



This monthly update is a coordination tool that aims to improve communication between sectors and up to the Humanitarian Partners Forum. It focuses on processes, rather than achievements. The latter are covered through separate monthly sector dashboards, available through the Inter-Agency Portal and at <http://data.unhcr.org/jordan/sectors/>

I. General / Inter-Sector Update

During the December meeting, ISWG discussed the localization of the Global Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action, the development of Jordan Response Plan (JRP) and each sector's 2019 Work Plan. Currently, the development of the first JRP draft is in progress. For 2019 Work Plan, a more proactive approach to monitor and track the progresses of planned activities was emphasized.

On 4 December, the Gender with Age Marker (GAM) was rolled out during a full-day workshop with over 80 participants represented by government ministries, donors, UN agencies, NGOs/INGOs and the refugee Sector Gender Focal Points Network (SGFPN). Refresher sessions will follow, and the Sector Gender Focal Points will ensure to implement and monitor the GAM tool in all sectors throughout the year.

On 17 December, a training was organized by UNHCR and MoPIC, to which total 131 participants attended from government ministries, I/NGOs, and UN agencies. The participants were trained on the JORISS system, project approval process and tracking processes.

During the HPF meeting, ISWG updated the members, among other topics, on the latest Cabinet decision on Home-Based Business (HBB), which will allow Syrian refugees both in and out of the camps to operate HBB with improved conditions.

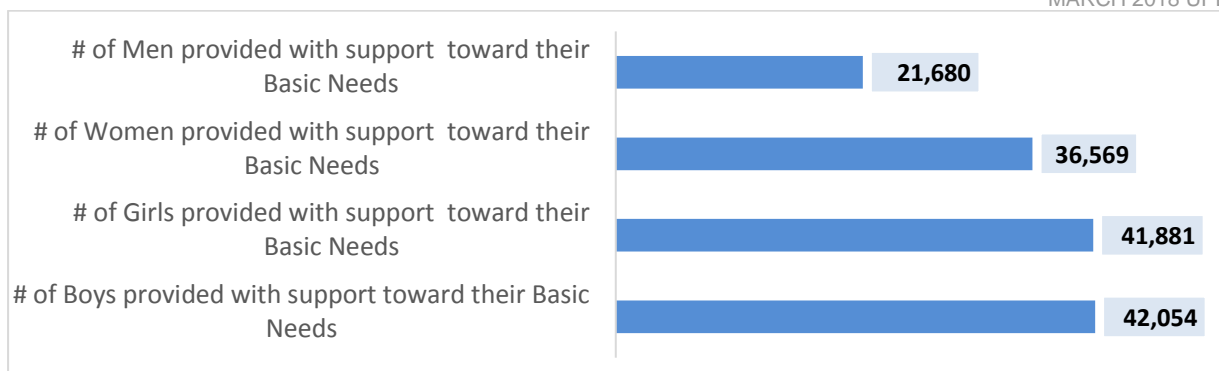
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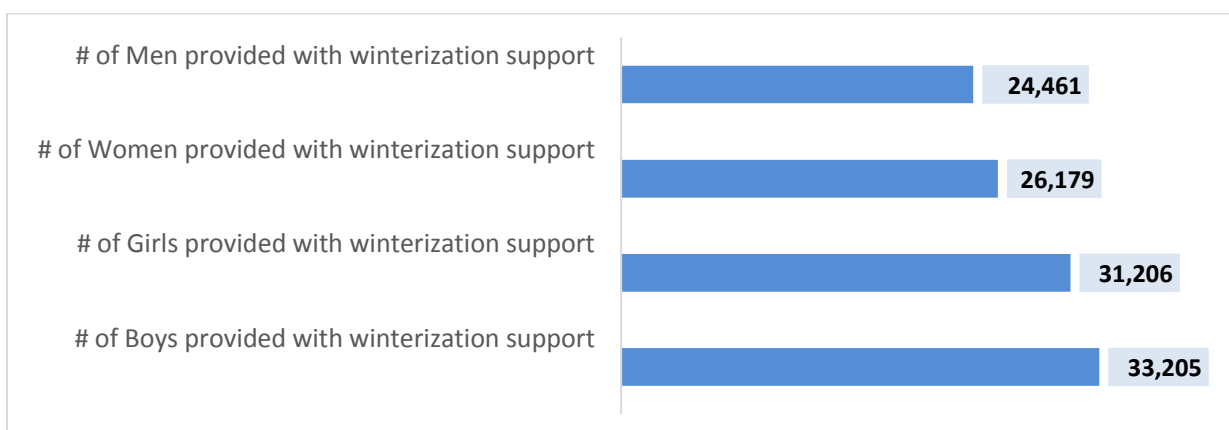
BASIC NEEDS

