



## Shelter Working Group Meeting Syrian Refugee Response in Jordan

Meeting Location	UNHCR Small Conference Room	Meeting Date	13 March 2014
Chair Person	Annika Hampson	Meeting Time	14:00-15:30
Minutes Prepared by	Matthew Richard		
Purpose of Meeting	Shelter WG meeting		
Next Meeting	Thursday 3 April 2014, UNHCR Khalda office (every 3 weeks)		

Inter-agency documents relevant to the Shelter WG are available on the UNHCR data portal: [http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working\\_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=10](http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=10), and the Shelter WG Dropbox: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/n1bs7rcd7uk7kya/zcFoBsn9DU>

### 1.) Summary of action points

Item	Action point	Focal Point / Organization
1	UNHCR to share the guidelines for shelter interventions and to receive final comments by 27 March.	Matthew Richard and Ru'a Alabweh (UNHCR)
2	Zaid Awamrh (PU-AMI) to share any relevant documents and information from the WASH working group with the Shelter WG.	Zaid Awamrh (PU-AMI)
3	Szilard Friccka (UNHABITAT) to circulate final housing chapters of the NRP.	Szilard Friccka (UNHABITAT)
4	Matthew (UNHCR) to refer Nadia (MSF) to Activity Info	Matthew Richard (UNHCR)

