



Jordan: Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG) Meeting

Minutes: 12th October 2014

AGENDA

1. Border Situation
2. Update on 3RP Calendar
3. Vulnerability Assessment Framework discussion
4. ISWG Update September

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Border Situation

An update was provided on the current situation at the Eastern Border. Since end September, 4-5,000 refugees have been stranded at two points (Hadallat and Rukban) in no-man's land. A graph was presented showing the drop in arrival rates since end September 2014. However, on Thursday night some 950 refugees have been allowed to cross the earthen berm. Of this figure, 164 were transferred to Raba Saharn registration centre. Of these only 53.6% have been registered and transferred to either Azraq or Zaatari (only two medical cases). As of 12th October, the remaining 46 percent are either still undergoing screening, or have been deported/refouled. The ISWG was alerted that the IATF had proposed to provide a limited package of life-saving assistance, based on the humanitarian imperative. Through the IATF, agencies have been asked to provide stock data for the limited package.

Update on 3RP and JRP

For 2015 planning purposes, the following figures have been proposed, pending endorsement by the government:

- Beginning of Jan 2015 630,000 refugees; End Dec 2015 700,000 refugees
- 560,000 in urban/rural; 140,000 in camps (60,000 Azraq; 80,000 Zaatari).
- Gross new arrivals: 90,000; Returns: 20,000; Net increase = 70,000.

A brief update was provided on the 3RP and JRP. Since the last meeting, the JRP objective setting session has been delayed by one month, until after 28th October. However, given the level of detail required by the JRP project templates, it is not possible for the refugee pillar to collect and validate credible information from partners between the 28th October and the deadline for submission in November. For this reason, Activityinfo will be launched on 21st October, to ensure that the refugee



pillar has time to review for the 64+ partners. Sector chairs are to provide 'provisional' objectives, outputs and indicators by 16th October, to inform the Activityinfo hierarchy. These objectives will then be revised when government-validated results come out after the 28th October meeting. Sector chairs agreed to go ahead with this approach.

ACTION POINT: Sector chairs to send provisional objectives, outputs and indicators by 16th October.

ACTION POINT: Activityinfo to go on-line by 21st October; Trainings on 19th and 20th October.

Vulnerability Assessment Framework discussion

An update was provided on the Vulnerability Assessment Framework was presented. While vulnerability in relation to welfare will be developed through econometric modelling, sector specific (rule-based) models are also proposed. The latter involves using logical rules to explore a particular sectoral vulnerability, characteristics and severity of the issue on focus. A workshop to elaborate the rules will be held on 19th October 2014, for sector chairs and co-chairs, and selected members. Sector members requested further clarification on how this could be adapted to their sector needs, noting that a limit scale may not capture all vulnerability elements. WASH sector noted the importance of reflecting seasonality into the VAF. Further discussions will take place at the workshop.

ACTION POINT: Attendance of workshop for sectors on the 19th October 2014.

ISWG Update September

The ISWG Update will be circulated by 12th October, for comments by Tuesday 14th October 2014.

AOB

WFP targeting: WFP updated on both the targeting (a reduction of 6%) and the possible voucher value reduction. The latter has been postponed for October, thanks to additional funding being received. On the targeting reduction, an appeal process has been developed with the VAF team. False rumours have been circulating, including through social media in Zaatari. The latter are being countered, and sectors are encouraged to refer any questions to the established hot-line systems. WFP to circulate Q&As and other communication guidance.

ACTION POINT: WFP to circulate Q&As and other communication guidance.



KEY ACTION POINTS: 12th October

Action	Responsible	By when
Sector chairs to send provisional objectives, outputs and indicators by 16 th October.	Sector Chairs	16 th October
Activityinfo to go on-line by 20 th to 21 st October.	Sector chairs	21 st October
Activityinfo Trainings on 19 th and 20 th October.	Inter-Sector Coordination	14 th October
Attendance of VAF workshop for sectors on the 19 th October 2014.	Sector Chairs	19 th October
WFP to circulate Q&As and other communication guidance.	WFP	Asap

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