

Protection Working Group Jordan

Meeting Minutes
08 April 2015



Agencies present: ACTED, ARRD-Legal Aid, DRC, FPSC, IMC, NEF, OXFAM, PU-AMI, UNHCR and UPP.

1. Update on JRP process

At a meeting called by the JRP Secretariat, they shared new TORs for the JRP Task Forces, recommending that the JRP Task Forces meet every 2 months. The Ministry of Social Development has decided to include more NGOs in the Social Protection Task Force. For updates on the JRP, visit their website: <http://www.jrpssc.org/>.

Action point:

Co-chairs will keep sector members informed on updates from the Social Development Task Force and JRP.

2. Protection guidance note on VAF

The sector has agreed to develop (i) a guidance note on how protection should be integrated into programs and (ii) another document with the criteria of re-inclusion of cases that should to be fast tracked during the appeals process. The guidance note will provide details of the type of protection issues that agencies should look at when using the VAF for delivery of targeted assistance, particularly specific groups that may be excluded, but are vulnerable from a protection perspective.

Action points

Co-chairs to send out emails requesting people to volunteer to work on the two documents

3. Update on Urban Verification

Different application of the verification SOPs across the country is creating confusion among Syrians approaching verification centers. This is being followed-up on by SRAD. Following complaints raised to SRAD on the treatment of refugees at health facilities that issue health certificates, they have discussed this with MoH who in response have introduced queuing systems at certain facilities.

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SRAD have indicated that they will issue Mol Service Cards to Syrian children born in Syria without documentation & will facilitate issuance of birth certificates for Syrian children born in Jordan who have missed deadlines for registration.

Action point:

Co-chairs to send an email inviting agencies interested in participating in the Mol service cards data collection exercise. ODK Data collection tool is ready.

4. AOB

(a) PSEA Network (next meeting scheduled for 8 April 2015)

There will be a meeting for all PSEA focal points on April 08, after the PWG meeting to review the TORs.

(b) Refugee statistics

Iraqi refugees: The rate of refugees entering the country is low compared to the last half of 2014. There are currently, 47,254 Iraqis registered with UNHCR.

Syrian refugees: So far there are 628, 074 Syrians registered with UNHCR. UNHCR and other agencies will continue to monitor the situation at the border.

(c) PWG meeting schedule

Discussion on reduction of meetings (1x/month) to be discussed at next meeting on April 22.