



Specifics Issues for IATF/HCT from Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG)

- The RRP6 process now beginning. The draft Schedule (see separate document, which is open for comments) envisages a regional planning workshop in early September, agreeing main strategic objectives, templates etc. The ISWG is compiling some lessons learnt from the RRP5.
- Recognizing the need to agree on the context which will inform the RRP6 planning parameters, several agencies (UNICEF, WFP, UNHCR) are committing dedicated analysis staff to pull together existing assessments into one 'common humanitarian assessment'. This is to be an inclusive process, and other organizations are welcome to join.
- Gender-Marker training is underway. Each sector has been approached by the Gender Advisor to organize short trainings on the application of the gender-marker, which is being adapted for the RRP6. Challenge is that the RRP is not projectized, so being applied at the response plan level. It is already applied to the ERF.



General / Inter-Sector Update

Inter-Sector meetings are now up and running. Focus has been on establishing a mechanism to share information to and from the HCT/IATF, of which this summary is an example. In addition, the group has been discussing monthly reporting templates and the RRP6 schedule.

Sector Survey: A survey of sector performance has been launched. Deadline for completion was Monday 19th August. 111 respondents. Results will be processed soon.

ActivityInfo: an on-line software designed for tracking aid activities is being rolled out at the sector level. This is a mechanism for maintaining and updating a 3/4W and facilitating project monitoring. It provides access rights for all participants, including the ability to update information on activities, and generate reports by sector / area.

INGO co-chairs: progress is being made in securing co-chair positions for INGOs. Shelter and NFIs independently asked for co-chairs nominations in the last few weeks; CARE has been appointed as co-chair in the CASH working group. The INGO Forum has recommended a process for selecting and defining the responsibilities of co-chairs.

Governorate level meetings: Governorates have reportedly received instructions to re-introduce monthly co-ordination meetings, in relation to the refugee response.

Winterization package: Shelter, Cash and NFIs have developed a harmonized approach to winterization planning and preparations. This includes defining assistance packages, while reflecting differences between e.g. urban/camp. A cash-equivalent to the standardized NFI package is being calculated, to allow for consistent assistance standards.



Advocacy

Key Events: Whenever possible and feasible, joint communication events and encounters and being conducted during major calendar dates. In this spirit, an interagency press release has been issued on the occasion of the one year anniversary of Zaatari.

Joint Messages: Participants agreed on the need to define a set of joint and key messages on the refugee response, with input from all the sectors.

Future of the AWG: A proposal is pending on the table to absorb the AWG into the Inter Sector working group, given that advocacy is a cross cutting theme.



Cash

Vulnerability Analysis: An ACAPS consultant is developing a conceptual framework for vulnerability analysis among Syrian refugees, initially focused on CASH and Health. The Framework views vulnerability through layers, including 1) geographical location and proximity to services; 2) community/household factors, e.g. cohesion, security; 3) and individual/household vulnerability.

This is in process and the inter-sector group will be kept updated. A discussion was also held at the sector meeting on defining priority groups in a comprehensive manner. A technical working group has been formed to process the results of the ACAPS study.

Coverage map: is currently being revisited, in terms of the information provided and assumptions. As above, some conceptual clarity is needed, e.g. on assumptions over vulnerability. The aim will be to update it on a monthly basis.



Education

School Opening: Public Schools will start on 25th August in Jordan. Schools I and II in Zataari and school III will open on 1st September.

Azraq: A group of partners, including UNICEF, FCA, NRC, SCI and Questscope, have been coordinating to establish education facilities in Azraq Camp.

Mapping of schools: UNICEF are mapping all the public school locations in Jordan to assess capacity of public schools in view of increasing number of Syrian students. This will enable the MoE to better plan the capacity/absorption of the schools and which schools need to be double-shifted or provided with additional classrooms.



Food

Reporting and Assessments: As above, the Food Sector has been considering the application of ActivityInfo, and discussed the new monthly reporting formats by sector, to be completed every month. The Gender Marker training has also been rolled out.

Mobilizing non-RRP5: The sector is considering how to encourage non-RRP partners to share information on their activities. This is particularly for smaller CBOS, who may not have the same reporting capacities as larger NGOs.



Health

Nutrition Sub-Working Group

JAM: preliminary results: Food availability not an issue, but access and diversity is a problem. Full report is pending. Report not yet approved by the government.

SAM/MAM Management: WFP plan to introduce supercereals in October. Estimated 6000 children in Zaatari in need of MAM management. SCF /NRC will use Sahaa while awaiting supercereals, latter to be introduced by WFP in October. For out of camp, UNHCR meeting with JHAS

Nutrition survey: Planned for November for data collection, as per last year. Will be including un-registered in the sampling frame.



Non-Food Items

Winterization: See above. Compiling data on existing/pipeline stocks of participating NFI sector members. Standardized package designed for camps/urban.



Protection

Zaatari: The Verification exercise is planned for 3rd week of September. After a fixing/token issuance stage, approx. 1,200 persons will be processed per day, working district by district.

ACTED has developed proposal to established vehicle speed control systems in the camp, pending approval by SRCD. UNHCR Security are beginning 'safe driving' training for aid vehicles.



Protection (Cont)

GBV Sub-Working Group

CP and GBV referral pathway: SOPs have been developed for Za'atri, CC, KAP, Mafraq, South of Jordan, Zarqa, Amman and Irbid. Ppts on Za'atri referral pathway available on request. Under development for EJC and Azraq.

GBVIMS: (Gender Base Violence Information Management System) has been rolled out for a one month pilot.

Child Protection Sub-Working Group

CP Minimum Standards: On 20 August, the CP SWG hosted a launch of Child Protection Standards in Humanitarian Action, developed by the Global Child Protection Working Group. Presentations included on the Minimum Standards, the National Framework for Family Protection, presented by the National Council on Family Affairs (NCFA), and the UNHCR Framework for the Protection of Children. A contextualization workshop for the Minimum Standards will be held in Amman from 10-12 September 2013.

Strategy and Gender Marker: The CP SWG continues to work on the finalization of its Strategy and Work Plan, and aims to have the documents finalized by the beginning of September 2013. This month, the Gender Marker training was conducted for the CP SWG.



Shelter

Winterization: introduction of heater systems into shelter in camps. Deaths last year linked to toxic gases and/or fires. Shelter sector in discussion with Camp co-ordination on design and introduction of ventilation devices. Zaatari camp coord has recently finalized mass info products on fire hazards.

Informal Settlements: Recommendation to begin mapping informal (tented settlements). Shelter sector will lead on definition of what constitutes a 'refugee tented settlement'. Agencies working in urban areas will contribute existing data, helping to define methodology for identifying new instances. Inter-sector IM can support on GIS mapping.



WASH

KAP survey: final version now ready, focusing on household subscribers, and identifying illegal and legal connections. UNICEF with the MoW and YWC has already identified priorities (immediate, medium and long term).

Co-ordination: Sector agreed to hold one "National WASH sector coordination meeting" to discuss host communities as major agenda item but will also discuss issues related to camps.

Host Communities: Agreed that an objective/substantive assessment in host communities of WASH situation does not exist and is required. It was agreed that the WASH Coordinator will try to find funding for carrying out such an assessment on urgent basis.