

CP- SGBV Field Sub-Working Group – Za’atari Refugees Camp

Minutes - June 4th, 2015

Agenda:

1. Review and adoption of previous minutes.
2. Exemption for penalties for unregistered marriages (ARDD Legal Aid).
3. Briefing on joint activities for the World Day against Child Labor (UNICEF).
4. Merging/ updating 2015 Work Plan - CP and SGBV FSWG.
5. Follow up on Safety Audit Recommendations (not covered).

Attendance:

Organization	Representative	Position
ARDD Legal Aid	Bassam Dmour	Lawyer
FPSC	Arabella Lawson	Inclusive Theatre Coordinator
IFH	Hanin Zoubi	Health Program Manager, Co - chair
IFH	Eiad Badr	Project Coordinator
IMC	Nahla Khiery	IMC, CP Specialist , Co – Chair
IMC	Dina Arafah	Team Leader
IMC	Ahmad Jaran	Program Field Manager
IMC	Ane Etxebarria	Protection Coordinator
IRD	Talal Ibrahim	Focal Point -Community Mobilization WG
IRD	Claire Wilson	Case management Coordinator
IRD	Farah Namroqa	Case management Focal Point
Mercy Corps	Omar Akram Al-Tal	Filed coordinator
Save the Children (SCI)	Hadeel Qunaibi	CP Coordinator
UNHCR	Maya Logo	Child Protection Officer
UNICEF	Lina Salameh	Child Protection Officer
UNWOMEN	Shatha Al-Mashagbah	Senior Camp Assistant

Absent: IRC, WFP, LWF, QuestScope; Relief International (RI); UNFPA; NRC; IOM; ACTED.

Not in the list, important to attend: ICRC, Red Crescent, Handicap International, Youth Taskforce, Age and Disability Task Force; Focal point representing all District meeting.

A. Core discussion points (as per meeting’s agenda)

Agenda Item 1: Review and adoption of previous minutes.

- 1.1 Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and endorsed by the members. Remarks were made on ensuring representation in other coordination structures in Zaatari camp. Co-chairs in consultation and acceptance of the WG members need to finalize list of CP- SGBV working group’ members. Identify members who actively participate in other meeting and determine who can volunteer to represent the WG in other coordination structures.
- 1.2 Dissemination of CP & SGBV orientation messages through the district meetings and Community Mobilization Working Group (CMWG) were also discussed. IRD (Talal) encouraged the WG’s members to liaise with the CMWG. The CMWG can design the messages and support its dissemination through its structure, including the Monthly Communiqué.
- 1.3 Co-chair Hanin reminded the members to take notes of the date of the World Refugee Day for Zaatari Camp. Official day is on 20th of June. However, different organizations prefer to

celebrate on different timing due to Ramadan. Due to multiple events, she encouraged each organization to fill the calendar that has been shared earlier (i.e. each agency is requested to insert its respective events). Deadline is 7th of June. Members are encouraged to share the information the soonest.

- 1.4 List of pending issues from previous CP FSWG were listed and reviewed. Child labor, early marriage and violence in schools appeared to be on the top of priority agenda for members. Followed by child protection and SOPs training; presentation on safety audit, discussion on the role of the Working Group on dissemination of Amani Campaign.

Agenda Item 2: Exemption from penalties - unregistered marriages(Lawyer Bassam, ARDD Legal Aid)

- 2.1 In light of the Cabinet's Decision on exemption from penalties for unregistered marriages, representative from ARDD Legal Aid, has briefed the members on the process and the scope of the decision. He stated that the Government of Jordan (The Cabinet) has issued a decision exempting all nationalities from penalties on unregistered marriages. The exemption is extended from 13 of May through 13 of July 2015 and is restricted to marriages that occur inside Jordan. Before this exemption, penalty to certify unregistered marriage costs 1000 JD.
- 2.2 ARDD notified the members on the fact that exemption is a time- bound decision that has not been easy to achieve. It required tremendous advocacy efforts and cooperation of a number of actors (UNHCR, ARDD, and Ministry of Interior), and it will be difficult to extend it beyond the deadline. It is therefore, ARDD encourages members to effectively participate in the dissemination of the decision widely and to the maximum possible. UNHCR and IRDD has published a leaflet on the decision that can be accessible for all actors.
- 2.3 According to ARDD, lack of marriage's registration has several consequences. First, marriage outside the Sharia Court (Elmahkama elshariyia: المحكمة الشرعية / محكمة الاحوال لشخصيه) is illegal and qualify as a crime by Jordanian law. Second, couples loose legal protection, in particular women, for instance, in case there is no registration, a women will not be able to pursue divorce in case her husband disappear. Third and more importantly, parents will not be able to register children at birth (i.e. many children in Zaatari camp are affected by this).
- 2.4 ARDD highlighted the challenges linked to registration of marriage. That is to say, marriages without registration is a common cultural practice among Syrian refugees. And it is therefore, important for all agencies to participate in dissemination and persuasion of the refuges (i.e. to encourage them to utilize the opportunity and change their attitude toward civil registration).
- 2.5 ARDD has briefly explained the registration procedures and the role of ARDD in facilitating the registration processes. A branch from Sharia Court is now in Zaatari camp near the Family Protection Department offices currently responsible for registration of marriages (Refugees used to go to Mafraq before).
- 2.6 The court has dedicated two days, Sunday and Monday from 9:00am to 2:00 PM and notified members on its flexibility to provide legal assistant to refugees during working hours throughout the week to prepare & make sure all documents required are available for each case.

