p> <p>WFP and Save to coordinate with interested agencies on the identification and provision of complementary food during Ramadan.</p>
<p>8. <u>AOB:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting: 10am Tuesday 25 June 2013. 	