

Shelter Working Group

August 28, 2024

Attendees: UNHCR, IOCC, UN Habitat, NRC, Islamic Relief Jordan (IRJ), Habitat for Humanity (HfH), JHCO

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Introduction of New Chair from UNHCR**
- **Partner Updates**
 - **HfH** is implementing both humanitarian and development programming in shelter and infrastructure. Current programming has a focus on Palestinian camps in Jordan through three programs – shelter rehabilitation (approximately 100 families with around \$2,000 USD per households), support for 8 community facilities in the camp (including centers for orphans) (expansion and enhancement of the structure – schools, medical centers, and CBOs reaching PWDs, youth, and women), and Home Equals Campaign with a focus on change at the policy level.
 - **Action Item: Members are interested in continued updates on the policy discussions with Department of Palestinian Affairs (DPA), particularly from a climate-resilience lense. HfH will provide updates.**
 - **Action Item: HfH will present on its Home Equals campaign at an upcoming WG meeting.**
 - **IRJ** completed rehabilitation work for 40 shelters in Palestinian camps in the north. Currently, implementation is ongoing for an addition 50 shelters in the north (Syrian, Palestinian, and Jordanian). New project is undergoing for rehabilitation of 194 shelters, as well as installation of solar heating systems for additional households.
 - **UNHabitat** urban planning in migration context conducting spatial profiles in Amman, Irbid, and Mafraq. UN is studying the most vulnerable neighborhoods and sharing findings to attract donors to address key needs of these communities. The Mafraq profile as been published and the neighborhood action plan is being developed (within coming two months). Zaatari Camp is included in the profile. With the HUDC, support is developed for the second report on indicators.
 - **Action Item: UNHabitat will present on the spatial profile of Mafraq in an upcoming Working Group meeting.**
 - **IOCC**'s new project is ongoing, following receipt of MoPIC approval during the month. More details will be provided during IOCC's presentation later in the agenda.
 - **NRC** focuses on northern governorates on shelter maintenance, WASH support, cash support, and inclusion kits. In Amman, NRC is also working with non-Syrian refugees. In the host community, shelter support programming is reaching its targets for the year. NRC has observed increased referrals for cash-for-rent.
 - NRC is doing consultations for its strategy process and hopes to meet with other actors to feed in.
 - **UNHCR** worked with NRC in setting the plan for both camps with a top-up for 650 shelters (up from 250) in Zaatari Camp and concrete floor for 200 shelters (in addition to the existing 300 shelters) in Azraq Camp.
 - An agreement with a local contractor has been signed with UNHCR for 190 new shelters and concrete flooring in Zaatari Camp.

- UNHCR is updating the multi-year shelter road map, which will be shared once finalized.
- **JHCO** reported that shelter activities in Irbid are ongoing. JHCO works with King Salaman for Relief for Syrian refugees with disabilities, paying rent and utilities each month. JHCO has also donated caravans in Zaatari Camp (500 shelters).
- JHCO inquired as to whether there are organizations that can provide cash-for-rent assistance for Gazans.
 - QRS are providing some assistance to this population.
 - IOCC may be able to include some of this population in its cash-for-rent activities.
- **Presentation by IOCC on “Emergency Shelter Assistance and Sustainable Women-led Solutions in Jordan” Project**
 - Presentation is attached.
- **Discussion on Timing of Shelter WG Meetings**
 - Members discussed whether the timing, location, etc. of the meeting should be shifted. Members voted to keep the meeting the last Wednesday of the month. As feasible, members prefer to meet at 10:00 AM. Members enjoy the rotation of meeting locations between various actors’ offices. Members added that it could be considered visiting field locations, including camps, for future meetings (as was done in the past).
- **Review of Shelter Sector WG 4W**
 - Members were reminded to update the Sector 4W.
 - The link is here:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/177wCgkq1uWg3BnELMNcCM3C8yz0o4RxfpB7RO09814g/edit?usp=sharing>.
- **Endorsement of Shelter Sector WG Work Plan**
 - Members reviewed the sector work plan for the remainder of the year.
 - Members agreed to endorse the plan based on updates as provided at the previous WG meeting.
 - **Action Item: At a future meeting, potential advocacy topics for the working group can be discussed.**
- **AOB**
 - Coordination with Ministry of Interior (MoI)
 - UNHCR provided an update. The week prior to the WG meeting, UNHCR had a call with MoI and provided a briefing on the working group. It is expected that a new elected participant from MoI will participate in the WG Strategic Committee.
 - Action Item: UNHCR will continue following up with MoI on participation.
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 - World Shelter Cluster – for next project
 - HfH announced that its work in Jordan will be featured in an upcoming publication of the World Shelter Cluster. The HfH project is an example for intervention with refugees. In last 10 years, Jordan was mentioned only once in this publication.

- Action Item: HfH will circulate the publication with the group once it is published.
- Urban Thinker Campus
 - HfH noted that the Urban Thinker Campus will be held between October 8 and 10.
 - Action Item: HfH will share the invitation with WG members.