Comments / remark from members on Agenda 2:

- *Focal point - of Community Mobilization Working Group-suggested using their forums to distribute this decision widely. As a group, they can help and tailor messages to fit with the community needs.*
- *IRD wondered whether there are certain persuasive message that IRD and other organizations can convey to the community to encourage them to register marriages. No specific persuasive messages were developed yet. However, UNHCR stated that, messages linked to the high penalty fees and Birth Registration, could pursued refugees to benefit from the exemption opportunity and register marriage.*
- *IMC raised challenges faced by women, who were left by their husbands,in filling a divorce suit case in the Sharia Court due to the fees. IRDD commented that the fees is not that high (12- 20*

JD) and some judges are cooperative and this usually depend on case by case. ARDD provide legal counselling to women on how to build their cases in the court.

Agenda Item No 3: Briefing on Word Day against Child Labor (by Lina - UNICEF)

- 3.1. The World Day against Child Labor will be launched in Zaatari Refugee Camp on 11th of June 2015.
- 3.2. UNICEF and Save the Children International will launch the Child Protection Assessment on Child Labor. The launching will take place at the Drop-in Centre in District Four.
- 3.3. UNICEF encouraged all interested actors to participate. For more details see attached matrix developed by UNICEF (Lina).

Comments/ remarks by members on agenda 3:

- *IRD showed interest in increasing access of the most disadvantaged group to participate in the events. Presenter and other members have seen this as an excellent initiative and UNICEF will share the list of focal points from each agency and willing to facilitate inclusion of the most disadvantaged groups.*

Agenda Item No. 4: Discussion on merging/ updating the WORLPLAN (Anne – IMC and Co- chairs)

- 4.1 Members were notified on challenges around merging the two WP and delay behind sharing the draft with WG's members. While there is CP WP for 2015, there is no WP for SGBV Working Group in the Camp.
- 4.2 A general overview on the framework of the WP was briefly presented. Members were notified that the previous CPWP lacks specific activities that support prevention, response and service delivery. And in some areas there is a need to be matched with main priorities and elements of the National CP WP.
- 4.3 While it is important to be in line with the National WP, there is a need to decide on the following:
 - Whether we will need to have specific activities on mainstreaming CP-SGBV in other sectors (i.e. education; health; and Taskforces , such as Youth ; Age and disabilities);
 - Whether there is a need to select directly related sectors (such as education; health; Youth TF and Age and Disability TK) and mainstream CP/SGBV issues via the Camp Management Coordination or select all sectors (including WASH , Camp Management, etc.);
 - Need to include thematic areas (i.e. early marriage; child labor; violence in school).
- 4.4 While there are generic and common activities between CP and SGBV (i.e. strengthening coordination, capacity building, and advocacy) and there are areas of overlap on some thematic areas (i.e. early marriage), there should be particular activities for SGVB and CP separately.
- 4.5 Clarification made, based on members enquiries, on the need to mainstream CP and SGBV in other sectors by having concrete activity per each sector. Addressing violence in school and increasing enrolment of adolescent in formal / informal education are examples of concrete intervention with education sector. Support health actors to train its professional on friendly interviewing of survivors of SGBV is an example of concrete working area with health sector.

Comments/ remarks by members on agenda 4:

- *Due to limited timing and confusion on the discussion of the WP, members suggested sending a Draft for review and feedback.*
- *Some members agreed on the importance of inclusion of specific activities for cooperation with other sectors in the WP, and some indicated the need to know more about objectives behind this*

aspect in the WP. Members see discussion on the WP is essential, and need to allocate enough time for discussion in the following meeting.

B. Follow up on Action Points

Action points	Responsible Agencies	Timeframe/ Remarks
1. Share final version of the merged ToR with members for final adoption and endorsement of the CP-SGBV FSWG (June 2015 – June 2016).	All members should reply by email to the co- chairs	Co- chairs share the final version mid next week members reply no later than two days after.
2. Update and share draft WORKPLAN	Co-chair Nahla in close consultation with Hanin and Ane, members of WG, and relevant taskforces and sectors.	Thursday 11 th June 2015
3. Review of previous SGBV minutes and to share list of pending issues with members by Email for their review and feedback.	Co-chair(focal point for SGBV part)	By next meeting (18 May 2015)
4. Update the list initiated by previous co-chair Ahmed, to identify members who actively participate in other meeting and who can voluntary represent the CP – SGBV FSWG in other sectoral meetings/ tasks forces/ other Zaatari Coordination Structures.	Co-chairs, in consultation with previous co-chairs and members	Regular update
5. Liaise with the focal point of the Community Mobilization Working Group (CMWG) to tailor and disseminate the government decision on exemption from penalty of unregistered marriages.	ARDD Legal AID and UNHCR	Urgent.
6. Share list of focal points for different activities in the Child Labour Day , to enable actors to liaise and suggest locations to ensure participation of the most disadvantage group of children (children with disabilities)	Lina , UNICEF	Immediate, as the celebration is set for 11 th of June. DONE
7. Fill the calendar with planned events and date for World Refugee Day events.	Co- chair Hanin will send a reminder and all members to send their feedback	Original deadline is the 7 th of June. However, Co-chair will set new deadline.

Next Meeting will take place on 18 June 2015 in Zaatari Camp. The meeting will focus on finalizing the Work Plan for 2015 and presentation of Child Labor Assessment. Venue, time and detailed agenda to be shared two days before the meeting.