In December 2018, the Basic Needs Working Group (BNWG) and Winterization Task Force continued to focus on winter assistance. Partners distributing winter assistance agreed upon a standard package, and a protocol for identifying eligible cases. By December 2018, more than 80% of eligible cases had been blocked for assistance by 11 partners including UNHCR.

The BNWG provided around 6,322,931 US\$ worth of regular cash and winterization assistance to vulnerable beneficiaries from the refugee and host Community. The number of individuals provided with Basic Needs Support in the form of regular cash is as follows:



The number of individuals provided with winterization support in the form of winterization cash and non-food item (NFIs) is as follows:



EDUCATION

At the beginning of 2018, 130,668 Syrian refugee children were enrolled in formal education and 29,247 were enrolled in Non-Formal Education (NFE). Nearly one in three of the 233,052 registered Syrian refugee school-aged children were out of any form of education at the beginning of the year. Refugee children across Jordan face geographical and socio-economic disparities in access, overcrowded or dilapidated classrooms, low learning outcomes, social tension, bullying and violence, and few learning pathways.

Since the commencement of a new academic year in September 2018, the education sector, has been following up with the Ministry of Education (MoE) in updating the latest enrolment and attendance data. As of December 2018, the MoE data are not available to the public and Open Education Management Information System (EMIS) does not provide timely data either.

UNICEF and partners completed the Kinder Garden (KG) Data in August 2018, which indicated that 84 per cent of five to six-year-old Syrian refugee children have access to KG or KG-like services, an increase from earlier figures which cited 59 per cent of children accessing KGs. The difference identified in the study quantified the number of unlicensed KGs or community centres in the country.

UNICEF and its partners continued its support of the NFE Catch-Up and Drop-Out programmes, having reached a cumulative total of 12,724 children (41 per cent female) while 1,150 children (54 per cent female) successfully graduated from Catch-Up and have been reintegrated into the formal system.



FOOD SECURITY

Around 490,000 Syrian refugees residing in camps and communities received monthly cash based transfers. Refugees living in camps received USD 28 (JOD 20) per person per month. In communities, the extremely vulnerable received USD 32 (JOD 23) while those categorized as vulnerable received USD 21 (JOD 15) per person per month.

By the end of December, WFP concluded its daily in-kind bread distribution to Syrian refugees in camps. WFP, through its supplier, has established eight bread sales points where refugees will be able to buy bread through the iris-scan payment system. To cover the cost of bread, WFP will increase the monthly transfer value from JOD 20 to JOD 23 (USD 28 to USD 32), as of January 2019. This shift will increase refugees' flexibility and freedom of choice, allowing them to buy bread from both bread selling points and WFP contracted supermarkets inside the camps. Sensitization sessions for the supplier on food quality as well as safety, gender and protection were held.



Mental Health:

The 4W-mapping process for Jordan has been finalized and the mapping is available online. The mapping provides a helpful overview of the various Mental Health Psycho Social Support activities and services in Jordan with 48 organizations participating and a total of 238 activities.

Reproductive Health Sub-Working Group

The Reproductive Health Working Group completed the review of the Reproductive Health (RH) supervisory checklist with inputs being gathered by all members, as part of its role to strengthen the monitoring procedures to ensure quality RH services provided to beneficiaries. The list will be used by RH programs at both camp and host community settings to monitor the provision of quality of Sexual Reproductive Health services by implementing partners and other new RH partners.



