

# ISWG Meeting Note

## January 2023



Inter-Sector  
Working Group  
Jordan

### ISWG Meeting Note and Action Points

<b>Date / Time / Venue</b>	<b>Wednesday, 11 January 2023, 14:00-15:30, UNHCR office and MS Teams</b>
<b>Attendees</b>	UNHCR Deputy Representatives, Inter-Sector Coordinators, and Sector Coordinators, Leads/co-leads of the Economic Empowerment, Shelter, WASH, Protection, Food Security Basic Needs, Education, Health, SRH and SGFPN, UNDP Nexus Advisor, and Inclusive Growth Team Leader, UNDP Resilience Inter-Sector Coordinator, JIF Coordinator

The ISWG meeting took place on Sunday, January 11, and was convened to discuss the current state of play and strategic overview, sectors' progress of sectoral reforms, and concluded by identifying the key milestones for the way forward.

### 2023 Planning

The government of Jordan (GoJ) confirmed the **extension of the 2020-2022 JRP for 2023**. However, prior to Global Refugee Forum-GRF which is planned in December 2023, the GoJ might potentially embark on revising the plan or embark on discussion for 2024 planning.

Meanwhile, ISWG will continue the work-in-progress- around the reform and sectors are embarking in developing '**Needs Overview**' and the **sectoral strategies** while ensuring as much as possible to strengthen the strategic linkages with the JRP.

### Global Refugee Forum

Jordan is confirmed to be a co-convener of the Global Refugee Forum (GRF) 2023, which provides a unique opportunity to continue advancing the GCR agenda and there could be a scope to move forward with the "**one refugee approach**" at the core of the GCR in the ISWG planning

A presentation will be given to the next ISWG on the GCR to further discuss among the members how to lay out a **road map for further advancing the GCR agenda in the ISWG**.

### The ISWG Reforms

The UNCT was briefed on the ongoing reform process of the Inter-Sector Working Group and the latter recognized the **need to revamp the coordination structure and redesign the strategic approaches** to reinforce cross-sectoral linkages and humanitarian and development coherence.

Based on the conclusions of the 4 December'23 ISWG meeting, all sectors have initiated the discussion with their respective constituencies and agreed on the best way forward for developing the sectors' coordination vision, objectives, and structure. **The outcomes fed into the development of sectors' TORs and strategic vision, including structural revision of some sectors:**

- Health sector is considering transferring some sub-sectors into thematic discussions
- Food Security and the Basic Needs sectors have merged as Food Security Basic Needs (FSBN) sector
- Livelihood sector has changed its name to Economic Empowerment, thus reflecting the national approach and the JRP language.

The forum saw also prospects **for strengthening inter and cross-sectoral linkages including with the governmental entities** as key strategic approaches in the reform and will be included as an agenda point in the upcoming sectors' workshops and discussions to ensure sectoral strategic directions and visions are built on complementarities and promoting integrated approaches to the response

The forum also reconfirmed **the need to have evidence-based analysis/data-driven** to ensure better planning, programming, inform decision & policymaking, and funding advocacy. As such, a new platform – the “Assessment, Analysis, Learning Hub (AALH)” – will be established to streamline data collection, data analysis, and knowledge management.

Further to the active discussion of the above, overall, **the meeting participants concluded** the followings:

- ISWG to **extend the deadlines** of the sectors' reform **till the end of February 2023** to allow for a wider, consultative and inclusive process
- ISWG to undertake **regular monitoring** of the implementation of the reform process and **review as and when needed** (in case of context change, emerging needs, etc...)
- ISWG to layout a skeleton of ISWG **strategic directions** and share it with the members for further review. Strategic directions **to feed into the sector's strategies** as to also ensure consistency in terms of language used
- Sectors to **develop 'Needs Overview'** that can better identify the gaps and inform the development of their strategies
- Sectors to ensure **having a dynamic dialogue** to ensure Cross-sectoral learning and linkages are enhanced
- Sectors' workshop to elaborate on the **cross-sectoral linkages and harmonizing data sharing** which can inform trends and situational assessments for decision-making processes
- Sectors' strategies to be in line with **One Refugee Approach**
- ISWG to **enhance collaboration and engagement with development actors** to identify collective solutions
- Ensure **transfer of knowledge and data** across sectors
- A new platform – the “**Assessment, Analysis, Learning Hub (AALH)**” – **will be established** to streamline data collection, data analysis, and knowledge management. As such, partners to delegate focal points to join the Hub
- Enhance **collaboration with governmental entities**

- IACU Sector Coordinators will acquire new tasks and roles; and rotate their support to sectors throughout 2023 to facilitate inter-sector linkages and enhance their learning

### Road Map of ISWG Deadlines

Based on the above, the road map of the key actions and the respective deadlines were updated:

Action Point(s)	Timeframe	Focal Point(s)	Status	Note(s)
Establish ISWG Strategic Overview	18-Jan-23	ISWG	In progress	Aims to feed the sectors' strategies
Share road map with sectors	19-Jan-23	ISWG	In progress	
Revise sector TORs	15-Feb-23	Sector Leads, Sector Coordinators	In progress	
Submit the analysis of the best way to mainstream gender (One pager)	15-Feb-23	Sector Leads	In progress	
Submit a draft one-pager on the way forward for the sector's coordination vision, objectives, and structure	15-Feb-23	Sector Leads	In progress	
Initiate discussions with sector constituencies to formulate the sector response strategy	1-Jan - 15-Feb-23	Sector Leads	In progress	
Initiate consultations on establishing cross sectoral linkages while discussing the response strategy	1-Jan - 15-Feb-23	Sector Leads	In progress	
Sectoral strategy to be submitted to ISWG	15-28-Feb-23	Sector Leads		
Needs Overview by Sector	28-Feb-23	Sector Leads		ISWG will consolidate sectors' inputs
Share with ISWG names of colleagues with relevant profile to participate in the new AAL Hub	ASAP	Agencies, Sectors		AAL Hub to be created in February

Develop the sector plan Matrix to include in addition to the agreed objectives, the planned activities and proposed indicators	TBC	ISWG and Sector Leads and Coordinator		To be discussed in the upcoming ISWG
Develop the sectors narratives and Jordan chapter	TBC	ISWG and Sector Leads and Coordinator		To be discussed in the upcoming ISWG