

**Food Security Sector Working Group
18 December 2013, WFP Jordan - Amman**

Chair: WFP & JHCO

Participation: ACTED, FAO, Islamic Relief Worldwide, ACAPS, SCI

STATUS	ACTION POINTS
<p><u>1. Food Sector → Food Security Sector</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Food Sector is now officially known as the Food Security Sector. This was done as part of aligning the sector objectives and activities with the RRP6 inclusion of self-reliance and livelihood opportunities for vulnerable Jordanians in the planning for 2014. 	
<p><u>2. RRP 6 Launch</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RRP6 was launched on Monday 16 December 2013. During the launch, NGOs have made a statement that they appreciate the inclusive process that took place, especially in Jordan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RRP5 Plan population is 800,000 Syrian Refugees in Jordan by end 2014 (200,000 in camps and 600,000 in communities) plus 700,000 Jordanians. The food security sector aims to reach 710,000 Syrian refugees and 127,500 vulnerable Jordanians. The total budget for Jordan is USD 1.2 billion The Food Security Sector budget is USD 322 million, with eight agencies directly requesting and other implementing partners also participating using funds that will be channeled to them The Jordan chapter is available in hard copy and will be circulated soon, once the bulk printing is done. Online version can be viewed here: http://www.unhcr.org/syriarrp6/ Information in the booklet is backed up by the information on interventions which has been entered by agencies into ActivityInfo and is available for viewing to those who have access to the system. There will be a 6-month update of the RRP6 ensuring that the appeal is in line with the influx trends. <p><u>RRP5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial reporting has to be finalized and has been sent out to partners by the Inter-Sector Coordination Unit. Only agencies captured in RRP5 would need to provide budget update. Question on whether or not agencies whose activities were not captured in RRP5 still have to report? 	<p>UNHCR/ISWG to circulate call for RRP5 budget allocations. Food sector members to report on RRP5 funding by 22.12.2013.</p>

3. Humanitarian Assessment (based on DAT)

- DAT assessment has morphed into a new document including National Resilience Plan inputs, Host Community Platform assessment components and others
- Compilation of sector-based assessments, looking at trends and areas of concern. The document is a desk review which was carried out by UNHCR, WFP and UNICEF.

FSWG to Circulate link once live

4. Vulnerability Assessment Project

- This project, which is aimed at standardizing mechanisms of vulnerability of refugee households in Jordan, was initiated earlier this year by UNHCR/Unicef/WFP, and is now being developed as an interagency process with the facilitation of ACAPS (Lynnette Larsen <ll@acaps.org>).
- A system enabling to assign degrees of vulnerability to refugee households both overall and in relation to specific sectors, and establish a baseline of vulnerability which can be revisited over time, as vulnerability is not a static state would be developed under this initiative. The humanitarian community needs to be able to monitor vulnerability and assess how to mitigate.
- Idea is to establish common tools for assessment and data collection at a multi-sector level, with analysis at a sector level. A wealth of data is already available and the goal is to primarily analyse that data rather than engage in large-scale data collection.
- There will be a technical workshop in mid-January to which different actors will be invited. Participants should have a high level of technical competence, and process will be inclusive. Invitation will be circulated closer to the date.
- The process will take a few months and will also include looking at the Lebanon vulnerability assessment exercise and lessons learned from there. The idea is to have something to go on by around the 1st of April.
- WFP has been carrying out a Comprehensive Food Monitoring Exercise which is nearly completed. Through ACTED (staff originally designated for Azraq), a sweep of the country is being done, using representative samples from each governorate. In total, 7000 interviews will be conducted, and questions being asked include information relevant to other sectors.
- The results will be one of the building blocks for data analysis of vulnerability targeting by the Food Security Sector, in line with the vulnerability assessment principles currently being discussed.
- As there is an ongoing of vulnerability assessment in the National Resilience Plan, led by UNDP, FAO encouraged a closer dialogue between the humanitarian and development levels, at community level and national level. *(UNHCR and UNDP consequently consulted following the meeting).*

Invitation for technical workshop to be circulated

Needs assessment harmonization

- Different partners such as ACTED, ACAPS and NRC have detected assessment fatigue among the refugees; they are being asked the same questions, and not seeing changes in the assistance delivery
- Needs assessments need to be harmonized and more comprehensive; perhaps one agency could do needs assessments or monitoring exercises on behalf of more than one sector, in an attempt to avoid this assessment fatigue.
- In the first quarter of 2014, there will be a “harmonized needs assessment training” to this end.

ISWG to coordinate and circulate invitation

Participatory assessment

- Any members of the Food Security Sector who would like to join UNHCR’s participatory assessment should contact the UNHCR secretariat (Hasan Bahjat Mohammed/Community Services/UNHCR). The results of the participatory assessment are well-endorsed and very insightful.

Gender-based violence (GBV) and Child Protection (CP) SOPs

- These SOPs are an interagency initiative relevant to organisations working with refugees, not only for protection agencies, and include guidelines on how to handle certain situations related to GBV and CP in any interaction with refugees
- Training for Mafraq-based staff scheduled for 22 December. More Amman-based trainings will be held in the new year.
- Open to any agency willing to sign on; anyone who has not signed on yet can still be included in future update scheduled for February 2014.

FSWG to circulate the SOPs
Members to participate in trainings as needed

FSWG members to provide comments before reprim

6. AOB**Contingency stock**

- UNHCR invites agencies who have contingency stock that can be made available to municipalities to attend a meeting tomorrow (19 December) at 11 am at the UNHCR office for further discussion.

FSWG members to participate as needed