Child Protection Sub-Working Group

Updated Child Protection Referral Pathways were finalized and uploaded as a shared document. Partners were requested to update changes within their programs and focal points on regular basis. The document includes information on services provided by national and international case management agencies as well as related other services in the context of Child protection (i.e. Health and mental health, education, community-based activities, livelihoods, legal services and services for children with disabilities).

A group of Child Protection Sub-Working Group (CP SWG) members (UNICEF, UNHCR, ILO, TDH, LWF, MECI) have met in December to draft a Child Labor analysis and advocacy paper that was presented to all CP SWG members at the December SWG meeting. The document will be used as a reference document in Jordan, summarizing the various presentations, discussions and activities on Child Labor.

Co-chairs and core national and international CP partners participated in workshop facilitated by the Family Protection Department (FPD) and National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA) during 27-29 November 2018 to review the application and implementation of the principle of the Best Interests in social work, education, health and legal sectors.

Members of the CP SWG (TDH, IMC, Save the Children and JRF) and the Co-chairs (UNICEF and UNHCR) have participated in the No Lost Generation (NLG) workshop organized by the Regional Office of UNICEF on 4-5 December 2018. The workshop set three key objectives: identifying results and progress achieved up to the present within the NLG sector; identifying challenges, lessons learned, good practices; finding an agreement on future directions, strategic shifts and innovations required, taking into account an evolving operating

context. The workshop reflected on 5 core thematic topics, including Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), Children associated with armed groups and armed forces, Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Strengthening of national systems as well as Birth registration and documentation.

Discussions on the CP SWG work plan were initiated and will be commenced in January. Group members agreed on identifying core topics of interest for 2019 to work on more outcome-oriented activities as a group.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence Sub-Working Group

The Sexual and Gender Based Violence Sub-Working Group met regularly in December 2018, having reviewed achievements of the annual work plan and started brainstorming for 2019 planning. Among identified priorities, development of a stronger information management system was suggested. Moreover, the Working Group has started the development of an application to strengthen the referral pathway. Package for the safe referral training has been updated and disseminated to participants for the Training of Trainers (TOT) in order to ensure the safe referral process at field level from the beginning of 2019.



SHELTER

Zaatari camp:

40 shelters were upgraded and repaired in the camp during December.

Azraq camp:

Shelters repair and maintenance ongoing through the Quick Fix Team for both vacant and allocated shelters over 222 damaged shelters have been fixed during reported period.

The RHU - Refugee Housing Unit (1.2): Special Project was conceived in order to improve the living condition of UNHCR's persons of concern and to strengthen UNHCR's global shelter responses. The RHU is one of the organization's shelter solutions, with close consultation among relevant colleagues, double RHU was installed in Azraq at the IMC hospital which is currently serving as patients waiting area. A single unit was mounted at the warehouse area which will be used as additional warehouse for the hospital.

264 shelters were upgraded and repaired in the camp during December.



WASH

Zaatari camp:

Water and wastewater networks installation was completed in December serving all households and reaching 79,000 people, 44,240 of whom are children. The operation of the networks ensures equitable distribution of services, reduces disruption in services and decreases the overall operational costs by about 66 per cent. The operation of the networks has eliminated internal trucking within the camp, having treated 87 per cent of generated wastewater on-site at the Za'atari wastewater treatment plant.

Azraq camp:

WASH partners continue to provide Syrian refugees in the camp with safe water and sanitation facilities, reaching all 39,000 people.

The total solid waste collected from the camp for the month of December was 472 tons. As of the beginning of the month, an implementing partner, ACTED started the Solid Waste Collection within the Camp under a project funded by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).



LIVELIHOODS

- UNHCR has issued a Livelihoods vs. Returnees Frequently Asked Questions from a pure livelihoods perspective as well as procedures that refugees should follow in the event that they decide to return to Syria. The Ministry of Labor has received an approval from the cabinet on extending the work permits exemption period until the end of 2019.
- During November 2018, 937 flexible work permits were issued in the construction sector through the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions, with a total of 19,184 work permits.
- Work permit update:

	Total permits Jan 2016- November 2018	Total permits Jan 2018- November 2018
Male	119,984	40,001
Female	5,408	1,886
Total	125,392	41,887

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