

CP-SGBV Field Sub-Working Group Minutes Sept. 3, 2015

Za'atari Camp

- No new Action Points
- IRD referred case of mistreatment of women in health clinics to UNHCR (Suna)

Update on emerging CP/SGBV issues & concerns

- None

Positive updates:

- SCI Back to School Campaign to help children register for school
 - o Plans to coordinate with SC Jordan
 - o Aim = to encourage children to register in schools, ongoing program through the school semester
- UNICEF Learning for All campaign – approved by the Ministry of Education
 - o Concern – the community thinks the completion certificate is not accepted in Syria, but it is

UNHCR (Sophie) Update on unaccompanied children returning to Syria:

- Children are not legally allowed to travel back to Syria alone – NO RETURN POLICY
- UNHCR has return office next to the Jordanian authorities – conduct protection interviews to assess protection concerns (ex. Families leaving children behind, children trying to return unaccompanied, survivors of SGBV trying to return with ongoing danger, etc)
- Best interest assessment
- Unaccompanied children are never granted return – EXCEPT if adolescent is unaccompanied and all family members are in Syria – may coordinate reunification via return to Syria
- All orgs should report cases or rumors of forced return of women, PWDs, and children & adolescents to UNHCR
- Messages from UNHCR:
 - o Return needs to be voluntary
 - o Children w/ out primary caregiver are not permitted to return
 - o Return that causes family separation is not recommended
 - o Jordanian rules – no re-entry to Jordan if a family is in Jordan and returns to Syria – confusion over if this is standard policy or if return is possible after 6 months – in general, no possible to re-enter → inform people wanting to return of this policy
 - Exceptions: If children are here unaccompanied and family wishes re-entry to Jordan, UNHCR will advocate for family reunification in Jordan
 - UNHCR will advocate for re-entry for medical reasons

Presentation: UNICEF (Lina) Assessment on Inclusion of Children with Disabilities

- Needs assessment to assess the access & engagement of children with disabilities in sites
- IMC, Mercy Corps, SCI – UNICEF partners

- Collected data at sites in camps (CFS, AFS, schools, primary health clinics)
- Key Findings: 218 cases of children w/ disabilities identified in 3 sites (needs verification)
 - o Za'atari – 41 female cases, 73 male cases – identified as having disabilities by staff in CFS
 - o Findings show more male children w/ disabilities – need to assess why → are female children with disabilities more likely to be kept at home?
 - o Disabilities reported: Physical, Hearing, Speech, Vision, Other
 - o Other conditions – Autism, epilepsy, asthma, etc.
- NEEDS:
 - o NO WASH latrines in CFS → UNICEF will build them
 - o NO disability accessible WASH facilities in centers
 - o Need more appropriate infrastructure for access to CFSs, schools, clinics
 - o Need more rehab services
 - o Need more medical health services (surgeries, implants, etc.)
 - o Need more education on disabilities
- Plan:
 - o Long-term – need to conduct a more in-depth assessment
 - o Need to conduct a community awareness campaign
- UNICEF interventions in Za'atari:
 1. Awareness sessions – how to identify PWDs – for IMC, IRC, Mercy Corps, & SCI volunteers & CPCs
 2. Accessibility – conduct site assessments
 3. Training – Handicap International will conduct a training to improve inclusiveness of children with disabilities & Conduct a ToT for Makani

Other Notes

- Challenge – outreach – organizations providing services but other organizations do not know about them for referrals or the community doesn't know how to access them (4Ws)
- Omar from Mercy Corps is also the focal point for the Youth Task Force