



## Meeting Minutes 10.04.2018

# Protection Working Group Jordan

Agencies present: APS, AVSI, CVT, DRC, ICMC, IOCC, ICMC, JIF, JRS, MWL, IFH, NRC, OXFAM, PUAMI, Plan International, Reclaim Childhood, Questscope, IMC, IRAP, UFFPA, UNHCR, UNRWA, UNWOMEN, VdT, WFP, TDHL and UPP.

10 April 2018, 9-11 am, UNHCR Khalda, EMOPS Room

### AGENDA:

- **Agency Updates – New Projects, Developments, Announcements**
- **Standing Agenda Items: Northeastern Border/berm, Movements (deportation, returns)**
- **Presentation on the new Amnesty for Syrian refugees – Irina Conovali (UNHCR)**
- **Final agenda for PWG thematic discussion areas**
- **2018 First Quarter Advocacy Messages**
- **Protection Sector reporting – Service Advisor and Progress Report**
- **AoB**

### 1. PWG members updates and announcements:

**IOCC:** started a new project partnering with IHF. The project aim to provide person with disabilities with medical equipment/ assistive devises in addition to referral services. The project will be implemented in east Amman. Focal point contact will be shared with PWG accordingly.

**ICRC:** Following ICRC release of the Third Edition of Professional Standards for Protection Work carried out by humanitarian and human rights actors in armed conflict and other situations of violence “a set of minimum but essential standards aiming to ensure that protection work carried out by human rights and humanitarian actors in armed conflict and other situations of violence is safe and effective”. The official of the standards will be launched in the 30<sup>th</sup> of April in Geneva. In Amman a mirror event will be organized for launching the standards on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, information will be circulated shortly.

**IRAP:** Following the resume of resettlement submissions process, IRAP updated members that they provide pre-interview counselling to provide PoCs with important information they need to know and what to expect during the process. Those interviews can be applicable for refugees that are submitted into other countries as well, IRAP encouraged members to refer any encountered cases.

**UNHCR:** Durable solution technical group meeting will be conducted on 16 April. PSEA meeting will be conducted on 19 April. ITS task force will be conducted on 29 April.

### 2. Standing Agenda Items: Northeastern Border/berm, Movements (deportation, returns)

- **Northeastern Border/berm:** The situation on the berm remain the same. Delivery of protection related intervention email to be limited due to limitation of access. The clinic near the berm counties to receive health cases, while serious health cases are admitted to Jordanian hospitals.
- **Deportation:** January deportations official numbers was not shared however it is around 60% less than December (14 persons were deported due to security reasons).
- **Azraq:** In 2016, Village 5 and village 2 in Azraq camp received around 20,000 people entered from the berm then GoJ started the screen out process. 13,000 have been screened out. Advocacy will continue to screen out the remaining people in village 5. Further information and data to be shared later on.

### 3. Presentation on the new Amnesty for Syrian refugees – Irina Conovali (UNHCR)

As of 5 March, the decision of Amnesty was announced by the GOJ. The purpose of the amnesty is to regularize the urban residence of Syrian refugees and issue appropriate documentation, i.e. MOI service cards with residence in the urban. Two groups are eligible to the rectification exercise:

- Group 1: Refugees who had left refugees camps without proper permissions to reside in the urban by 30 June 2017 (inclusive).
- Group 2: Syrians who had entered Jordan before July 2012 (pre-Zaatari time) and did not register either with UNHCR or Government of Jordan in the meantime.

The amnesty will continue until 27 Sep 2018. After five weeks of the start of the amnesty, around 9,000 families registered for an appointment to rectify their situation. Data segregated by age and gender will be shared with PWG later on.

Results of UNHCR registration interview are as follow:

- **2,753 families corresponding to 9,475 individuals were interviewed by UNHCR and were issued (and provided with the paper copy of) the ASC to reside in urban settings.** These families were counselled by UNHCR on how to proceed with the registration process with the Government and obtain MOI cards.
- **6,059 families corresponding to 20,600 individuals are still pending** the following type of actions: (i) UNHCR second interview/review (ii) legal proceedings supported by legal aid partners (iii) action from SRAD/police station (return of documents/lifting the circulation or ban on entry/others..).
- **243 families corresponding to 998 individuals are not eligible for the rectification exercise.** This includes cases that did not leave camp prior to the cut-off, or those who have maintained active status in the camp through periodic return, despite living in urban areas, as well as some refugees who may require Special Committee review, and other categories.

