

Food Sector Meeting Minutes
4 September 2013, WFP Jordan - Amman

Chair: WFP

Co-Chair: JHCO

Participation: ACF, FAO, JECRaD, JHCO, Muslim Aid, SNAP, WFP, WV.

STATUS	ACTION POINTS
<p><u>1. Review previous meeting minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleared by group 	
<p><u>2. Food sector activities (3W's)</u></p> <p><u>a. Activities within the RRP5:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the month of August, the food sector collectively distributed to around 417,673 registered Syrian refugees; 114,892 beneficiaries through dry rations in addition to daily bread, 2,431 new arrivals through welcome meals, 2,201 students through the school feeding in Al Za'atri camp and 302,781 beneficiaries through value-based food vouchers in Jordanian communities, along with around 5,000 unregistered refugees • Noteworthy is that WFP introduced small-scale vouchers in Za'atri camp with the September distributions, which has been well received by beneficiaries <p><u>b. Activities outside the RRP5:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WV</u>: distributed small sized food parcels to Syrian refugees in the local community during Ramadan. In process of discussing with the Government of Taiwan the possibility of receiving rice donations to support Syrians in Jordan, expected in January 2014 • <u>ACF</u>: no current food distribution. Plans to conduct cash distribution however the project is still in the assessment phase • <u>JHCO</u>: continues to distribute food parcels to unregistered Syrians in the community. Given the dire need for cash, Syrians have been resorting to selling their food parcels. JHCO plans to push for the voucher programme in order to overcome this issue. JHCO has also noticed some donated food parcels are not fit for human consumption and hence had requested from donors to be more diligent 	<p>Food Sector members to submit monthly updates on RRP5 achievements</p>

b. Contingency Planning Outline/Scenarios

- Scenario: large influx of refugees to Jordan
 - Scenario 1: 20,000 within 72 hours – refugees can be accommodated in the Al Za’atri camp
 - Scenario 2: 70,000 within 2 weeks
 - Scenario 3: 150,000 within 2 months
- WFP currently available stock: 80,000 individual food rations, 50,000 welcome meals, 140,000 HEB’s, 625,000 date bars

c. UNHCR/UNICEF/WFP Assessment for RRP6

- UNHCR, UNICEF & WFP are conducting an assessment of all assessments as a desk review for the RRP 6 planning phase
- WHO, FAO, UNDP will be consulted in addition to OXFAM, CARE, ACTED and other NGO’s as well will be involved in the process to ensure a comprehensive cross-sector analysis
- Interested NGO’s are welcome to join

d. JAM

- Final report in process of finalisation with WFP and UNHCR. Once completed, the results will be circulated

Food sector members to confirm availability of contingency stocks matrix

WFP to keep the sector informed of the process.
Interested NGO’s to express their interest to WFP for joining the assessment

Circulate draft preliminary JAM results with food sector once finalized

4. Nutrition updates**a. National Protocol approved:**

- Formal approval received on 1 September 2013 from the Jordanian Ministry of health for the National Protocols: Inpatient and Outpatient Management of Acute Malnutrition (SAM and MAM). WFP is launching its Nutrition Programme for the implementation of the MAM treatment programme in both the local community and camp setting, targeting CU5 and PLW in early October 2013. Currently in the process of selecting a cooperating partner

b. Nutrition Assessment 2013

- WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF and UNFPA are preparing for the next inter-agency nutrition assessment in November 2013 for Syrians in Jordanian communities and camps using SMART methodology

5. Local Communities/UNDP

- It is important to reiterate the need to link emergency programming with the Jordanian local communities
- JHCO mentioned local municipalities which require more support due to their extensive and increasing provision of services to both Syrians and Jordanians

All sector members to be conscious of the inclusion of the local community element in planning and implementation.

<p><u>6. Protection</u></p> <p><u>a. Revision of GBV Guidelines – Food Chapter:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFP led the food sector revision of the 2005 IASC Guidelines for Gender-Based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Settings on 29 August 2013, with participation from JHCO, SCI, HRF, IRW, FAO, UNHCR and UNICEF. The GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR) is conducting the field level revisions in Jordan as well as Kenya, the Philippines, Pakistan and El Salvador, in line with the global revision of the guidelines • The guidelines have been developed as a resource to establish standards, across all areas of humanitarian response, related to prevention of and response to sexual and other forms of gender-based violence, particularly in the early stages of an emergency. Endorsed by UN agencies and international NGOs, these GBV Guidelines are an essential tool for enabling and empowering all humanitarian actors to promote the protection and well-being of affected populations. • Main point raised from WFP/Food sector was that the guidelines were very focused on women and girls vulnerabilities, and did not encompass the full range of persons of interest which include boys and men. <p><u>b. Gender Marker Training:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tentative training date: Wednesday 18 September 2013 – to be confirmed 	<p>WFP to circulate the revised GBV guidelines – Food chapter</p> <p>WFP to circulate invitation e-mail for the Food Sector-specific Gender Marker Training with confirmed date</p>
<p><u>8. AOB</u></p> <p><u>a. Inter-Sector Coordination (Survey):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The results from the survey revealed that some sectors are more up to speed with their secretariat follow-up than others • There will be some improvement of the structure – mainly on the staffing of sector 	<p>WFP to re-circulate Survey results with group</p>