

NFI Working Group

Syrian Refugee Response in Jordan

Meeting Location	UNHCR Khalda – Executive Room	Meeting Date	08.09.2014
Chair Person	Viola Caracciolo – UNHCR Roger Dean- NRC	Meeting Time	13.30-14:45
Minutes Prepared by	Angeliki Panagoulia		
Purpose of Meeting	NFI WG Meeting		

1.) Summary of action points

Number of action point or discussion	Action point	Focal Point / Organization
1.	TORs finalized, approved by the WG and distributed.	All organizations Viola Caracciolo, UNHCR
2.	Task force for Winterization Vulnerability Scoring System has been created and has been integrated into the group working on Winterization, Cash WG members have been included. The Task Force will be working on the criteria during the next two weeks.	Anthony Dutable, PU AMI Pierre Dassonville, Oxfam Viola Caracciolo, UNHCR Jo Weir, Medair Alexandra Panaite, WVI Laila Bakhil, Caritas
3.	Agencies to nominate focal point who will be responsible for upkeep of Activity Info for their organisation, and email their name to Angeliki (panagoul@unhcr.org) The focal point should then email Angeliki themselves to get editing rights before they can begin data entry. If agencies are aware of any services they provide which are not yet available as an option for data entry in Activity Info, they should email Angeliki.	All organizations Angeliki Panagoulia, UNHCR
4.	Members of the NFI WG who are interested in working on a Joint Market Survey with the Cash WG should contact Emily Sloane (esloane@oxfam.org.uk).	All organisations Emily Sloane, Oxfam

2.) Attachments and References

Documents	Location	Contact Person
NFI TOR		Viola Caracciolo-UNHCR
Outline of Winterization Efforts with comments		Cash and NFI sector leads

3.) Minutes

Item	Discussion
1. NFI TOR endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final NFI TOR document that incorporates comments and additions from previous meetings was presented to the group. The document was endorsed by the NFI WG and it has been uploaded on the portal. • http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=9
2. Updates on 3RRP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the regional level, a wide-range of consultations have taken place with partners and other stakeholders in order to develop a coordinated regional approach that will take into account the protracted nature of the crisis and the national plans of the host countries. This has led to the development of the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP), which will address refugee protection and humanitarian needs and strengthen the ability of communities and governments to cope with and recover from the crisis. • In that extend, a two days' workshop was organised last week bringing together sector leads and coordinators from the regional level. The objective of the workshop was to develop a common understanding of the new process and agree on basic objectives for the region. • For Basic needs (that will include both NFI and Cash) the objective was very broad: <i>to reach as many people of concern as possible (final formulation to be checked)</i>. The objective for the resilience component was more challenging since all relevant ideas were more related to livelihoods that fall under a different sector. • In Jordan the government takes the leadership of the refugee and resilience plan. The government has already presented the JRP (Jordan Response Plan) which most probably will reflect the country chapter under the regional 3RRP document. Based on the government's organogram, the sector will be led by a Core Team (CT) each sector will have two components, refugee and resilience pillar. The refugee's pillar will be a continuation of what we do so far. The NRP (National resilience plan) will most probably fir into the resilience pillar. • Challenges: representation of the INGOs. Discussions and some arrangements have already been in place by the INGO forum. The 30% of Jordanians will not necessarily disappear from ministries' requirements. • Positive outcome: close cooperation with the government. • Timeframe: end of September the government will finalise the JRP structure, at the same time refugees' needs assessment and resilience needs assessment should be in line. Mid October workshop to develop and approve sector objectives. October -Early November: agencies to upload their projects on Activity Info, sector narratives to be drafted, sector reviews. Mid Dec launch of 3RRP.

<p>3. PDM findings in Zaatari Camp; presentation by NRC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The results were handed over. The report is also available on the portal. http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=9 • Basic finding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The PDM shows a positive response to the in-kind distribution and the items supplied by UNHCR. ○ The Beneficiary Preferences Assessment shows support for a change of modality to cash/vouchers where possible. ○ Perception on the security level in distribution is high. ○ Refugees and women in particular prefer to purchase their items in shops/markets instead of the distribution sites. • NRC will start distributing paper vouchers valid at the two big supermarkets, for new arrivals.
<p>4. Camp updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NFI Zaatari WG prepares a Joint PDM for the personal hygiene kits distributed at the end of August. The tool and the methodology are under discussion. The PDM will be conducted by the end of September. • REACH rapid assessment on winterization. The tool is under discussion. The assessment distinguishes between refugees who were in the camp last year and new arrivals and aims to assess the properness against winter conditions. The results might feed the discussion on winterization in Zaatari. • No funds available for winterization in Zaatari however, agencies who would be interested in implementing winterization projects in Zaatari to contact Johnson Opoka, Opoka@unhcr.org.
<p>Updates on winterization projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>NRC: no winterization for Zaatari, full coverage for Azraq; agreement to be signed.</i> ○ <i>RI: no winterization</i> ○ <i>Medair: no winterization</i> ○ <i>Caritas: distribution of heaters, 1-2 refills, clothes, blankets, covers in Mafraq, Ajlun, Irbid, Amman, Karak, Zarqa, Jerash.</i> ○ <i>IR: Gas heaters refills and blankets in Mfarq Irbid Jearsh</i> ○ <i>ICMC: 700 HH in Mafraq, Ajlun, Irbid, Jerash, gas heaters, gas refills.</i> ○ <i>IOCC: Azraq camp, winter clothing and blankets (1000 blankets and 500 clothes). To be linked with CRI Committee in Azraq.</i> ○ <i>GRC: gas heater refill vouchers to 700HH in Irbid</i> ○ <i>Care: no winterization, recently completed distribution in ITS in Mafraq and Zarqa: 500 blankets, mattresses and children's kits, 200 hygiene kits.</i> ○ <i>LWF: planned but not secured funds</i> ○ <i>AVSI: planned but not secured funds</i> ○ <i>WVI: no winterization</i> ○ <i>Oxfam: winterization in Balqa and Zarqa</i>

<p>5.AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the VAF at the next meeting.
<p>Winterization outline: join session with the Cash WG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic document of discussion the Outline of Interagency winterization efforts • This document frames the winterization intervention of this year based on experiences and lessons learnt from last year. • Main points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lessons learnt (coordination, cross checking beneficiaries) - new standardized package (monetization for the agencies they want to provide assistance in cash) - targeting / there was an objection on targeting new arrivals, the document has been updated. Vulnerability criteria will be developed to facilitate targeting. Siple scoring system with static indicators based on data we already have. - TF to move this forward and deliver a first draft by the next meeting. • UNHCR, CARE: to work on lessons learnt, revise SOPs, look at the module, possible referral mechanism • Caritas, ICMC, Medair, Oxfam, PU-Ami, UNHCR, NRC: to work on the scoring system, based on work already done (VAF, scoring cards used by different agencies), data available from: CFSME (WFP), UNHCR home visits, registration, information on sweeps etc. Examples of questions the group should look in: have you received assistance last year? Have you received any assistance this year? Family size, particular profile etc. To take into account flexibility in providing assistance if the family doesn't fall into the criteria but the organisation still wants to assist. • Oxfam, Caritas, Care, SCI: to work on costing the standardised package and justify based on retail prices, market prices etc. • Feedback by next meeting
<p>6. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at 15:30.