

Protection Working Group Jordan

Meeting Minutes
03 June 2015



Agencies present: ACTED, ARDD-LA, AVSI, CARE, CVT, DFID, Danish Red Cross, DRC, German Red Cross, FPSC, HI, Gen Cap Advisor IATF/ISWG, ICMC, IMC, IOM, IRD, MPDL, NFH-IFH, NRC, OXFAM, PU-AMI, TdH-Lausanne, TdH-Italy, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNOCHA, UN Women, Urban Justice Center, UPP and WVI

Agenda:

- Presentation on exemption from penalties for undocumented marriages – UNHCR/ARDD-LA (leaflets for distribution to refugees will be available for pick-up)
- Monitoring of Protection Sector Performance - Gender Indicators & proposal for Impact Indicators – Alejandro/SGFPN
- Update on Urban Verification - UNHCR
- Update on Advocacy Messages – UNHCR/NRC
- AOB
 - a. PWG data collection tool
 - b. JRP Update

1. Presentation on Exemption from Penalties for Undocumented Marriages

The GOJ has approved the exemption of fines for undocumented marriages for all nationalities including Jordanians. This directive is valid from May 13-July 13, 2015. ARDD-LA and UNHCR have designed messages and communication products (leaflets and posters) to be distributed to both refugee and host community.

Action point:

- ARDD-LA to share schedule of awareness activities with sector members
- ARDD-LA available to provide one lawyer to agencies that need technical assistance during awareness raising sessions – agencies to contact ARDD directly
- All cases should be registered within the valid period even if the couple doesn't have the necessary documentation. Those without documents should contact ARDD-LA/UNHCR
- Agencies that need leaflets/posters should contact ARDD-LA/UNHCR.

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2. Monitoring of Protection Sector Performance - Gender Indicators & proposal for Impact Indicators

MPDL made a presentation of behalf of the Sector Gender Focal Points (SGFP) for the Protection Sector on the analysis of gender specific indicators which agencies are reporting against on ActivityInfo. The indicators include: Community Support Projects (CSPs), assistive tools (PWDs) and participation in youth committees. The SGFPs will also identify 2 impact indicators that will be tested for impact assessment.

All SGFPs received a 3 day training on gender equality. For more information on the assessment and gender trainings, contact Protection Sector Gender Focal Points, Mays Nawayseh, mais_nawayseh@wvi.org and Alejandro Hurtado, jordania@mpdl.org.

Action points:

- SGFPs will meet with CP/SGBV SWGs to develop impact assessment indicators. The team that will develop indicators include; Leana Islam, lislam@unfpa.org (UNFPA) , Firas Izzat Mahmoud Saleh , firas.mahmoudsaleh@jo.care.org (CARE) and Giulia Scirocco, GScirocco@oxfam.org.uk (OXFAM)
- The impact assessment will start after Ramadhan.

3. Update on Urban Verification

As of June 01, 97,308 MOI cards were issued to Syrian nationals living in Jordan. No SADD statistics are available at present.

Action point:

- UNHC is in contact with the government to provide age, gender and sex disaggregated information.

4. Update on Advocacy Messages

PWG identified 3 advocacy messages that have been shared with the IATF. These messages together with the ones of other sectors will be shared with donors, government and head of offices. We should start identifying messages of this quarter.

5. AOB

a. PWG Mol data collection tool

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UNHCR shared the data collection tool which consists of 14 questions. The template is available on Android. These questions are part of the home visit and VAF forms.

Action points:

- A meeting will be held next week to discuss this
- PWG will re-engage with VAF team to discuss protection vulnerability.

b. JRP Update

Time line

- 1st meeting of the social protection TF - June 09, 2015 (MoSD, UN Agencies, 6 NNGOs and 5 INGOs will attend the meeting)
- Deadline for needs assessment review - June 30, 2015-
- Development of 2016-2018 plan - August-October 2015
- Launch of JRP 2016-2018 plan- Mid November 2015.

c. World Refugee Day (WRD)

UNHCR is coordinating inter-agency activities that will be implemented to commemorate WRD. A calendar of activities is being developed and will be shared with all agencies. On June 16, 2015, there will be a reception with government, donors and a press release.

Action point:

- Agencies should send in their activities as soon as possible.

d. Higher Education Coordination Forum

UNHCR announced the formation of a Higher Education Coordination Forum to map higher education opportunities in Jordan and abroad, to advocate for increased tertiary education opportunities for refugees, and to examine protection implications of higher education opportunities, particularly those outside of Jordan. The first meeting will be called for Thursday 30 July. Interested agencies and/or donors should contact UNHCR for more information.