



Azraq inter-agency Protection working group

Minutes - 14 May 2014

Participants: UNHCR, UNICEF, IRC, NRC, UNWOMEN, HI, IOM, IMC, MercyCorps, UNFPA, ICRC, NRC

The meeting took place at UNHCR protection office in camp-base. The meeting was chaired by UNHCR protection officer (Azraq).

1. Early marriage

UNHCR raised the issue of early marriage in the camp. It requires an inter-agency strategy to face this issue and avoid similar situation like in Zaatari camp. On this issue, IMC explained that they have started to identify female head of household in the camp (i.e. potential hosting family). UNFPA/UNHCR recommended to activate as soon as possible the AMANI campaign in Azraq. UNHCR already brought posters and info-card to Azraq to be distributed to partners. UNWOMEN suggested that women spaces are used for the sensitization about earlier marriage. UNHCR recalled that on next Monday a mobilization and communication meeting will take place in Azraq. Protection colleagues should attend it. UNICEF mentioned the project 'Voice of Zaatari' that could be used in Azraq.

Action points:

- UNFPA to contact Amanda Melville (inter-agency coordinator for the AMANI campaign) for the outreach campaign in Azraq
- UNHCR to bring more AMANI campaign material/PI docs

2. Child labour: some contractors are using children (16 to 18 years old)

UNHCR mentioned that some contractors (for shelters construction) were using child workers. The issue was brought to the attention of the camp management. Information needs to be shared with protection partners. MercyCorps shared their concerns about potential increase of child labour in the camp.

Action points:

- UNHCR on behalf of protection sector to share concerns with camp management and CCCM meeting

3. Monitoring and reporting mechanism on grave violations against children (MRM) training

UNHCR has shared with partners the initiative of UNICEF about the MRM. UNICEF would like to propose an orientation session to all protection and services community staff members in Azraq. The session will be of one or two hours. Partners participating to

the protection meeting showed interests in such orientation session and proposed the Monday 26 May.

Action points:

- UNHCR to liaise with UNICEF (MRM unit in Amman) to organize the training
- Protection partners to send to UNHCR protection officer the list of participants per agencies

4. Team building exercise PRT and Services community

UNHCR propose to partners a team building meeting with all protection/community services cases workers in Azraq. The aim is for all colleagues to know each other, to introduce all partners program to participants and to review the CP, SGBV and education referral pathways. Partners agreed on Tuesday 20 morning for such meeting (2 hours maximum).

Action points:

- UNHCR to arrange meeting rooms and send invitation to all partners
- Partners to revert to UNHCR with list of participants by next Monday 19. UNHCR to prepare documentation for the meeting including last version of referral pathway
- Introduction to the AMANI campaign if time allows it

5. follow up on the SGBV SWG report: WASH sector

UNFPA explained the on-going protection monitoring of WASH facilities in Azraq. The monitoring exercise is a follow up of the SGBV SWG report and recommendations shared with partners in April. IMC already shared some good returns from refugees' consultations (i.e. local solution found by refugees on the latrines/gender).

6. follow up on the SGBV SWG report: NFIs sector

NRC and UNHCR will meet with NFI focal points in Azraq to discuss the recommendations on NFI from the SGBV report.

7. AOB

- a. IMC has box of inter-agency referral forms to distribute to all partners in Arabic and in English
- b. IRC updates: 19 cases of SC received + 15 early marriage; Additional caseworkers up to 15 will arrive soon with a gender balance
- c. UNICEF (UASC task force): revision of the draft for the SOPs for the UASC at national level