

Outline of the Inter-Agency Winterization Efforts in Jordan (2014-2015)

The following reflects a discussion between Sector Co-Chairs (NFI, Shelter and Cash) outlining the proposed principles of the inter-agency winterization efforts for the winter of 2014-5. Comments from Working Group members have subsequently been incorporated.

- 1.) Key lessons from the winterization 2013-4 need to be taken into consideration
 - (a) Winterization can be provided by either in-kind, through cash or voucher. It is important, however, to ensure that whichever modality is used, that comparability is ensured.
 - (b) Broad sign-up to winterization process and SOPs will be required. The number of organizations not following the system last time around was too large.
 - (c) The focus on gas heaters (and recommendation to exclude any other heaters) should be revisited in order to avoid the procurement bottlenecks of the last winterization.
 - (d) The RAIS Winterization Module should be used again, albeit with some fixes and improvements.
 - (e) The process and standardization should be simplified, i.e. less conditionalities when mitigating against duplication and fewer items to include in the standard package.
 - (f) Clear referral mechanism must be defined among agencies providing winter assistance across sectors
 - (g) The process and system should be agreed and ready by 1st October

- 2.) Winterization planning and preparation should start with actors who have proposed activities under RRP6 (review). Activities are proposed in the Shelter, NFI and Cash sectors, but there is also a need to consult with the WASH working group (cf. water heaters which double up as stoves). Camp-based discussions will be required in Azraq in particular.

- 3.) Standard package:
Standard packages will be comprised of the following:

Urban	Camp
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heaters + refill for 4 months - Blankets (1 high thermal blanket per person or 2 medium thermal blankets per person) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heaters (standard issue for the entire camp) + refills for 4 months - Blankets (1 high thermal blanket per person or 2 medium thermal blankets per person) - Plastic sheeting

The standard package has provisionally been costed at approximately 240 JD (at retail price) for an average family of 5. This can be further refined as additional data becomes available.

As opposed to last year, solar lamps and clothes/shoes will not be included in the standard package. However, any organization distributing clothes should record this in the Winterization Module to allow other organizations to see the assistance provided.

Shelter interventions will have to be defined more concretely by the Shelter WG, but could include sealing-off kits. These would not be part of the standard packages, either, but should be equally logged in the Winterization Module to document assistance.

4.) Targeting:

The sector co-chairs agree that the comprehensive need comprises the entire registered refugee population. Limited access to livelihoods still preclude self-sufficiency to a degree that mitigation of harsh weather conditions cannot be managed by refugee families themselves.

Having acknowledged the comprehensive need, it is essential to acknowledge the limited means available this year to provide winterization assistance. As a result, the following basic targeting guidelines are proposed:

- Targeting outside camps will be based on vulnerability. In principle winterisation targeting would be based on VAF but, as VAF will not be complete in the required timeline, a Task Team made up of members of the NFI and Cash Working Groups will define criteria. This will be presented to the wider Working Groups for endorsement on September 22nd.
- It is generally not advised or permitted by Camp Management to attempt targeted distribution in the camps for safety reasons. All households in any given camp should receive comparable assistance.
- Virtually all shelters in Zaatari have been “winterized” in recent years. There is only a small group of recently arrived refugees (March – April 2014) who have not benefited from winterization support. Accordingly, as far as winterization of camps is concerned, the emphasis will be on Azraq camp.

5.) Joint procurement:

Joint procurement is a labour-intensive process which only promises returns at a large-scale winterization effort. Thus, any decision on joint procurement will be taken only after the scope of this year’s winterization activities has been identified.