

JORDAN INTER-SECTOR WORKING GROUP UPDATE

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I. SPECIFICS ISSUES FOR IATF FROM INTER-SECTOR WORKING GROUP (ISWG):

- Prioritization continues to be a challenge in the RRP6 process. Currently the emphasis of the budget is on the first category, 'life-saving', as opposed to the 2nd and 3rd categories ('Preventing deterioration of vulnerabilities' and 'Capacity Building/Resilience'). The ISWG asked the IATF to review the way sectors have defined 'life-saving' in the RRP6.
- How to open syrianrefugeeresponse.org to donors? What steps should be taken to give partners time to amend or clarify some of their activities?

II. General / Inter-Sector Update



RRP6 Updates: All sectors have now submitted their RRP6 proposals and sector narratives. ActivityInfo (www.syrianrefugeeresponse.org) has been closed to partners, though it can still be viewed. A country chapter has been drafted, and shared with the ISWG, the IATF and the regional level for comments.

Initial comments have been received from the regional level, along with concerns in relation to the total budget (1.2 Billion+). Prioritization was also flagged as an issue with some inconsistencies in the RRP6 inputs (see *Specific Issues* above).

A dedicated IATF RRP6 review meeting has been organized for the 10th November at 1400 at UNHCR.

Winterization: Sectors involved in the winterization response are meeting with around thirty partners to formulate a clear strategy of implementation and create a clear mapping of winterization activities by partner and per region. This will avoid duplication in areas where needs appear to be met more easily than others. A specific output for recording winterization activities has been set up in syrianrefugeeresponse.org; while a module in RAIS is being developed to allow assistance to be recorded against individual beneficiaries. This initiative builds on the work of the NFIs, Cash and Shelter sectors, who have developed a standardized winterization package in urban areas.

Co-ordination Training: A series of two-day Co-ordination trainings is being organized in late November and early December by UNHCR, building on existing IASC and other co-ordination guides. The targets are primarily sector chairs, and some urban and camp co-ordination staff.

Referral Systems: In parallel to the roll-out of the CP/GBV SOPs for referrals, requests have been received from NGOs regarding the set-up of inter-sector referral systems, especially in urban areas. A mapping exercise has been started to establish what exists; a survey is being launched on referral needs; and a co-ordination meeting – focused on referrals – is planned in Irbid in mid-November.

Multi-Sector Assessments : Feeding into the RRP6, the Data Analysis Team has created a number of sector-based analyses – including a substantial Desk Review by UNICEF - and updated the inventory of assessments. These are available on the portal (data.unhcr.org). The ISWG discussed the need to move towards a more co-ordinated approach to assessments, including agreeing on common methodologies, and an approval process at the level of the sector chair to avoid duplication and ensure that assessments related to sector needs. The INGO forum has recommended a short 'code of conduct' to ensure assessments are appropriate and respectful of beneficiaries. The Information Management Working Group has been tasked to discuss methodologies and approval processes, and revert back to the ISWG.

III. Sector information



CASH:

RRP6: Cash-for-rent will fall under the Shelter WG as 'conditional' cash assistance (CA). Unconditional CA - livelihood support, seasonal support, CA equivalent for heaters - will remain part of the Cash WG.

Jordan domestic economy: A meeting took place between the CWG and Dr Yousef Mansour, an expert economist, with a broad overview on Jordan's domestic economy and cash interventions and how assisting Syrian refugees fits into this perspective.

Baseline: Second round of baseline definitions did not generate a strong response. Other than substantial datasets from UNHCR, OXFAM and ACTED, no data was received for updates. CWG co-chairs will draft new baselines drawing on the available sets and present for review at the next CWG meeting.



EDUCATION:

RRP6: The ESWG discussed the planning figures for RRP6 and agreed on 2 main objectives: 1.Children and youth have sustained access to appropriate education opportunities (ACCESS) 2.Children and youth benefit from a learning environment that promotes quality education, protection and well-being. (LEARNING). The groups also prioritized both outputs and activities using the three categories provided (lifesaving, preventing deterioration and capacity building/resilience).

According to the overall assumption of the Regional Response Plan (RRP6) 2014, 800,000 Syrian refugees will be in Jordan by the end of December 2014. According to UNHCR demographic data of registered Syrians, 36 percent of total registered Syrians are of age between 5-17 years. In particular, 17,8% are boys and 17,1% are girls, which represents 147,000 boys and 131,000 girls. Based on estimation, 200,000 Syrian boys and girls will require access to formal education while 88,000 Syrian boys and girls will need alternative education opportunities such as informal and non-formal education.

Zaatari: Recruitment of teachers for School 3 is ongoing. Jordanian teachers are hired by MoE and Syrian teachers are hired under the supervision of Save the Children Jordan. 49 teachers were identified as successful candidates. Rules on incentives were explained.