### 2.) Attendees of the meeting

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## 3.) Minutes

Item	Discussion																																																						
<b>Shelter intervention guidelines</b>	A sub-working group of the Shelter WG have developed guidelines for upgrading housing units and increasing housing units in unfinished buildings. These are available on the Shelter WG Dropbox with annexes. Final comments are welcome before the 27 <sup>th</sup> of March. The guidelines will be endorsed at the next WG meeting. The guidelines will also be circulated to the WASH working group.																																																						
<b>Update on vulnerability indicators</b>	There was concern that the recently developed multi-sector vulnerability indicators do not strongly reflect shelter concerns, especially access to affordable housing. There is a gap here which should be addressed. To be followed up with the vulnerability indicators steering committee who will next meet on Wednesday 26 March at 13:00.																																																						
<b>Update on NRP/RRP workshop</b>	<p>Szilard Friczka (UNHABITAT) presented a summary of the housing interventions under the NRP and discussed highlights from the recent NRP Dead Sea Retreat (9-10 March). A summary of the housing section project sheets for the NRP and discussion points are in the table below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Project Title # 1:</th> <th colspan="4">Affordable housing for social cohesion and local economic development (Jordan Affordable Housing Programme)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Sector:</b></td> <td>Housing</td> <td><b>Start Date:</b></td> <td>01/01/2014</td> <td><b>End Date:</b> 31/12/2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Sector Overall Objective:</b></td> <td colspan="4">Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanian households have improved access to affordable and adequate housing within a housing sector that helps meet the housing needs of all Jordanians.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Sector Specific Objective</b></td> <td colspan="4">1 Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanian households have increased access to affordable and adequate housing.</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2"><b>Project Objective</b></td> <td colspan="3">Increased accessed to affordable housing for Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanian families through commercial banks</td> <td><b>Budget (USD)</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td>4,506,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Output 1:</b></td> <td colspan="3">Programme structure complete: Market surveys to derive demand, housing designs and costs, land availability, agreements negotiated with commercial banks and associated stakeholders</td> <td>1,563,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Output 2:</b></td> <td colspan="3">Up to 30,000 houses built through programme support from Jordanian Affordable Housing entity through structured finance</td> <td>2,543,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Output 3:</b></td> <td colspan="3">Outreach, media campaign, monitoring and evaluation</td> <td>300,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Output 4:</b></td> <td colspan="3">Jordan Affordable Housing Programme institutionalized and business plan finalized</td> <td>100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Project Justification:</b></td> <td colspan="4">Through a private sector approach, the program will enable the delivery of up to 30,000 units of affordable housing within 3 years. Jordanian families will benefit from improved access to housing finance and long-term asset appreciation, while vulnerable Jordanian and Syrian families will have better quality housing. In the process, the program will address structural issues in the housing sector, stimulate economic growth and help ease social tensions due to competition for affordable housing.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Project Title # 1:	Affordable housing for social cohesion and local economic development (Jordan Affordable Housing Programme)				<b>Sector:</b>	Housing	<b>Start Date:</b>	01/01/2014	<b>End Date:</b> 31/12/2016	<b>Sector Overall Objective:</b>	Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanian households have improved access to affordable and adequate housing within a housing sector that helps meet the housing needs of all Jordanians.				<b>Sector Specific Objective</b>	1 Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanian households have increased access to affordable and adequate housing.				<b>Project Objective</b>	Increased accessed to affordable housing for Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanian families through commercial banks			<b>Budget (USD)</b>				4,506,000	<b>Output 1:</b>	Programme structure complete: Market surveys to derive demand, housing designs and costs, land availability, agreements negotiated with commercial banks and associated stakeholders			1,563,000	<b>Output 2:</b>	Up to 30,000 houses built through programme support from Jordanian Affordable Housing entity through structured finance			2,543,000	<b>Output 3:</b>	Outreach, media campaign, monitoring and evaluation			300,000	<b>Output 4:</b>	Jordan Affordable Housing Programme institutionalized and business plan finalized			100,000	<b>Project Justification:</b>	Through a private sector approach, the program will enable the delivery of up to 30,000 units of affordable housing within 3 years. Jordanian families will benefit from improved access to housing finance and long-term asset appreciation, while vulnerable Jordanian and Syrian families will have better quality housing. In the process, the program will address structural issues in the housing sector, stimulate economic growth and help ease social tensions due to competition for affordable housing.			
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	<b>Sector Specific Objective</b>	2 Housing-related institutions, regulations and policies enable housing markets to meet the needs of Syrian refugees and all Jordanians, including vulnerable groups.				
	<b>Project Objective</b>	Enabling framework for housing that meets the needs of all market segments in Jordan established by 2016				<b>Budget (USD)</b>
						750,000
	<b>Output 1:</b>	Assessment of the Jordanian housing market, including policy, legal and institutional framework				180,000
	<b>Output 2:</b>	Jordan National Housing Strategy Adopted				100,000
	<b>Output 3:</b>	Housing and Urban Development Corporation enabled to fulfil its mandate with respect to the implementation of the National Housing Strategy				470,000
	<b>Project Justification:</b>	The Syrian refugee crisis is taking place amidst a long-standing shortage of affordable housing in Jordan. Land prices are expensive, yet a lot of land remains undeveloped, particularly around Amman. Regulations and building codes are not affordable to many Jordanians. The National Housing Strategy was adopted in 1989 and requires updating. The Housing and Urban Development Corporation requires strengthening in order to create an enabling environment for housing for all income segments.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a donor meeting on 8 April and a pledging conference in May</li> </ul>						
<b>Shelter-WASH cross sector activities</b>	<p>Zaid Awamrh (PU-AMI), the Shelter WG nominated representative at the WASH WG, presented an overview of discussions from the recent WASH WG. He highlighted the following issues relevant for the Shelter WG;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zaid agreed with Francesca Coloni (Regional WASH Coordinator, UNHCR) to organise a visit to PU-AMI shelter interventions in Jordan.</li> <li>• PU-AMI will present Shelter activities with WASH components to the WASH WG.</li> <li>• Zaid shared information with the WASH WG on household size</li> <li>• The WASH sector are in the process of developing minimum standards for the host community which might be a useful tool for the shelter sector</li> <li>• WASH partners have defined WASH projects under NRP to provide more clarity between NRP and RRP6 interventions.</li> <li>• Zaid to share guidelines on water consumption in host communities from the WASH WG</li> </ul>					
<b>Update on dashboard February 2014</b>	<p>Matthew Richard (UNHCR) reminded the Shelter sector to update Activity Info. The deadline is the ninth day of each month. The output is the Shelter sector RRP6 dashboards which tracks targets and gives a monthly review with partner logos. The dashboard is published on the UNHCR data portal and is widely circulated among partners and donors. <b>No reporting = no logo!</b></p>					
<b>Agency updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LWF</b> are working to rehabilitate shelters targeting 300 households in Mafraq and Irbid</li> <li>• <b>IOCC</b> are starting a cash for rent programme in early April targeting 200 families in Amman and Zarqa. IOCC have also recently submitted a proposal to OCHA ERF for a home repairs project in Irbid, Mafraq and Zarqa.</li> <li>• <b>Johanniter International Assistance &amp; JHAS</b> are working to upgrade shelter units targeting 1,470 houses in Irbid, Ramtha, Zarqa, and Amman.</li> <li>• <b>DRC</b> are distributing sealing off kits (SoK) targeting 1,800 households. 1,388 SoK have been distributed so far in Balqa, Jerash and Amman</li> </ul>					



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>OCHA</b> do not have any direct implementing activities but are working as advisor to humanitarian coordinator.</li><li>• <b>NRC-HCP</b> provides legal aid, training and guidance tailored to the needs of Syrians. NRC-HPI presented a recent document entitled '<i>Guide to Regulations governing Upgrading and Construction of Residential Properties in Irbid: Facilitating Improved Housing Responses for Syrian Refugees</i>'. This is available on the UNHCR data portal. The document elaborates on the different practices of rental arrangements and rent fixing.</li><li>• <b>Islamic Relief</b> are supporting a cash-for work programme in Mafraq and Irbid</li><li>• <b>UNHABITAT</b> are supporting commercial banks and the Government of Jordan to provide affordable housing funded by the NRP, not the RRP6</li><li>• <b>NRC</b> provides double conditional cash assistance grants for 1,500 housing units with an additional 2,000 in pipeline. The project is expanding across Northern Jordan.</li></ul>
<b>AOB</b>	Nadia Walch, (Medical Coordinator of MSF France Jordan) requested more information on who is providing shelters, where, and criteria. Matthew (UNHCR) will refer her to Activity Info.