Shelter Working Group Meeting, June 2025

Date: July 30, 2025
Place: UNHCR Amman Office
Chaired by: Lina Younis -UNHCR . Mohammed Alsalem – habitat for Humanity
Attendees: NRC, UN Habitat, Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands, IOCC, Jordan JBC and UNHCR.

Agenda:

1. **Introductions – Welcoming of partners**
2. **Update on the returns**
3. **Updates from partners**
4. **AOB**

The co-chair welcomed the participants and started the meeting.

Action points:

- In the next working group meeting, NRC to present on the rapid needs assessment that has been conducted recently.
- To update the working group mailing list.

Updates on Returns

- Since December to July 2025, a total of 123,432 registered refugees returned, with 25,222 returns in July alone.
- The recent violence happened in Suwayda affected on the number of refugees who were planning to return.
- Around 24% of the returnees are from the camps where the rest 76% are from urban.
- The return process involves clearance from UNHCR, coordination with the Ministry of Interior, and support including transportation up to 50 kg of belongings.
- UNHCR has supported the transportation of approximately 6,600 refugees from January 2025.
- UNHCR continues voluntary return interviews and support; returnees primarily originate from host communities such as Amman.

- New insurance regulations for vehicles crossing intercity borders are causing some delays in transportation.

prioritization and services mapping exercises

- Brief on the prioritization exercise that conducted among all sector recently.
- The results of the exercise have been shared with JoSH in June meeting.
- During the next ISWG, the results of services mapping exercise will be presented.

Partners Updates

NRC

- Due to the increasing number of Surian returnees, NRC decided to shorten the rent-related contracts and started check with the beneficiaries if they have an intention to return.
- NRC is collaborating with Medair on their new cash for rent project. NRC may provide Medair with a list of beneficiaries and the other related information.
- The report of NRC rapid need assessment will be shared with the sector partners. The report already shared with the durable solution working group.
- NRC rapid needs assessment conducted through two rounds. The first one conducted in January 2025 and the second one in May 2025.
- Operation in camps I on going and as usual. Dismantling has been increased recently and there is an initiative on how to reuse the the available used tools and materials.

Habitat for Humanity

- A general study on the housing in Jordan has been finalized recently and the results have been presented last week where some important feedback were received from concerning stakeholder including the government, academic institutes, and other partners.
- The feedback received will be considered an incorporated before having the final version of the report.
- Brief about OVG project which contain two main components: households and community is still ongoing in Hiteen camp. the project focus on conducting rehabilitation for the households in addition to maintain the water provision within the households. Between 150-200 households will be benefited from this project.
- The project also carries out activities related to maintain the drain system in the camp. around 15 identified sites have been targeted to solve the drain related issues.
- Brief about another project in east Amman target around 96 Jordanian and Syrian households and concern on conducting maintenance and rehabilitation.

IOCC

- Cash for utilities project still ongoing in the governorates of Amman, Karak, and Irbid.
- The rehabilitation project is also ongoing. Around 20 houses have been repaired in Irbid recently.
- The rehabilitation project in the camps ongoing. Soon, activities related to private latrine will be undertaken.

UN HABITAT

- A global strategic plan where a housing land with basic services are the main pillars that we're working under Habitat.
- As UN habitat targeting the host communities, recently a climate adaptation plan for the has been developed.
- UN Habitat is working now with local neighborhoods in Mafraq in looking at the needed investments for development projects.
- Climate adaptation projects are taking place in Amman.
- Knowledge and scientific network project is ongoing in Aqaba. it aims to link the academic institute with the policies objectives.

UNHCR

- GIZ confirm the implementation of wastewater treatment plant in Azraq camp. it will be located near the camp gate the benefit the camp refugees as well as the host community.
- World vision started the project of private latrine on Azraq camp.
- Bi annual VAF has started with including new question related to refugees' shelter in Syria, in addition to question about climate vulnerability for the water availability.

AOB

Next SWG meeting 27/08/2025 at 2 pm, UNHCR terrace room.

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