

Winterization Task Force Meeting Syrian Refugee Response in Jordan

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	8-9-2016
Facilitator	Jesscia Gut (UNHCR) Richard Evans (NRC)	Meeting Time	2.00 pm- 4.00 pm
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Purpose of Meeting	Winterization Task force Meeting		

1.) Summary of action points

No.	Action Point	Focal Point / Organization
1.	To share the updated winterization standard document with winterization task force members.	Task force chairs
2.	Gap analysis of vulnerable Jordanian per governorate/ district level to be shared upon receiving the updated statistics form MoSD.	Ruba Saleh
3.	Enquire about further updates from donors on possible funding for winterization activities.	Task force chairs
4.	To share winterization assistance matrix with NGOs for their input and feedback.	Ruba Saleh

2.) Attachments and References

Documents	Location	Contact Person
Gender marker document	Hyperlinked with minutes	Ruba Saleh, Salehru@unhcr.org
Winterization task force calendar	Hyperlinked with minutes	Ruba Saleh, Salehru@unhcr.org
MoSD targeted governorates for supporting vulnerable Jordanians	Hyperlinked with minutes	Ruba Saleh, Salehru@unhcr.org

3.) Session Summaries

Item	Discussion
Revised winterization standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A market survey for costing the NFI package was conducted by ACTED, NRC, IOCC and UNHCR. A variance in the cost of the gas refill was noted (from 10 JOD to 8 JOD). Given the variance in the pricing of heaters, it was suggested to consider providing further specifications for the type and quality of heaters that it is intended to be provided.

	<p>Revised costing will be included in the updated winterization standard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Task force revised the winterization standards for 2016-17, it was agreed to adhere to the standard NFI package used last year, (medium thermal blanket (MTB), high thermal blankets (HTB), heater, gas bottle and refill regardless of the shelter condition. The gas refills will depend on the family size and a revised system was proposed and endorsed. - The Task force revised the apportioning of the Tier 1 and Tier 2 assistance, building on the feedback from the previous year indicating that small families (family of 1 and 2) were negatively affected by apportioning. A suggestion was made to group the families in the new apportioning aiming to reach more families with the less assistance. A proposed Tier-ed system for 2016/17 was shared and discussed during the meeting and the general principals were agreed upon. The final standard document will be soon circulated. - One of the challenges identified in the apportioning system was the high cost of the heater. The task force agreed that the maximum number of persons that one heater can serve is 5, therefore for families above 5 a second heater will be provided. This would mark a significant difference between the families of size 5 and families of size 6. - Based on the 2015 experience, partners seem to base their budgeting on individuals rather than households. . It was suggested to plan on the basis of number of households as the apportioning system does not consider individuals but households and the amount of cash, for example, to be given to a family size of 3 does not equal 3 times the cash amount to be given to one individual due to economy of scale logic. One suggested approach would be working on estimated average household size. Partners to revert back with their feedback if this method is applicable or not. UNHCR to provide partners with average family size/ household. - The distribution of blankets by partners is being conducted without a specific distinction between the blanket types, only UNHCR define the type (MTB & HTB). Partners agree on merging them in one single item/type in the revised winterization standard. - Case management should be the basis for providing winterization assistance to exceptional cases that do not fall under the winterization SOP.
RAIS update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 5 Sep, a RAIS winterization module training was conducted to partners. Another session will be provided by end of September. Partners are encouraged to contact Olivia Cribb (CRIBB@unhcr.org) and Ala'a Nofal (NOFALA@unhcr.org).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The RAIS winterization module will be ready by October upon finalizing the revision of the drop lists based on last year's feedback. - NGOs will be able to block cases on RAIS for 45 days. The blocking will require a confirmed funding, distribution dates and lack of duplication. - NGOs working on the same governorate, especially NGOs targeting ITS, were advised to coordinate together to avoid overlapping. NGOs working in Mafraq and Irbid were encouraged to benefit from the urban coordination forum which is regularly held in those locations. - UNHCR will share as soon as possible the UNHCR cases list that will be assisted for winterization. Partners might contact UNHCR if support is needed for the identification of additional vulnerable cases. - MoSD provided a gap analysis of vulnerable Jordanians per governorate and at district level. NGOs were asked to share their targeted locations for the winterization assistance to provide feedback to MoSD accordingly. - As discussed in the lessons learned from last year winterization, it was agreed that NGOs will follow up with MoSD bilaterally for detailed list of vulnerable Jordanians.
Common Cash Facility (CCF) presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Common Cash Facility (CCF) is a partner based platform that currently consist of 5 partner organization and 8 associate members. The CCF has three principles; 1) it's a partner based platform without fees associated to it, 2) it protects beneficiaries' information as the bank only has access to basic information (name and case number but not the detailed information about the refugees, 3) as the system used the IRIS scan for authentication, it guarantees that the assessment will be received by the entitled beneficiary. - IRIS scans are taken at UNHCR registration center for all refugees above the age of 3 years old. The data is stored in UNHCR's IRIS bank. - An eye-cloud platform connects the data form UNHCR's IRIS bank (eye cloud server) and the data in Cairo Amman bank (eye cloud remote server). The data is secured and protected to guarantee the confidentiality of beneficiaries. The only data received by Cairo Amman Bank (CAB) in the name of the beneficiary, case number and the amount of assistance. - NGOs interested further in the CCF to contact Elizabeth Barnhart (BARNHART@unhcr.org).
Shelter update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Shelter working group (SWG) will revise their cash for rent intervention to have it more winter focused with a more sophisticated way of targeting beneficiaries. The cash for rent guidelines were updated

	<p>building on the experience form the previous years. The modality of providing the assistance will be discussed further by the SWG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SWG will assess the shelters condition during winter into consideration when providing sealing of Kits (SOK). The aim of SOK intervention is to improve thermal dynamic in the shelter (window, doors, floor and the roof). - The SWG will discuss further the shelter winterization intervention taking into consideration the constraints of limited funds and resources. Updates will be provided with winterization task force accordingly.
Harsh weather condition TF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The winterization task force agreed to have a harsh weather contingency task force consisting of ACTED, INTERSOS, NRC and UNHCR (the same actors for last year). The first meeting will take place on the 22 September. - Partners suggest to invite WFP for the harsh weather conditions TF in consideration of the need for food distribution during those times. - The HWC task force will be looking into the standards for identifying harsh weather, establishing a focal points system, current funding analysis, identify referral pathways and elaborate contingency planning.
Funding updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OCHA call for proposal will be realised by mid-September. A revised gender marker evaluation criteria was released, however the new methodology for the time being will only be piloted and not formally applied for the evaluation of concept notes. Please find here the link for the gender marker document: (http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/documents.php?page=1&view=grid&WG%5B%5D=70). - Winterization task force chairs will follow up with the inter agency coordination team for further information about donors funding, requesting an early release of the calls. - ICRC mentioned that the agency has identified and will be targeting 3,000 beneficiaries in Mafraq and that funding has been confirmed. - ICMC and INTERSOS confirmed their funding form ECHO for cash for protection and winterization assistance (cash and in kind). - A matrix of winterization assistance will be shared with NGOs for their input and feedback.
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The harsh weather contingency task force meeting to take place on Thursday the 22^{ed} of Sep from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the UNHCR EMOPS conference room.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The calendar of the winterization task force was agreed by the task force, please follow the link to have access to the calendar: http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=60
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