## Meeting minutes 17.06.14

## SGBV Sub-Working Group UNHCR BO Amman, Jordan Big Conference Room



## **Agencies present:**

UNFPA, MC, IMC, UPP, INTERSOS, AWO, UN-Women, UNDP, NEF, UNICEF, SCI, JRF, ICMC, Mercy Corps, ICCS, CVT,

## Agenda

- updates on Early and Forced Marriage Task Force
- updates on Amani Campaign
- mapping of safe spaces
- AOB

Agenda item	Discussion	Action point	Responsible Agency
Early and Forced Marriage TF	The early and forced marriage TF was established around 7 month ago under the umbrella of the SGBV SWG. It is cochaired by UNHCR and UNICEF. It is currently working on:  - compiling global and local tools to be contextualized in Jordan  - engage with the government to find legal solutions to	Partners to access to the compiled tools in BoxSimple Interested partners to request copies of UNICEF early marriage report from Maaike, from UNICEF	All interested members All interested members
	early and forced marriage	Round table recommendations to be compiled by UNHCR and	UNHCR

- UNICEF is finalizing a report on Early marriage which started in 2013 Organizations can contact Maaike (<a href="mailto:mvadrichem@unicef.org">mvadrichem@unicef.org</a>) to receive preliminary updated results.

the Sharia Court to be shared with all the participants and used as advocacy tool with parliamentarian and legislators

A roundtable organized by SRAD (former SRCD) took place on Monday 16 June: representatives of Sharia Court, MSD, Mol, national and international NGOs and UN agencies participated in the event.

The Minister of Interior, SRAD and UNHCR opened the event. The Sharia court judges updated the participants on the increase in marriages of children above 15 year-old and the work that the Sharia Court in doing in Zaatari since its recent opening. It was indicated that only in two months the court has registered over 700 marriages.

The participants grouped themselves and discussed possible solutions on the below issues:

- 1) undocumented marriages conducted by adult Syrian refugees in Jordan
- 2) Marriages of children above 15 years old
- 3) Marriages of children under 15 years old
- 4) Birth registration of children born from undocumented marriages

The main recommendations coming out of the group work were:

1) Exempting fines for fixing undocumented marriages conducted by Syrian refugees in Jordan (the exemption is already applied to undocumented marriages conducted in

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	Syria)		
	2) Facilitating late birth registration of Syrian children		
	3) Ensuring the implementation of Best Interest procedures for marriages of children above 15 year-old in coordination with relevant ministries.		
	5) Enhance awareness raising activities and ensure access to multi-sectoral services.		
	UNHCR and the Judges of Sharia Court will compile the recommendations to be used as an advocacy tool with parliamentarian and legislators.		
	The round table was the first of other possible events.		
Amani Campaign	The work plan was reviewed, and the following observations made:  - outreach pamphlets are a little delayed	Partners should disseminate campaign materials to field staff ahead of the campaign launch.	All members
	<ul> <li>training on the tools will take place after Ramadan</li> <li>a group facilitation guide will be added to the field guide, as well as how to have individual conversations with identified cases</li> </ul>	Partners to write to  Amanda.melville@savethechildr en.org who wish to volunteer social media expertise.	All members
	<ul> <li>social media will be assessed during Ramadan, to see how it can be used for the campaign as well</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Currently the focus is on the half day field orientations.</li> </ul>		
	Consultations with other sectors need to be conducted on how to integrate the materials. Partners should ensure that		

at least one of their staff in each location has been trained on the SOPs.		
Orientation/ planning schedules:		Carra Ala Children
Thursday 19 June - 1.330pm Zaatari	Schedule Amman orientation for second week of Ramadan.	Save the Children and relevant SWG
Thursday 24 June, time tbc, Irbid		members
Wednesday 25 June, Azraq planning		
The SGBV SWG agreed that there should be an additional orientation for field staff, in Amman.	Share the Organisational Plan for partners to fill it in. / Partners to fill in within one week.	Chairs/all members
Amman Campaign Schedule		
22-26 June – Zaatari Launch week		
29 June – 17 July – prevention		
20 July – 7 August – response		
10 – 21 August Early Marriage		
24 August – 3 September – Child Labour		
7 – 18 September PSS		
21 Sept – 2 Oct - Humanitarian Aid		
5 – 23 October – Disabilities		
26 Oct – 6 Nov – Diversity		
9 – 20 November – Separation		
23 November – 4 December – Birth registration.		

	Materials are available on the drop box and the online portal.		
Safe spaces mapping	The project is progresses. A few organisations have still not responded to the request for information, and the GPS coordinates are crucial for the mapping exercise.	Missing information to be added in the Safe Space Mapping Template	All the SWG members
	The discussion was dedicated to defining and setting contextualised standards for women's safe spaces.  The SGBV SWG broke into groups and populated tables with information on agencies' activities within their women's safe spaces.	Inputs from the different groups to be compiled and shared with all members	SWG chairs