



Shelter Working Group Meeting

Syrian Refugee Response in Jordan

Meeting Location	UNHCR Small Conference Room	Meeting Date	23 January 2014
Chair Person	Ru'a Alabweh (upon request of co-chair M Suvatne)	Meeting Time	14:00-15:30
Minutes Prepared by	Matthew Richard		
Purpose of Meeting	Shelter WG meeting		
Next Meeting	13 February 2013, UNHCR (tbc)		

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1.) Summary of action points

Item	Action point	Focal Point / Organization
1.)	Continue to develop guidelines for housing interventions	Ru'a Alabweh and Matthew Richard (UNHCR)
2.)	Input winterisation assistance projects into the RAIS module	Volker Schimmel (UNHCR)
3.)	Nominate 2 representatives from the Shelter WG to attend 1-day workshop on Wed 5 Feb to help develop indicators for vulnerability assessment	Lynette Larsen (ACAPs)

2.) Attendees of the meeting

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3.) Minutes

Item	Discussion
RRP 6 progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on the home adaptation kits and sealing-off kits developed by PU-AMI. PU-AMI have distributed 464 sealing-off kits.• Update on guidelines for upgrading housing units and increasing housing units. Guidelines are still at the draft stage with the sub-working group. Others invited to participate and provide feedback on draft.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discussion concerning the process and scale of housing interventions along with methodology and legal dynamics of housing in Jordan. Craig Hollingsworth, NRC presented a document highlighting the Legal, Regulatory and Protection Considerations for Urban Shelter Responses. This document is available on the Shelter WG dropbox.○ Discussion concerning budgets for this intervention; budget of US\$ 2,500 was developed as a rough guideline for the RRP6. On a practical level this will vary on a case-by-case basis. For example Medair originally budget 900JD per unit, but most units required heavy mechanical engineering which bumped up the average price to 2,000JD.



Mai Asfour, UNHABITAT	Impact of Syrian crisis on affordable housing Presentation available on SWG dropbox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most affected governorates are Mafraq and Irbid; influx of refugees equalling 45% and 21% of their total populations, respectively • Increase is resulting in a huge immediate demand for housing, estimated at over 86,000 housing units on top of the estimated annual average need of 33,000 units by Jordanians. • Rental prices inflated, pricing both Jordanian and poor Syrian families out of the market. • Increase 100% – 200% in some areas with extremes of 300%, compared to pre-crisis values. • As rents inflate and reach more than 50% of their income, or in situations where refugees started exhausting their savings, Syrian refugees resort to sharing their rented houses with other Syrians families • Cases of overcrowding with up to one family per room while sharing common facilities have been noted • Proposition: to construct 30,000 new units over 3 years available as refugee housing UNHABITAT is holding a round table discussion on 26 th Jan 2014 on affordable housing interventions to increase the housing stock in Jordan – all agencies are invited.
Exclusion criteria - Volker Schimmel, UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 5 Nov 2013 an inter-agency group was developed to mitigate the risk of duplication of winterisation assistance efforts • The winterisation module on RAIS was presented the WG. The RAIS module allows agencies to cross-check assistance provided to refugees across different sectors. • The Shelter sector does not include an exclusion system but it still remains important to log assistance provided in the system to indicate if shelter winterisation kits have been distributed along with NFI and Cash. This record will help standardise assistant methods and help guide decisions on future assistance. If you have winterisation assistance projects please input into the RAIS module. • Contact Murad Al-Samhoury for more information (ALSAMHOU@unhcr.org)
ITS - Volker Schimmel, UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Informal Tented Settlements (ITS) taskforce developed to coordinate winterisation and protection assistance; not shelter specific but rather rules of engagement for all agencies to follow. The ITS taskforce reports to the ISWG. All agencies are invited to be involved with the taskforce. • ITS taskforce works to coordinate advocacy, coordination, assistance and assessments • There are several Information Management products to help coordination efforts; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Map of ITS locations in Jordan (UNHCR), 2. Map of ITS clusters in Jordan (UNICEF-REACH), 3. 3Ws matrix of ITS assistance. 4. Multi-sector, baseline assessment (UNICEF-REACH) • ITS is defined as group of more than 10 tents and currently represents 2% of refugee population in Jordan. • The next meeting is scheduled in 10 days
Home visits study - Volker Schimmel, UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR home visits have been running since the Iraqi response in partnership with IRD. It involves a structured interview between interviewer and family • Study is a consolidation of home visits from March 2012 to Oct 2013 • This report has been developed to query, compare, question and contrast methods of assistance • The report includes a sample of 37,000 home visits, or 120,000 individuals • Report matches density and distribution of refugees in Jordan • Highlights types of shelter by region, quality of shelter, breakdown of governorate,



	<p>prefabs, ITS, rented, and owned, irrigation zones and agricultural seasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the Shelter WG to further analyse. Report will be shared soon.
Vulnerability assessment project – Lynette Larsen, ACAPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim of the project is to improve aid effectiveness through a needs based and principled approach to humanitarian response. The specific objectives are as follows; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To put in place a system that, using a mixture of static and dynamic indicators of vulnerability, establishes a profile of current vulnerability among refugee households and enables monitoring of changes in vulnerability over time; To establish standard measurements of vulnerability and eligibility to support equitable decision-making in providing assistance; Establish a more nuanced picture of vulnerability among refugee households that incorporates capacities/resilience/coping strategies in order to better target assistance and judge its effectiveness in mitigating/reducing vulnerability A steering committee of 5 NGOs, 5 UN agencies, and donors has been developed to assist the project There will be a 1-day workshop on Wed 5 Feb 2014 in which representatives from all sectors are invited to help develop indicators The workshop requires 2 representatives from each sector, preferably 1 from the sector lead with preferably previous experience of developing indicators. Please express your interest to Lynette
AOB	<p>Files will now be shared on the Shelter WG dropbox accessible here: https://www.dropbox.com/home/Shelter%20Working%20Group. All meeting attendees will be invited to the shared folder. In order to avoid confusion any files to be shared with the WG should be forwarded to Matthew Richard (richard@unhcr.org) or Ru'a Alabweh (alabweh@unhcr.org).</p>