

MHPSS Working Group Minutes of Meeting
November 19th, 2014 – Ministry of Health, Amman
Chaired by Ahmad Bawaneh (IMC) and Zein Ayoub (WHO)

1. Introduction & Member Updates

Operation Mercy: provided a brief on their newly implemented programs starting September 2014 which include MHPSS, Protection and WASH activities. Operating in two locations (Zarqa and Ashrafiah), Operation Mercy targets Syrian refugees, mainly mothers and children. They also distribute NFIs in the host communities.

2. Presentation on the Vulnerability Assessment Framework (VAF)

UNHCR expert Kate Washington delivered a brief presentation on the VAF; a more effective, efficient and equitable way to assist Syrian refugees. Some of the highlights discussed include:

- It is a process with multiple components with a steering committee of humanitarian organizations and donors. It was developed to aid humanitarian organizations in Jordan to provide assistance as effectively as possible, and to prioritize assistance to refugees who are most in need of it.
- It features a unique complex statistical model that uses information gathered from more than 9000 Syrian refugee households outside camps in Jordan to predict economic vulnerability. The model uses a beneficiary profile to predict the expenditure level of households.

*** Please see attached presentation for further details.*

3. Presentation on the MHPSS and Protection Assessment of displaced Syrian adolescents by IMC

1. IMC delivered a brief presentation on the MHPSS and Protection Assessment of displaced Syrian adolescents, aiming to:
2. Assess MH and PS needs of displaced Syrian adolescents in the community and refugee camps.
3. Understand current coping strategies, resilience traits, and protective strategies used by adolescents to cope with MHPSS problems, noting gender, age and nationality disaggregation.
4. Follow-up assessment to previous MHPSS assessments targeting Syrian adolescents in Za'atari.
5. Ascertain the scope of violence experienced by Syrian adolescents – focusing on perceived discrimination.

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4. Updates on the 3RP/JRP

WHO provided a summary of the JRP Workshop, the final outputs/indicators for MHPSS-relevant activities, and the current status of the 3RP/JRP process.

5. Any Other Business

As a follow-up to the 4Ws mapping recommendations, the group discussed the next steps in developing a standard training package for the MHPSS working group. This will be finalized at the next working group meeting.

6. Training Calendar

The MHPSS Working Group maintains a shared Google Calendar to track their training activities. This calendar can be accessed with the following information:

Link: <<https://accounts.google.com/>>

Username: mhpsworking.group.jordan

Password: MHPSSworkinggroup

The next working group meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 17th at 1:00pm at the Ministry of Health.