UNHCR will continue to conduct mobile registration mission to the southern governorates to reach out to Syrian families there. Appreciation was made to all partners who supported with outreach and referrals. Feedback on the cases will be shared with each agency accordingly. Partners are encouraged to direct refugees to approach UNHCR for clarifications and inquires.

**Action Point:** MOI dashboard, UNHCR registered and non-registered with trends, to be shared with PWG.

#### 4. Final agenda for PWG thematic discussion areas

Following the previous discussion related to thematic discussion and assigning agency lead for each theme, partners shared their interest with PWG coordinators in the themes identified for PWG meetings. It is envisioned that those agencies that are interested will meet or coordinate as necessary in advance to prepare agenda items, activities, advocacy as applicable to the subject matter, and take a leading role on the topic during the meeting. Meetings will continue to address ongoing issues and newly-arising concerns, but will include a significant component – roughly one hour, to be discussed with PWG coordinators – on the topic for that month. We hope to achieve concrete outcomes or commitments on the subject matter – whether new advocacy, strategic agreements, mapping, etc.

May

- ✓ Azraq – Village 5 (forced relocations – with agencies with particular operational and advocacy role in the camps – Protection issues)  
Interested agencies: NRC + DRC Consortium + JIF, ICRC, Plan, International, Questscope

June

- ✓ Refugees of other Nationalities (“non-Syrians”)  
Interested agencies: IRAP (plus 2) + NRC + JIF (plus) + ARDD + UNRWA + UPP + JCLA + Noor Hussein Foundation

July

- ✓ Protecting Persons With Disabilities / Disability Task Force  
Interested agencies: Disability Task Force co-chairs Humanity and Inclusion (HI) and UNHCR to lead, TdH interested.

August

- ✓ Legal Status and Registration – Amnesty progress and challenges - Civil Documentation (marriage, birth, divorce, death, HLP docs) - Update on Special Committee (deportation and forced relocations)  
Leading agency: UNHCR

September

- ✓ Community-Based Protection Approaches  
Interested agencies: World Relief + QuestScope + Local partners

October

- ✓ Coordination with, and transition to national/local partners, including CBOs  
Interested agencies: National NGOs, NRC+ IRC + extend invitation to other national actors

- ✓ Referrals and Information Management Tools, including Service Advisor  
Interested agencies: UNICEF, UNHCR

**Action Point:** UNHCR will call for first thematic meeting on Azraq. PWG coordinator will share the calendar of the thematic discussion and the agency focal point with PWG.

## 5. 2018 First Quarter Advocacy Messages

Humanitarian partners' forum (HPF) requested a clear advocacy message for the PWG and CP and GBV sub working groups. An updated draft of the advocacy messages will be shared with PWG shortly including newly-developed Azraq messaging. PWG Partners are encouraged to review the document and share their comments feedback accordingly with PWG coordinators.

## 6. Protection Sector reporting – Service Advisor and Progress Report

### Activityinfo:

PWG core indicators reflected the sector achievements compared to target. The first quarter reflect challenges in terms of achievements that might be related to poor reporting on activityinfo. Partners are encouraged to report their activities on timely bases on the system to reflect proper achievement of the sector therefore supporting/ justifying the sector plan in terms of targets and funds during the JRP process.

**Action Point:** Partners are encouraged to contact Ghassan Shehadeh for any inquiry, guidance and clarification.

### Services advisor:

A training was conducted recently on the system. The aim is to have an accurate 4Ws data. Partners to contact Ghassan Shehadeh for any inquiry, guidance and clarification.

## 7. AoB

**OCHA-JHF:** First 2018 Strategic Allocation document for the Jordan Humanitarian Fund just received from OCHA has been circulated through the PWG, the call was out as of today April 11, 2018 and **will be closed on midnight 26 of April.**

Protection priorities for this round include Protection components relating to SGBV, and to Shelter. Please see call for details, and consult with coordinators of sector/sub-sector.

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, 15 May 2018, 9-11 am, UNHCR Khalda, EMOPS Room**

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