



Inter-Sector Working Group Jordan

Date/time/venue	Sunday, 1 March 2020, 13:00-15:00 UNHCR EMOPS Conference Room
Attendees	Inter-Sector Coordinator [UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit, IACU], Education (UNICEF), WASH (Oxfam, UNHCR), Food Security (WFP), Livelihoods (UNHCR), Shelter (UNHCR, NRC), SGBV (UNFPA), JIF, Gender Advisor (WFP).

Meeting Note and Action Points

1. Sectors Highlights and Brief Update by Health Sector

No updates

2. WFP Retargeting Exercise

WFP briefed about envisaged retargeting exercise, which WFP aims to conduct jointly with partners as what regards WFP assistance for Syrian urban refugees. The objective of the exercise is to ensure that assistance is provided to the most vulnerable. The retargeting is intended to be staggered over seven months; the total number of eligible households receiving assistance is being reviewed while the number of individuals obtaining assistance will not change. The affected households, who will then no longer receive assistance, will receive a three-months notifications.

WFP is working closely with UNHCR on the communication strategy for the retargeting exercise, which includes talking points for UNHCR and IPs to ensure consistent key messages delivered to the refugees at the help desks and community centres. The retargeting is planned to start within the next two weeks after communication materials are finalized.

WFP will give the in-depth update on the retargeting exercise at the next ISWG meeting.

The IACU commented that information about Syrian refugees is updated/ revalidated in the course of the Asylum Seeker Certificate Issuance and Renewal process, for which interviews are conducted at UNHCR registration centres. All family members need to be present for these interviews and adjustments to size and other information as relevant. The latest (updated) registration information information will be used for the retargeting exercise.

3. 3RP and its Requirements

It was clarified that JRP is a strategic plan with a budgetary component, while 3RP is used as an inter-agency appeal mechanism based on the national JRP to raise funds; 3RP is based on a strategic vision and a regional approach. The delay of the JRP planning process triggered the delay of the 3RP. Currently the Inter-Agency Appeal process is at the stage of establishing the final budgetary requirements for the Appeal (3RP). The budgetary interrelations between JRP and 3RP being challenging, for some sectors it was challenging to determine the amounts which would be put forward under the 3RP.

IACU clarified at the example of 2018 the budgetary inter-relation between the Inter-Agency Appeal (3RP) and JRP. For example, the contribution of the international community to the JRP in the refugee component amounted to 88%, and for the resilience component 39%. In some sectors such as Food Security, Livelihoods and Transport the JRP and 3RP budgets were comparable or equal, while the requested contributions of the

international community for Education, Energy and WASH sectors were less than 50% each, possibly because of the important governmental component in these sectors.

IACU noted that currently the JRP 2020 plan (USD 711 mln in the refugee and USD 606 mln in the resilience component) is under MOPIC revision.

In light of preparation of the 3RP Inter-Agency Appeal, it was suggested that sector would again communicate with their respective JRP line ministries and very importantly with all partners/ sector members on the amount of overall JRP funding requirements to be appealed through 3RP (both refugee and resilience components), and to consequently fill sector matrices which will feed the 3RP document. The final 3RP planning document will constitute the International Appeal and will be represented at the donor conference which seems now to likely take place either in April or June. The finalization of budgetary requirements to be appealed for in 3RP was highlighted as a pressing matter.

IACU informed that in the coming weeks the 2020 ActivityInfo database will be opened, and partners will be able to enter their planning data in it and also confirmed that training would be organized like in previous years.

4. 2019 Final JFT Update

IACU acknowledged and thanked the sector coordinators for their inputs in the 2019 financial reporting on 3RP. In 2019, with the generous support of donors, the level of funding reported by the 3RP member agencies has been significant and reached 72% (75% in refugee and 59% in resilience components).

IACU appreciated the very high reporting level in JFT, however noting that four agencies are still expected to share their targets. The 3RP partners' reporting obligations were once again highlighted and the donors' interest to regularly receive financial updates was stated.

5. ISWG Work Plan 2020

IACU introduced the second draft of ISWG Work Plan 2020 and invited ISWG members to contribute to the discussion and finalization of this plan. According to the ISWG members, the presented updated version became much clearer in structure and as what regards responsibilities.

The participants shared their comments and suggestions on the different aspects of the work plan, such as the cross-cutting matters, data sharing, highlighting response gaps, resource mobilization, inclusion of ISWG in consultations around pull funds (JHF, CERF), coordination of assessments.

The participants confirmed importance to include assessments in the Work Plan. It was stressed that assessments have to be conducted in a coordinated manner, avoid duplication of activities and address actual needs. IACU mentioned that Jordan operation maintains the Needs Assessment Registry which serves a valuable and reliable depository of assessments used during the planning period and accepted by the Government.

Addressing the participants' inquiry about Jordan Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment (JCVA), it was explained that UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP signed the Joint Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment (JCVA) Agreement which outlines a collaborative approach and ultimately aims at replacing the individual assessments conducted by each Agency. The JCVA will serve to keep updated poverty and vulnerability levels for the refugee population and will guide any future targeting and vulnerability based-assistance deliveries.

Among other potential areas of interest participants commented on the community engagement at different coordination levels. JIF flagged the limitations faced by different organizations in their intention to engage beneficiaries in the project design, triggered by the Government's rejection of such approach. IACU referred to the location-specific coordination fora which might be linked with ISWG and get engaged in the cross-

cutting matters. IACU brought an example of Mafrq urban coordination contributing to establishment of the Mafrq Framework for multi-stakeholder collaborations, and the participants suggested to consider inviting Mafrq urban coordination counterparts to one of the ISWG meetings.

In response to the participants’ question on the Services Advisor, IACU explained that this on-line tool is a platform for mapping services available for beneficiaries of different nationalities. After completion of 3RP planning, IACU will provide training sessions on the use of the Services Advisor to the inter-sector coordination counterparts and share the 2019 taxonomy for revision.

The participants suggested to include specific outputs and timelines in the ISWG Work Plan and thus enhance commitment and strengthen accountability of the group.

IACU committed to review the draft Work Plan on the basis of the participants’ comments and to share it with the ISWG members for feedback.

6. AOB

IACU flagged that one of the major challenges of sectors’ reporting is rotation of the staff and encouraged to improve communication and information sharing among agencies.

The new UNHCR Representative in Jordan, Mr. Dominik Bartsch will be soon introduced to the ISWG.

The next ISWG meeting will be held on 5 April, 13:00-15:00. The extraordinary meeting might be held before the regular meeting.

Action Points	Responsible	Timeframe
Share sector matrices with indications of financial requirements with IACU	Sectors	ASAP
Provide inputs on the draft Work Plan 2020	Sectors	ASAP
Send 3RP 2018 monitoring report and Power Point Presentation presented at ISWG meeting to the sectors	IACU	ASAP
Include Needs Assessment Registry topic in the ISWG agenda	IACU	April