WASH Sector Coordination

Minutes of weekly Azraq camp WASH sector coordination meeting

Date: Wednesday 6 August 2014Venue: Base Camp, Azraq CampTime/Duration: 10.30 - 11:10 AMCirculated to: Azraq WASH group

Present: Jamal Shah (UNICEF) - chair, Matthew Richard (UNHCR) - minutes, Ammar Hathnawi (ACTED), Bronwyn Nichol (ACTED), Philip Bato (REACH), Marion Grepet (ACTED), Gian Melloni (ACTED), Monther Sweidan (ACTED), Kevin Hargrove (CMSE), roland Griffith (CMSE), Ghassan Hazboun (MC), Alaa Alqisi (RI), Rana Harbawi (UNICEF), Tamara Rabadi (WVI), Mawara Mubarak (HI), Mohamed Ugool (UNICEF), Raed Nimri (MC), Mele Couvreur (RI).

• For general WASH information and documents refer to the WASH Working Group page on the UNHCR data portal: http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=18

Agency updates		
Mercy Corps & CMSE	Update on Borehole 2: UNICEF and Mercy Corps are amending part of the contract for installation of borehole 2 which will be approved today. Once approved work will begin with the contractor 'Site Group'. CSME are still waiting for test results. Once these are received we can better understand if the water needs treatment before delivery from the borehole.	
ACTED	 ACTED highlighted the continued problems with refugees connecting illegally to water tap stands. This will be discussed in a separate meeting currently taking place along with drainage issues in the camp. UNHCR will now be responsible for drainage works in the camp which enables the THW funding to be used to increase the number of water points in the camp. Water supplied to the camp from 30 July-5 August: 2,208M³ The majority to J4: 1,046M³ (149.5 M³ daily average) J7: 619M³ J8: 217M³ J2: 88.7M³ Joint operations: 88.8M³ (12.6M³ daily). This was increased for the recent flow test conducted on Monday 4 August. NGOs in the camp: 21.6M³ Gendarmerie: 21.6 M³ 	
	Hygiene update: On 24 Aug WASH partners will conduct a routine community cleanup day in village 3.	
WVI	 In total 1,406 hygiene kits were distributed during Ramadan. This is now complete. WVI have still not received comments on the designs for the super structures in villages 2 and 5. The designs will be sent again with the minutes of meeting. If no comments are received by the end of next week WVI will go ahead with the procurement. Water demands in village 3 are on average 22-24 litres per person per day. Measurements from J7 indicate an increased figure of 30 litres per person per day. WVI and UNICEF will meet to discuss the extra handicap facilities in village 6. WVI reported on the continued problems with illegal water connections in the camp. WVI have sent an email to UNICEF with pictures highlighting the different types of connections. They are often hoses connected to the tap stands which enable water to be diverted closer to the shelters. 	
RI	 Hygiene promotion in the schools and in village 6 is on-going. It is still not clear who is responsible for maintenance of WASH facilities in the schools. It is not specified in the PCA between RI and UNICEF. WVI responsibility is for the main pipeline, but each agency is responsible for separate facilities. The Azraq WASH WG requires clarity on this issue, preferably something in writing. UNICEF to discuss this further with WVI. 	

REACH	Philip distributed hard copies of the REACH bi-weekly WASH centre monitoring assessment (13-17 July).
	This will be circulated by e-mail today.
	 The next assessment will include monitoring tap stands in villages 3 and 6 along with the number of private connections.
	• There are concerns over the number of missing septic tank covers (52%), and of the remaining covers 35% are broken.
	 Also concerns regarding the height of the handles on the toilet doors, 83.3% are still above the maximum height of 1.2m.
	Please provide comments and feedback to Philip at REACH (philip.bato@reach-initiative.org)

Action points		
1.	Maintenance of WASH in schools to be discussed further between UNICEF and WVI.	
2.	WVI and UNICEF will meet to discuss the extra handicap facilities in village 6.	
3.	Agencies to provide feedback to WVI on the super structure designs in villages 2 and 5.	