

CMC Meeting Minutes
UNHCR Base Camp,
Date: 31/12/2013 - 12:00
Chair: Iris Blom, UNHCR



Key messages:

All new activities in the camp **MUST** be approved and coordinated with: (a) the government (b) camp management. Camp management will approve requests supported by the relevant sector and if they are cost effective, focused, constructive and have the greatest possible impact. All activities in the camp have an effect on overall security, so it is imperative to go through the correct procedures before commencing any activity in the camp. Any organisation that does not respect this condition will have their permission to operate in the camp revoked by camp management.

Contact Sobia Oberg oberg@unhcr.org or Kilian Kleinschmidt kleinsch@unhcr.org

Actions:

Ref	Actions from previous meetings	Who	When	Done?
Emerging issue				
Security				
2/7	Incident reports should be completed for all incidents, and shared with UNHCR FSA	All	Ongoing	Ongoing
Camp Management				
06/08	Any meetings with refugees should now take place in the shared meeting area in the buffer zone. Pedestrian gate is open.	All	Ongoing	Ongoing
03/09	Agencies planning to have a regular physical presence in the compounds should express their interest to UNHCR camp management	Mohamed Jertila@unchr.org	Ongoing	
03/09	Base Camp Management: Team Connect Contact details across Please Fill RFO in advance of any issues.	Azmi Alhasany Team Connect azmi@team-connect.co 0798021719		
10/09	Meeting rooms to be booked 48 hours in advance	Irene Omondi omondii@unhcr.org 0796324611		
17/09	Electricity contact	John Simpson simpson@unhcr.org 0796304667		
29/10	Press Officer/ External Relations	Andy Needham Needham@unhcr.org 0798175813		
29/10	Mass Information Contact	Naserddine Touaibia touaibia@unhcr.org 0798611914		
03/12	All agencies planning to distribute any NFI item in the camp must get prior approval from camp management.	Sobia Oberg oberg@unhcr.org 0796324737		

All agencies are requested to send their respective hotline numbers for refugees to Naseraddin Touaibia at touaibia@unhcr.org. Also all media focal points from agencies should be shared with Naseraddin and Andy Needham needham@unhcr.org

The general security situation was relatively calm. The overload and illegal tapping is a main threat for electric supply in camp. Heater distribution finished but availability of gas bottles is still an issue with refinery.

26/27 Dec 2013, at 0040hrs, fire broke out in an electrical pole spotlight in the basecamp next to visitor's gate. Civil Defence and IDECO were called to do the needful. 28/29 Dec 2013, a fire erupted in one caravan at D7, a 3 year old girl passed away and three minor injuries in the same family. 29th Dec 2013, a refugee woman was run over by a sewage truck at main market road, she was taken to the Moroccan hospital where she passed away, driver handed himself over to the police.

Registration: Raba'a Sarhan joint GoJ/UNHCR registration centre has opened on 29 Dec 2013 and actual registration of individuals started very early morning of 30 December 2013. On 30 December a total of 477 individuals were registered out of which 373 new arrivals and 103 refugees who re-entered the country, but who were registered before in Jordan. From the initiation of registration in Raba'a Sarhan original Syrian documents are now no longer collected by the authorities, but remain with the refugees.

Caravan: 640 caravans were distributed during the reporting period. Donors from Kuwait, UAE and One Body approached the camp administration as they would like to distribute caravans in Za'atari (1000 caravans from Kuwait, 550 from UAE, 2,000 from One Body).

Infrastructure: Construction of the east road, water trucks parking, returnees bus station and maintenance of west gate entrance is ongoing. Culverts construction for central camp drainage is completed. Contractor started the asphalt work for inter districts roads. Fence for new protection compound, located west of the base camp, is ongoing.

Electricity: Overloads on electrical system due to the use of electric heaters continues causing major disruption. Discussions with the refugees about issues related to electricity are ongoing. Repair of Saudi transformer started with the removal of unofficial connection from transformer and street cables. There is a failure of UNICEF school 1 transformer cables and disconnection of the transformer.

Distributions

- Gas heater distribution started on 15th Dec and gas cylinder distribution started on 16th Dec. 19,000 gas heaters were distributed. Only 3000 gas bottles have been distributed so far due to challenges related to gas shortage in Jordan. Distribution of hygiene kits and diapers started on Sunday the 29th Dec.
- First GFD cycle is to start on 4th January 2014. Food basket will include rice, salt, sugar, bulgar and lentils. Oil and pasta will be removed while increasing the amount of voucher from 6JD to 8JD. 4094 welcome meals and 3832 new arrivals packages were distributed during the week. Daily bread distribution is ongoing from 4 sites providing 21MT bread to approximately 80,000 beneficiaries. School feeding is covering 11,470 students in three schools.

WASH: Borehole 2 (that was drilled through UNICEF funding) is operational since last Thursday 26 December 2013. Borehole 1 & 2 are producing around 1,450 cubic meters water per day while the remaining 2,150 cubic meters per day is coming from outside of the camp with around 255 trips on 88 water trucks daily. Waste water desludging is around 1350 m³/day. 17 Trucks (15 big plus 2 small) are involved in desludging. Around 600 m³/day of solid waste is collected from the camp. Maintenance of school 2 WASH facilities completed - the maintenance is needed mainly due to vandalism & looting. The maintenance for school 3 WASH facilities will start this week. Maintenance of WASH facilities in the camp is ongoing. Average maintenance cost (mainly caused by vandalism & looting) is around 25,000 JD per month.

Education: Final exam in schools started 28th Dec. School vacation starts on 8th Jan and schools will reopen on 9th Feb. Maintenance in school one is ongoing.

Health: 16500 children were covered during polio vaccine.

Contingency planning and Emergency Response: Key agencies prepared and continue reviewing the joint winter response plan to deal with flooding, rain and snow damage or extreme cold identifying available communal spaces and resources to provide additional assistance.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 07 January 2014, at Za'atari Base Camp meeting room 4, at 14:00.