

NFI Working Group

Syrian Refugee Response in Jordan

Meeting Location	UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	4 August 2014
Chair Person	Viola Caracciolo (UNHCR) and Roger Dean (NRC)	Meeting Time	14:20-15:20
Minutes Prepared by	Matthew Richard		
Purpose of Meeting	NFI Working Group Meeting		
Next meeting	25 August 2014, 13:30		

1.) Summary of action points

	Action points	Focal Point / Organization
1.)	Agencies to update the NFI WG on winterisation plans, funding and MoPIC approval at the next meeting.	All
2.)	Re-circulate the winterisation strategy with the minutes of meeting.	Matthew Richard (UNHCR)
3.)	Develop a 1-page briefing document on the winterisation strategy.	Roger Dean (NRC)
4.)	UNHCR to provide an update on the VAF for the next NFI WG meeting.	Viola Caracciolo (UNHCR)
5.)	Provide feedback on the NFI WG Terms of reference.	All

2. Attachments and References

Documents	Contact Person
Winterisation strategy	Viola Caracciolo (UNHCR) and Roger Dean (NRC)
Mediar PDM 2013 presentation	Ricardo Lobo (Medair)
Draft Guidelines on Exit Interviews and Post-Distribution Monitoring from 2013	Roger Dean (NRC)

1. Attendees of the meeting

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3.1 Minutes

Update on winterisation plans	<p>By the end of the month, agencies of the NFI WG should provide feedback on winterisation plans to have an initial picture of the situation, particularly issues concerning secured funding/ donors, confirmed MoPIC approval, and project location.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion on joined procurement and the challenges associated with it such as the size of the local market for a given product. For example, there were problems last year with gas bottle distribution as there was not enough supply in Jordan.</p> <p>The draft winterisation strategy developed in close coordination with the cash and shelter WGs was shared with the NFI WG last week. It was agreed that a small taskforce will be established to discuss both the winterisation strategy and approach for this year. There are concerns that the plan, and the NFI WG, does not link closely with MoPIC. For example the INGO forum has started advocacy to MoPIC on this issue. It is recommended to develop a 1-page briefing note on the winterisation plan for MoPIC. Roger Dean will develop the first draft and circulate to the NFI WG for members to contribute.</p> <p>Agencies have no updates on winterisation plans, apart from NRC who state that they have no additional funding confirmed but there are resources available for winterisation NFI, and this will be camp focused.</p>
Discussion and feedback on winterisation strategy	<p>A point of concern was raised on the prioritisation criteria for the winterisation strategy. The plan states that refugees who have recently arrived/ arrived in 2014 will be given priority over those who arrived in 2013 or before. However there is the concern that refugees who received last year's winterisation kit may have sold it. Furthermore, the time of arrival does not determine the vulnerability of the case. In fact refugees who arrived last year may be more vulnerable than those who arrived this year given the prolonged displacement. It was suggested to establish a scoring criteria to link with the VAF (if/when it is ready). If it is not ready then the NFI WG need to establish a unique scoring criteria. It was agreed that UNHCR will provide an update on the VAF for the next NFI WG meeting.</p> <p>The winterisation strategy is cross sector, NFIs Cash and Shelter will be interlinked. Lessons learnt from last year reveal that there is the need to establish an easy system of referrals between these sectors (particular attention should be paid at complementing the distribution of sealing off kits with heaters and blankets).</p>
Presentation from MEDAIR on PDM	<p>Ricardo Lobo from Medair presented the PDM analysis concerning the gas heaters distribution during the winterisation in 2013. The presentation will be circulated with the minutes of meeting. In summary 4 agencies shared their PDMs therefore were taken as samples:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ICMC in Ajloun (825hh) 2. NICOOD in Zarqa (1,100 hh) 3. ACTED in Mafraq, Irbid, Ajloun and Jerash (1,350hh) 4. Medair in Zaatari, North Jaber, Salhyia, Alsahiyeh, Mogher Alsrhan and Mafraq (905hh) <p>The overall analysis revealed that a very little percentage of the beneficiaries declared that they sold the heaters when asked.</p> <p>There were concerns from the group that results do not accurately reflect the rate at which gas heaters are sold since the monitoring was carried out a month after the distribution and not later on in the year. Another factor that may have affected the way beneficiaries responded is the methodology, focussed group vs individual interviews.</p> <p>The NFI WG felt it would be useful to repeat this analysis for other NFI items.</p>
AOB	<p>The NFI WG agreed to re-sync the CASH and NFI WG meetings. This week the CASH WG meeting was postponed until 11 August, so the next NFI and CASH WG meeting will be on the 25 August.</p> <p>NFI WG Terms of Reference: These were circulated on Sunday. Please provide comments asap.</p>