JORDAN REFUGEE RESPONSE Inter-Sector Working Group

Meeting Minutes and Action Points Monday, 6 May 2018 UNHCR Office, Amman



1. Satisfaction Review of the Sectors' Meetings Content and Structure

Reference was made if challenges faced when indicating topics, regularity of meetings, contributions and attendance of the sector members:

- The Livelihoods sector admitted very active attendance and participation of agencies at the sector meetings.
- WASH acknowledged the current process of reviewing frequency of sector meetings.
- The Education sector stated that the sector meetings and generally sector activities are very well
 populated, and include active engagement of the Ministry of Education.
- Youth taskforce shared that the group enjoys very good participation and representation, largely
 driven by its high task oriented nature. The group reaches out directly to the agencies, the cochairs are fully accessible and trigger important discussions.

ISWG commenced inclusive consultations on the current coordination mechanisms. Also, the ISWG recognized different periods of intensiveness. The members were invited to refer to the 2018 work plan of the Inter-Sector Working Group and regularly monitor its implementation.

The cross cutting issues and inter-sector linkages are assuming bigger weight in the sectors' interventions and meetings, such as joint meetings of Education and Child Protection, of SGBV and Protection. Other sectors are encouraged to follow such practice.

2. Progress of Consultations on Resilience Reinforcement

The sector coordinators had been requested to share their comments. Only one sector provided comments. The deadline to submit comments is extended till 1 June, to inform respective discussion at the next ISWG meeting.

The sector coordinators requested the Senior Inter-Sector Coordinator to provide criteria that would guide them to elaborate on the comments.

3. Consultations on Contingency Mid-Year Review

The sectors are requested to provide information on the available stocks.

The sector coordinators requested Senior Inter-Sector Coordinator to provide template to facilitate data collection.

4. Reflection on Issues Needing High-Level Attention for HPF Intervention

The HPF retreat in March has remarkably reinforced the role of ISWG. The ISWG has assumed the function of elevating crucial issues and challenges elevated by the sectors to HPF.

Thus, the ISWG already raised the problem faced by NGOs through the approval process by MoPIC. According to some sector coordinators, this problem derives from the nature of the IMCCs, composed of the members not bearing technical expertise in the relevant sectors.

Other problems submitted to HPF attention are blockage of home based businesses and consequences of underfunding.

5. Financial Tracking First Quarter (FTS)

The ISWG members were briefed on the status of funding self-reported by the Inter-Agency Appeal agencies (Refugee and Resilience components) during the first quarter 2018.

In 2018, the first quarter FTS included multi-year funds received by agencies in 2017 for 2018. The FTS inputs were collected through the on-line tool created and managed by the Inter-Agency Coordination and Information Management Unit.

The draft reports per sector are finalized. Upon validation of sector coordinators, the FTS reports will be uploaded at the UNHCR data sharing portal. The sectors are recommended to analyze FTS reports.

Refugee component is reported funded 26% (which is similar to the same period in 2017 – 29%), while the resilience component is funded 20% (vis-à-vis 6% in 2017). The critical decrease in funding in first quarter traced from 2017 to 2018 is indicated Food Security Refugee sector; while increase in funding is recorded in Protection and Livelihoods Refugee and Basic Needs, Education, Protection, Health, Shelter and Livelihoods Resilience components.

6. AOB

All the 31 projects submitted to JHF are being revised by the technical committees. The sector coordinators recommended to reinforce gender equality components in the submissions by engagement of Sector Gender Focal Points in the committees.

7. Action Points

Action Points	Responsible Person	Timeframe
Provide criteria to guide sector coordinators to comment on reinforcement of Resilience	Senior Inter-Sector Coordinator	MYR [June/July]
Sectors provide inputs for the consultation on JRP for supporting Resilience	Sector Coordinators	1 June
Provide template to collect information on the agencies' contingency stocks	Senior Inter-sector Coordinator	MYR [June/July]

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9. Next Meeting

The next ISWG meeting will be held on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>3 June at 12:00</u> in UNHCR EMOPS room.