



WASH Working Group Meeting # 6

Syrian Refugee Response in Jordan

Meeting Location	Mercy Corps conference room	Meeting Date	23 June 2014
Chair Person	Jamal Shah	Meeting Time	10:00-11:45
Minutes Prepared by	Matthew Richard		
Purpose of Meeting	The WASH working group meets every 4 weeks		
Next Meeting	TBC		

1.) Summary of action points

Item	Action point	Focal Point / Organization
1.)	Establishment of Task Force for WASH assessment.	Jamal Shah (WASH Sector Coordinator)
2.)	Matthew to send invites for the new WASH WG mailing list.	Matthew Richard (UNHCR)
3.)	Jamal to re-establish the Zaatari wastewater technical sub-WG to discuss potential solutions for the problems associated with private toilets in the camp.	Jamal Shah (WASH Sector Coordinator)

2.) Attendees of the meeting

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3.) Minutes

Item	Discussion
RRP6 mid-year review	<p>Over the last month the RRP6 has undergone a cross-sectoral review to better align targets, budgets and outputs for the remainder of 2014. Partners were invited to make changes using Activity Info. This process led to the budget being revised twice over the last 3 weeks. This allowed partners to re-evaluate their projects based on funding received so far. .</p> <p>The review process aimed to reduce the budget to reflect more realistic goals and also the target number of Syrian refugees in camps and host communities. In the camps the figure was reduced from 200,000 to 150,000 and in the host community the figure was reduced from 600,000 to 550,000. In the camps 85,000 is estimated for Zaatari, and 65,000 for Azraq. The WASH sector target for host communities has reduced from 350,000 to 310,000 refugees and 180,000 vulnerable Jordanians. The initial RRP6 budget of US\$153 million was estimated following a rapid assessment by WASH partners in September/October 2013.</p> <p>Learning from the RRP6 planning experience, the WASH Sector need a more comprehensive and coordinated planning approach - need clarity on funding and plans should be based on realistic needs and expected funds for appealed projects.</p> <p>There are 3 potential approaches for future planning: 1) inter-agency coordinated needs assessment, 2) WASH partners divided into groups of expertise and experience, or 3) acquire data on needs from the Government although this will be limited to the Infrastructure level, not household. The assessment will aim to highlight areas not yet covered with consideration for vulnerable groups. Interested members of the WASH working group need to meet and agree on the right approach.</p> <p>It was suggested and agreed that a Task Force be established to discuss the future assessment requirements.</p>
Information management	<p>Matthew (UNHCR) presented the RRP6 dashboard and 3Ws map for May. These are also available on the WASH WG portal page, accessible here: http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=18</p> <p>WG encouraged to submit comments to Matthew (richard@unhcr.org) to make help make improvements to these IM products.</p> <p>Reminder to all agencies to report on Activity Info every month.</p> <p>A new 'Google groups' mailing list has been created to replace the old one. Matthew will invite members soon. The old mailing list will be used in parallel for a few more weeks to allow time for the change-over.</p>
Oxfam presentation	<p>Pierre (Oxfam) presented an update on the voucher system for hygiene kit and water distribution. Oxfam started using hygiene vouchers in July 2013 and water vouchers in November 2013 in Balqa and Zarqa. Currently 11 vendor shops supply hygiene vouchers and 8 water vendor shops were identified and contracted by Oxfam.</p> <p>Pierre highlighted the advantages, challenges and lessons learnt from the ongoing project.</p> <p>The presentation has been shared with these minutes and is also available on the WASH WG portal page, accessible here: http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=18</p>
WASH/ education sub-working group	<p>The WASH and Education sectors have established a joint Task Force in order to identify areas of mutual collaboration, notably activities involving WASH in schools. The Task Force still needs to develop a ToR but its objectives are 1) information sharing on activities, 2) assessments and coordination of activities in schools, and 3) monitoring minimum standards. Schools are currently on summer break but will resume again in September.</p>
Camps update (Zaatari)	<p>A REACH map of private household pits/toilets in the camp was presented to the WG to highlight the on-going challenges of wastewater management. Jamal proposed to re-establish the wastewater technical working group to discuss potential solutions.</p>
Host community	<p>As already discussed in previous meetings, due to the less than average rainfall in the country the water scarcity is becoming a major issue. Some agencies are already working in addressing the issue.</p>



update/ water scarcity response	Partners were requested to give their final input.
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