Inter-Sector Working Group Jordan			
Date/time/venue	Sunday, 03 October 2021, 13:30-15:00, MS-Teams		
Attendees	Inter-Sector Coordinator (UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit, IACU), Protection (UNHCR), CP (UNHCR), Health (UNHCR), Community Health (IRC), WASH (UNICEF), Reproductive Health (UNFPA), Education (NRC, WVI), Livelihoods (UNHCR), Shelter (UNHCR), GBV (UNHCR, UNFPA), JIF		

Meeting Note and Action Points

Inter-Sector Coordinator warmly welcomed a new WVI co-chair of Education sector who has recently assumed her function to co-lead coordination of the sector together with UNICEF.

Inter-Sector Coordinator extended gratitude to the sector leads for their timely contributions to the monthly Refugee Response & Coronavirus Updates.

1. Introduction of ISWG Guiding Documents

Intensive consultations with sector coordinators have materialized in drafting a dynamic October - December 2021 ISWG forward agenda. Some observations have been already included in October agenda. It is critical that agenda would draw on experience, perspective and collective insight of sector coordinators and guide priorities of the ISWG. It is expected that agenda will continue assuming standards of the group and rely on the accountability of its members.

Designed as a living document, the forward agenda will be accommodating suggestions of ISWG members to progressively address themes of collective interest and importance.

Sector coordinators were introduced to the matrix of ISWG focus for the fourth quarter of 2021, among which planning (JRP and 3RP) for the upcoming years and reporting in 2022. Sector coordinators have expressed particular interest in the progress of JRP process, creation of task forces and timeline of sectors' engagement in establishment of JRP plans. The recent update on the process indicates the ongoing communication between MoPIC and line ministries.

Addressing request of sector coordinators received at the September ISWG meeting, the UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit [IACU] upgraded the calendar of reporting requirements by adding clarifications on contents of each reporting product and cycles.

ISWG members have been encouraged to share comments and suggestions on the documents presented at the meeting.

2. Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) Finalization and Needs Assessment for Planning

As announced at the September ISWG meeting, establishment of MEB'21 started, and sectors are invited to update their MEB figures with consideration of actual amounts and expenditures that should be maintained in 2021. All sectors are requested to share their MEB tables in October, to enable completion of the initial draft in December 2021. Sectors started internal discussions, while Shelter sector has already provided its input, and Livelihoods sector may keep its MEB table unchanged. For clarification or further guidance, sectors are encouraged to follow up with IACU or contact UNHCR VAF Coordinator directly.

Meanwhile, VAF is ongoing, 8,450 urban cases have been already interviewed and around 100 non-Syrian cases are still to be interviewed. On 4 October, VAF will start piloting in camps to outreach 800 cases in Azraq and 1,200 in Za'atari. It is expected, that in December preliminary results of assessments will be available to feed the planning process.

3. Planning Process: Jordan Response Plan (JRP) 2022-2024 cycle

Communication of MoPIC and line ministries in the preparation for JRP has been ongoing, progressing with creation of task forces and nomination of focal points.

Meanwhile, to prepare for the efficient participation at the JRP arena, sectors are encouraged to initiate internal consultations with counterparts on the sector strategies, budgetary projections, available sources of data and assessments with identified needs, to be able to engage in the JRP discussions when the official process starts. In the course of discussion, sector coordinators demonstrated keen interest in composition of JRP task forces, scope of review of the previous JRP, place of COVID-19 projects with focus on camps and host communities, sustainability of budgetary projections, etc.

Importantly, close contact with MoPIC has been maintained, and announcement of JRP roll out is presumed in two weeks' time. Sectors will be informed on the updates and guided on the next steps accordingly. ISWG will remain flexible to organize ad hoc meetings with sector coordinators to feasibly facilitate their JRP engagement.

4. Reporting Status: ActivityInfo [AI] and Jordan Financial Tracking [JFT]

Appreciation was conveyed to sectors for their engagement in the regular reporting on ActivityInfo and JFT intersector platforms. Meanwhile, certain reporting gaps have been identified, that impacts the inter-sector efforts and challenges the overall reliability of the country reporting. Currently, the Monitor ActivityInfo and JFT are open till 10th and 15th October accordingly to receive organizations' inputs for the third quarter 2021, and sectors are requested to contribute to timely and accurate reporting.

Worth mentioning that the collected data is used by various inter-agency entities, i.e., for reporting at the regional level, by SGFPN for gender analysis or by sectors in establishment of quarterly sector dashboards or advocating for funds. Focal points of all organizations have been intensively trained in ActivityInfo and JFT, while IACU remains available for continuous support and guidance.

5. AOB

The ISWG continued to provide its floor for sectors' updates.

On the occasion of the International 'Day of the Girl Child' and under the 2021 global theme 'Digital generation. Our generation', the GBV Sub-Working Group (SWG) collected stories of Syrian refugees and Jordanian girls and adolescent girls in Jordan who are working on bridging the gender-digital divide and advocating to ensure all girls have equal access to the internet, technologies and equal access to tech-skills and opportunities.

GBV SWG informed on the started preparations for the '16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence'. The respective task force is created and is engaged is collecting ideas of the events for the occasion.

Coordinator of Protection sector invited ISWG members to attend the forthcoming sector meeting on 5 October, which will host presentation of the Ministry of Social Development on a National Protection Strategy.

Chair of the Reproductive Health SWG informed about submission of the national Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2020 – 2030 to the Office of Prime Minister for endorsement. The Strategy is aiming to develop

an enabling environment for supporting legislation and policies around integrated sexual reproductive health services, and to promote inclusive and integrated provision of quality services.

Action Points	Responsible	Timeframe
Comment on the forward ISWG agenda, Focus Matrix, annotated Calendar of Reporting Requirements	sectors	Before November ISWG meeting
Complete MEB 2021 sector tables	sectors	October
Start internal preparations for JRP planning	sectors	asap