School uniforms have been distributed to 14,000 students.



FOOD:

RRP6 and Prioritization: Main RRP6 objectives are to maintain food security, improve food availability, access and utilisation for Syrian refugees in Jordan through appropriate food assistance (priority 1), improve food security conditions, food availability, access and utilisation for vulnerable Jordanian populations (priority 2), improve nutritional status of Syrian refugees, esp. malnourished girls and boys under age 5 and pregnant and lactating mothers (priority 2), and ensure coordinated response through evidence-based food security and livelihood interventions (priority 3).

Needs Assessment: WFP, UNHCR, and UNICEF are jointly developing multi-sectorial vulnerability criteria for Syrian Refugees in Jordan. WFP's contribution will include a Comprehensive Food Security Profiling exercise in order to obtain needed quantitative information, which will inform targeting based on vulnerability criteria. Cooperating partner ACTED will conduct a national representative PDM exercise during November 2013



HEALTH:

Zaatari: Fundación Promoción Social de la Cultura (FPSC) received MOPIC and MoH approval to work in Disabilities in Zaatari. They will fill gaps in provision of disability aids such as wheelchairs, commodes and

adaption of wheelchairs for children with disabilities. Construction work will start on a site opposite District 10.

Immunization: Polio vaccination campaign is taking place in Zaatari camp, targeting children between 0- 5 years. The teams include 15 supervisors and vaccinators from MoH and 36 from IRD supported CHWs. Mobilization through mosques and Save the Children International kindergartens, which will be closed on campaign days. Targeted number is 19,680 children under 5.

Urban: MSF Holland started a facility supporting Ramtha Hospital on 1st September. They have 33 beds including 11 high dependency and access to one ICU bed. Meeting held with Royal Medical Services (RMS) and JHAS to strengthen referral mechanism for life-saving and essential services esp. in underserved areas in south (Karak, Tafeleh and Aqaba). Both parties agreed to develop operational guides, with communication network to be circulated widely.

Nutrition Sub-Working Group

1,608 mothers and 889 children <5 visited the four UNICEF/Save the Children Jordan (SCJ) Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) caravans in Zaatari and EJC camps. In addition, 2,530 children <5 and lactating mothers received nutritional snacks.

Second cycle of screening: for moderately acutely malnourished (MAM) children aged <5 years has taken place as has the distribution of supplementary feeding (porridge) for the MAM cases and for the 90 individuals with cerebral palsy (CP).

Mental Health Sub-Working Group

Psychosocial activities: CVT started a new cycle of psychosocial activities targeting survivors of torture and trauma in Amman and Zarqa. MDM hired a psychologist who will be providing assessments, counseling and other psychological interventions at their Ramtha clinic. Psychotropic medications are also now available at the clinic.

Reproductive Health Sub-Working Group

Community outreach: IRC/UNFPA in Zaatari camp are overseeing a team of 12 community outreach volunteers (6 females and 6 males) conducting home-to-home visits and sessions within community. These sessions are aimed at increasing the level of knowledge on available services for GBV survivors and vulnerable women and girls in Zaatari camp.

Antenatal cards: Pregnant women in Zaatari camp received UNFPA/JHAS antenatal cards in the past weeks in order to facilitate the medical follow-up of their pregnancies between the various health care providers. These are based on the national ANC cards and national protocols.

RH providers update: JHAS: Normal activities to provide ANC,PNC and family planning services in camps and urban areas. Normal delivery services in UNFPA/JHAS clinics at Zaatari. Data reflects increasing pregnancies in Zaatari. UPP: In November will provide RH services at Irbid, Zarka and Mafraq through static clinics, awareness session held in South and Zaatari. IRFC: Azraq field hospital ready, awaiting camp opening.



NON- FOOD ITEMS:

Hygiene items in Zaatari: UNHCR and ACTED have highlighted a clear gap in the supply of hygiene and WASH items in Zaatari, and have produced details of what is needed and how often. Comparing the need and the funding appealed for under RRP 6, there is a clear gap in provision.

NFI needs assessment: NRC are undertaking an NFI needs assessment in Zaatari camp, looking at which items distributed are used, and which sold, and what items are purchased because they are not available through distributions. Results will be out shortly.

Emerging issues: 7 containers from UNIQLO clothes donations have arrived and plan is to have district distribution as family packages. Distribution to commence on the third week of October and to conclude by mid-December



PROTECTION:

Camps: GoJ organized returns to Syria continue, although with a slight decrease on the average (1-12 Sept: 2162 individuals), possibly linked to alleged CW use/expected military intervention. UNHCR Protection monitors returns, provides counseling to returnees and family members, and assesses voluntariness of returns.

