

## **Protection Sector Working Group Meeting Wednesday 21 May 2014**

**Agencies Present:** UNHCR, IMC, IRD, NRC, HI, FPSC, UPP, DRC, JHCO, IRC, IOM, CARE, UNICEF

- Handover of Protection Sector Working Group Co-Chairmanship
- Updates from sub-working groups, field working groups and task forces
- Contingency planning for Protection Sector
- RRP6 review update
- Presentation of the Regional Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism for Grave Violations against Children (UNICEF MRM Coordinator –Florence Gaspar)
- Communications with Communities (UNHCR Mass Communication Officer)
- AOB
  - o Protection Sector Briefing Note (postponed)
  - o Update on development of Research Guidelines (postponed)
  - o Discussion on Protection WG Agenda - legal protection, age & disability issues (postponed)

### **1) Handover of chairmanship**

The co-chairmanship of the Protection Sector Working Group has been handed over from Giulia Ricciarelli-Ranawat to Karen Whiting, Senior Protection Officer at UNHCR Jordan ([whiting@unhcr.org](mailto:whiting@unhcr.org)).

### **2) Updates from sub-working groups, field working groups and task forces** SGBV SWG

The SGBV SWG has been working on the GBV Information Management System (GBVIMS). It is intended that the first statistical report of the data collected through the GBVIMS will be released by mid-June. The statistical report will assist agencies in planning and programming interventions.

The Early and Forced Marriage Task Force has collected several global tools on working on the issue of forced & early marriages. A roundtable discussion on undocumented marriages is planned for June. The SWG is starting to focus on persons with disabilities and is intending to host a workshop mainly for SGBV service providers, on how to ensure access to, inclusion in and quality of services to persons with disabilities. The SWG is exploring the need to focus on sensitization of service providers to the needs of LGBTI service users. This project is still in the planning phases, internally, to UNHCR. IRD is already working on this issue with MoH

- Inter-Agency Strengthening CP & SGBV Services & Systems Project: SGBV and CP SWGs continue working on roll out of CP/SGBV SOPs, and launched the Amani campaign. Amani campaign materials are available and orientation sessions are being conducted on the key messages. The first one will take place in Zaatari – contact co-chairs for more information.

### CP SWG

The CP SWG is conducting a mapping of safe spaces – i.e. CFS, YFS and AFS. Additionally, in collaboration with ESWG, the CPSWG is working on developing a better understanding of actors engaged in informal education. A Briefing Note on Child Protection risks and response in Jordan and coordination structures will soon be available. ILO will be presenting the results of their assessments on child labour in the coming meetings and they will be shared with Protection Sector.

- The CP and SGBV SWGs provided a briefing to the informal donors group on activities of the SWGs, including the CP/SGBV SOPs, the Amani campaign and the continued need for donor support on CP & SGBV programming. They highlighted the need for continued funding for SGBV, particularly in camps, and reproductive health-related activities. This will be reflected in the RRP6 mid-year review.

### Zaatari CP and SGBV

CP and SGBV had a joint meeting on 22 May, which included an abridged orientation on the Inter-Agency CP/SGBV key messages.

### MHPSS SWG

The MHPSS SWG meets every two weeks.

### Zaatari Protection SWG

The ZPSWG is continuing its work on developing of research guidelines, in collaboration with the national Health Sector. At its last meeting, the ZPSWG reviewed research proposal, providing recommendations and approval or otherwise. The ZPSWG also is starting to focus on issues brought to the WG by the district teams, in order to take a solutions-oriented approach to protection issues in the camp.

### *Verification process (Zaatari)*

- 114,196 individuals have been totally called for verification since January 28 2014.
- 81,311 individuals have been totally processed as at May 22, 2014.
- 1977 health booklets issued for the cases who passed through Raba Sarhan after 23 March.
- 73,081 are active following re-registration/verification. Total cumulative inactivations to date is 23.6% due to death, bail-out, no-show.
- 57.7% of the active individuals are children.
- 19.9% under 5 years old cumulative active individuals processed during verification

The data collection/appointments phase of the verification process has been concluded. The next step is a cleanup of the database. This will provide the opportunity to also address cases where verification appointment card was not provided, or if they do not have a health service card. The verification exercise (i.e. re-registration with UNHCR & collection of an enhanced data set) will not be extended to urban areas. Continuous registration & collection of enhanced data-set

for Syrians in through asylum-seeker certificate renewal process), but urban refugees will be invited to register with the SRAD at police stations & to receive their identity documents. This is likely to take place after Ramadan. There will be a mass communication campaign on the urban process.

#### Azraq Camp

The procedures for bail out came into operation on 18 May. The current population of Azraq is approximately 6,600 people. The Azraq Protection Coordination Meeting takes place at 10h30 every Wednesday. All sub-sectors are currently included in one meeting. The group members will finalise CP/SGBV referral pathways for Azraq. They are currently focusing on child labour and enhancing linkages between child protection and community mobilization.

Allocation of shelters is being done from the reception centre at Rabaa al-Sarhan. By default, new arrivals now go to Azraq, apart from medical cases and unaccompanied children, who go to Zaatari until services are in place to receive them.

### **3) Contingency planning for Protection Sector**

(see attached presentation).

**By 1 June, Protection WG members are requested to do the following:**

#### ***A) For Scenario 1 (More Likely), members are to:***

- review the scenario;
- identify current capacity to respond, and the threshold (refugees per day) over which current capacity would be overstretched;
- describe key sector interventions that would need to be in place;
- identify key gender/age/disability considerations
- list major gaps in available resources to be able to respond to the scenario.

**The main task is to complete the tables on Contingency Planning document pages 6-17 by sector (see page 13 for Protection table).**

#### ***B) For Scenario 2 (Less Likely), members are asked to:***

- review the scenario
- enter key considerations; interventions required

**Members are to complete the less detailed tables on Contingency Planning document pages 18-21 (Protection table on page 20/21).**

The overall review will be done by the Protection Sector in the next meeting (4 June 2014)

### **4) RRP6 review**

Today is the deadline for changes to the RRP6 Plan Revision in ActivityInfo. Sector and sub-sector leads will be in touch to verify that changes (budgets, proposals, indicators) have been made. At the informal donor briefing by the CP & SGBV SWGs,

there were questions from donors about urban outreach - need to improve reporting on urban areas from the Protection Sector.

### **5) The regional Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism for Grave Violations against Children**

(see attached presentation)

Suggestion to MRM Coordinator that a guidance note or a step-by-step checklist for referrals of cases be provided to partners in order for them to understand their potential role in the MRM.

### **6) Communications with communities**

(see attached presentation)

| Action point  | Responsible Agency/Person |
|---|---------------------------|
| Circulate contingency planning table                                | Chair                     |
| Partners to populate contingency planning table by <b>1 June</b>    | Partners                  |
| Share MRM presentation and Report to the UNSG                       | UNICEF; Chair             |
| Provide checklist/guidance note on partners' involvement in the MRM | UNICEF                    |
| Share presentation on Communications with Communities               | UNHCR; Chair              |