

## Basic Needs Working Group Amman - Jordan

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| Meeting Location    | EMOPS room, UNHCR - Khalda   | Meeting Date | 1st April 2019     |
| Co-Chairs           | Elizabeth Barnhart (UNHCR)<br>Mohammad Awamreh (CARE)  | Meeting Time | 14:00 – 16:00 hrs. |
| Minutes Prepared by | Huda Ali (UNHCR)   |              |                    |
| Purpose of Meeting  | Basic Needs Monthly Meeting  |              |                    |
| Agencies attending  | AAH, CALP, CARE, Caritas Germany, Caritas Jordan, GFFO, JHCO, ICMC, ICRC, InterSoS, IOCC, IOM, LWF, NICCOD, TDH, UMR, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, WRG, WVI |              |                    |

### 1.) Summary of action points

| No. | Action Point   | Focal Point / Organization | Time frame        |
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| 1.  | Basic Needs Services Advisor taxonomies Task Force to provide the next BNWG with the time frame needed to complete the assigned task.  | Rima Kabrilyants - UMR     | May BNWG          |
| 2.  | A task force will be created at the next meeting to review the outcomes and lessons learned from the common Winter PDM.  | Zainah Arabyat – ICRC      | May BNWG          |
| 3.  | Organizations interested in co-chairing the BNWG should provide their nominations to Elizabeth Barnhart at: <a href="mailto:barnhart@unhcr.org">barnhart@unhcr.org</a> by April 18 <sup>th</sup> | Interested members         | <b>April 18th</b> |

## 2.) Session Summaries

| Item                                 | Discussion  |
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| <b>Last meeting minutes approval</b> | March 2019 minutes approved by the group.   |
| <b>Services Advisor</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services Advisor is a tool that acts as a directory for humanitarian services available in Jordan. It answers to the 3Ws about activities and services available for refugees. Agencies are responsible for updating their services regularly. Taxonomies are updated on a yearly basis. All organizations can map their services on the system even if they are not part of the JRP. The end users are refugees, and it offers translation and mobile compatible website, and there are different search options according to (location, service, agency, et.)</li> <li>• Taxonomy needs reviewing as it currently reflects JRP sector language, rather than language aimed at refugee users.</li> <li>• Basic Needs Taxonomy Task Force was created:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Rima Kabrilyants – UMR, coordinator</i></li> <li>- <i>Mai Dababneh – Caritas Jordan,</i></li> <li>- <i>Mohammad Alawamreh – CARE,</i></li> <li>- <i>Hala Nawayseh – UNHCR.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The task force will meet to discuss definitions of projects and services under Basic Needs (cash and NFIs) and determine some labels (taxonomies) in a way that is well known and commonly used among refugees to refer to the different types of financial assistance. A list of the common taxonomies under Basic Needs is in the <a href="#">attached</a> document.</p> <p>Next meeting the task force will provide the BNWG with an update and timeframe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For more details on the system, contact <b>Feras Alsagban</b> at: <a href="mailto:alsagban@unhcr.org">alsagban@unhcr.org</a></li> </ul> |
| <b>MEB and VAF Review updates</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MEB task force is continuing to finalize the review/update of the data reference points for Basic Needs, Shelter and WASH. Final decision will be shared by email with BNWG, and the Interagency Unit will be informed.</li> <li>• 2019 Annual MEB Survey will be conducted by the ISWG/Interagency Unit in the fall.</li> <li>• The review of the Basic Needs VAF indicator will be finalized by mid- April, and results will be shared at the next BNWG meeting.</li> </ul>  |



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**Next meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in UNHCR – Khalda, EMOPS room**