Meeting Note and Action Points Sunday, 2 September 2018 UNHCR Office, Amman



1. Jordan Humanitarian Fund

OCHA (Hanna Abu-Barham) joined the meeting and announced a plan to launch the second JHF Strategic Allocation for 2018, and it was agreed by all sectors to consult sectoral priorities and share with the Inter Sector Coordinator by CoB 6th September.

Discussions included following inputs from sectors based on the previous experiences to enhance the upcoming JHF allocation process:

- Allowing more time to the allocation process: Since its establishment, the JHF strived to strike a balance between on one hand - allowing sufficient time for the sectors to set the priorities, provide the partners with information and guidance, form the reviewing committees and undergo the technical review, and on the other hand - setting lead times in a way that does not delay the starting of projects.
- When setting the priorities for the call, the sectors can factor the following to limit the number of "irrelevant" applications that overwhelm the reviewing committees, and to reduce any confusion on the partners' side:
 - Funding status of each sector.
 - Priorities by geographical area (camps or host communities, and which governorates, etc)
 - Specific detailed description of the priorities (seasonal or emerging needs), modality of delivery (cash or otherwise).
 - Specific detailed description of the types of beneficiaries.
 - Providing all sector coordinators with access to the Grants Management System (GMS) to monitor the applications as they are prepared by the partners. GMS registration instruction is attached to the email. GMS Link: <u>https://cbpf.unocha.org/</u>.
- The issue of setting a funding limit per sector while allowing a certain level of flexibility was one of the suggestions, however, this needs a further review by the JHF.
- The JHF to notify MoPIC of the allocation priorities as an "early warning system". This notification serves as giving MoPIC an idea about what to expect with the aim of speeding up the approval process. (To be discussed internally by JHF).
- Multi-sector projects: the JHF discourages that any partner addresses more than two sectors in one application, and in case of a multi-sector application, JHF highly encourages partners to approach the sectors involved before starting the application. A one-sector approach was suggested in the meeting, however, it needs to be carefully analyzed.
- Sector coordinators will work on providing the priorities by <u>CoB Thursday 6 September</u>. A second ISWG discussion will take place early next week to finalize the priorities.
- The ceiling of this call is tentatively USD 3.2 million, with the possibility of increase to USD 3.5 million.

The following are the links to the Financial Tracking System (FTS - <u>http://scs.raisunhcr.org/FTS/tst.aspx</u>), the information of which can be used in the planning process (FTS Q2 reports attached in the email):

- Refugees : <u>https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/65399</u>
- Resilience : <u>https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/65400</u>

2. Jordan Response Plan 2019-2021

JRP is moving forward with the technical and advisory support of the UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit being provided to MOPIC, and it will be a simpler exercise compared to the previous years where the 2018-2020 JRP will be reviewed and revised based on the latest vulnerability assessment findings. The JRP Calendar has been developed, and MOPIC has called for a meeting in their office with all the Task Force secretariats on 6th Thursday September at 09:30, during which they plan to officially announce the launch of the JRP 2019-2021 exercise and share detail information on the processes.

3. Follow-up on Action Points

1. Sectors were to provide an update on the status of actions based on the Work Plan by 20 August. Only a few sectors have provided updated Work Plan. Sectors are reminded and asked to provide the updated Work Plan by **CoB 5 September**.

2. Sectors were to provide an input on consequences of underfunding by 16 August with detail figure-laced narratives, which would be used to advocate to donors for funds. Some sectors still have not submitted the inputs and are asked to provide it by **CoB 5 September**. Sector Coordinators to be mindful of the request for inputs and deadlines.

3. Sectors to continue discussions on the consultation on JRP for supporting Resilience and prepare to share a documented proposal at the ISWG October meeting.

4. AOB

UNHCR Cash Based Intervention (CBI) team colleagues can come to sector working group meetings and share findings and indicators with each sector. Sectors who would like to invite them to join their working group meetings, please contact Elizabeth Barnhart <BARNHART@unhcr.org> and Harry Brown <BROWNHA@unhcr.org>.

2017 VAF Population Survey Report can be found at <u>https://goo.gl/YRLM4g</u>.

In order to finalize Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB), inputs are requested from Education and Food Security sectors.

5. Action Points

Action Points	Responsible Person	Timeframe
Sectors provide an update on the Work Plan	Sector Coordinators	By 5 September
Sectors to provide inputs on the consequences of underfunding with detail figures on how many beneficiaries would be affected	Sector Coordinators	By 5 September
Sectors continue consultation on JRP for supporting Resilience and prepare to share a documented proposal at the next ISWG meeting	Sector Coordinators	By 7 October
Sectors to work on setting the priorities for JHF and share with Inter- Sector Coordinator	Sector Coordinators	By 6 September
Inputs from the Education and Food Security sectors are requested to complete the 2018 MEB	Sector Coordinators	By 6 September

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7. Next Meeting

The next ISWG meeting will be held on <u>Sunday, 7 October at 14:00</u> in UNHCR EMOPS room.