Zaatari: CPBN: First training took place on 2-3 October with 13 members from district 6. Project will be extended to 2 more districts before end of year. Volunteers raised issues, including communication with agencies; humiliating police treatment; spreading rumors on issues such as caravan distribution; agencies must do more with awareness campaigns on all topics, esp. protection. The group also discussed winterisation plans inc. distribution of caravans, heaters and other NFIs. Gender Marker training: took place for members of the CPGBV and Protection groups Thursday 10 October.

EJC: UNHCR to conduct AGDM: (Age, gender and diversity mainstreaming) UNHCR Community services to lead process of the AGDM exercise in consultation with all partners. Focus in EJC- Protection, Education and Health issues.

GBV Sub-Working Group

RRP6 Updates: SGBV prevention and response is a specific objective of RRP6. SGBV Outputs and Indicators were discussed during the last Protection Sector RRP 6 meeting. During the next three weeks partners will enter their plans in activity info, sector coordinators will develop narrative section.

Early marriage assessment: The next TF will be held on the 5th of November. UNICEF presented the preliminary finding of the AYA's assessment on early marriage in Jordan, figures, reasons, and consequences.

Sexual assault care: NHF/UNFPA/IRC will facilitate two trainings on clinical care for sexual assault survivors, in and out of the camps.

Child Protection Sub-Working Group

UASC TF: The revision of the BIA form is almost completed. UNHCR provided presentation on how RAIS may be compatible with CPIMS. Discussions ongoing between UNHCR, UNICEF and other partners, notably IRC and IMC, particularly on issues of confidentiality and levels of access.

CP/GBV SOPs and Referral Pathways: Roll-out of the trainings on CP/GBV SOPs and referral pathways began in October and will continue into 2013. First training on SOPs was carried out for specialized service providers in Zaatari at the end of October, and will be followed by a ToT in early November. A workshop on the inter-agency CP and SGBV inter-agency protection messages was held at the end of October, where a number of messages were prioritized for roll-out (staying safe from violence; early marriage; acting together as a community to keep children safe; engage in activities that make you feel safe and secure; Be supportive/Get support; Persons with disabilities; Child Labour), and participants identified key channels/tools to disseminate the messages (focus group discussions (with accompanying information leaflets), short animated videos, calendar of messages (i.e. focusing protection message themes over a certain time period), and "talking walls" during the Zaatari verification exercise.

Zaatari: Road Safety: major issue, several incidents where children involved in accidents. Save the Children Jordan have prepared some messages that will be shared with the group in the next meeting for their review.



SHELTER:

RRP6 draft: Endorsed by members of the WG. The group also discussed the proposed executive summary, activity matrix, and the estimated financial requirements to be submitted through ISC.

Winterization: CARE prepared guidance on how families can prepare urban shelter for winterization. It is for use in preparations for consultations with potential beneficiaries. The document was shared with group.

Update from Zaatari: Still no progress on caravans from the Emirati Camp nor the arrival on the Omani caravans, pressure from higher levels on both issues would be appreciated. UNHCR/ REACH Shelter initial SWEEP has begun and is working well. Expected end date 24th Oct.



WASH:

WASH in Host Communities in Jordan – an Interagency Assessment: Conducted in Jordan (governorates of Mafraq, Irbid, Ajloun, Jerash, Balqa and Zarqa) in September – October 2013, covering 29 BSUs. With a focus on water supply, sanitation/wastewater, and solid waste management. It aimed to identify needs in WASH at communal level and to suggest possible responses to those needs.

2013 Global Hand-Washing day (GHWD): Launched by ACTED, JEN, OXFAM, UNICEF and other partners in Zaatari, Cyber City, King Abdulla Park camps and host communities for children and schools promoting hand washing with soap. Various participatory activities organized with the children like songs, stage plays on WASH, drawings competition, matches and games. Students and teachers participated inc. Syrian students, with representatives from Education Directorate, parents and parent committees from respective schools.

WASH in Schools: Partnership between JEN and UNICEF will rehabilitate WASH facilities in 150 schools throughout 5 governorates (Mafraq, Irbid, Amman, Ma'an and Zarqa); prioritization based on previously conducted assessments. Interventions started in 55 schools around Irbid and Mafraq, rehabilitating WASH facilities, Hygiene Education for students and teachers, and distribution of basic hygiene materials e.g. soap, towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste.



ZAATARI:

Camp Management Update: Physical Rollout of compounds: Security – waiting for an answer from UNHCR Security on method to protect compounds.

Rollout of governance plan: Proposed refugee committee structure is still awaiting the input of SRCD in Zaatari. SRCD have been invited to participate in the Community Mobilisation Working Group, to take a more active role in designing how refugee participation structures will fit in with the governance plan

Verification: The distribution of Verification Access Cards (VAC) started on 27 Sept. 20 teams composed of 2 individuals per team (mostly from UNHCR registration team but also from ACTED) distributing the VACs in the districts through a Sweep. The Sweep is expected to take 10 days. As of 27 September, all the new arrivals were issued VAC during registration.

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