

National Health Sector Coordination Meeting

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Date: Tuesday 22nd December 2015

Venue: WHO Office-Amman

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Agenda:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of action points of previous meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Situation update –UNHCR
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cholera Preparedness (MoH, WHO)
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subsector working groups - RH (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Task Force Updates: Community Health Task Force (Medair)/ NCD Task Force (WHO/MoH)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed Assessments/Research
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AOB

Minutes:

2. Review of action points of previous meeting

MOH role: discussed with MoH planning directorate to nominate representative from MoH to attend HSWG meeting regularly and to be a focal point for all health sector coordination activities, a joint letter co-signed by UNHCR and WHO was sent last week to MoH , waiting response.

UNHCR: To re-share the medical resettlement presentation with sectors partners: re-shared and available on UNHCR portal

MoH & WHO: To update on Cholera preparedness, will be updating during this meeting

IRD: To share the list of medical equipment's distributed to health centres: Shared with UNHCR

NCD: NCD Task Force is not being active for some few times , this issue was addressed with same letter WHO, UNHCR co-signed letter to the MoH MoH requesting to assign a focal point for NCD task Force group and re-activate it.

UNHCR: To update on nutrition survey, letter was sent to MoH for approval, waiting minister approval. The plan for implementation of nutrition survey will be April/May 2016

3. Situation update –UNHCR

Iraqis Refugees: (up to first two weeks of Dec.15)

- 380 newly registered
- 52,643 total registered
- 9,397 total registered in 2015

Syrian Refugees: (up to first two weeks of Dec.15)

- 633,215 Syrians registered
- 39,182 newly registered in 2015 (up to 13 Dec.15)
- Total of 28,683 Syrians arrived in 2015
- 79,227 in Zatari camp
- 28,623 in Azraq camp
- 6,324 in EJC

Border situation

- The number of refugees has rapidly increased over the past six weeks from some 5,000 to between 11,500 and 12,500, with the majority at Rukhban and the rest (around 1000) at Hadalat.
- The groups at both sites include, children, women, elderly, sick, war wounded and other vulnerable persons fleeing conflict and persecution in Syria.
- There were no entries via the north eastern border from 26 November to 7 December, though there was no formal announcement that the border was closed.
- From 7 to 13 December, 415 Syrian refugees have been brought forward to Raba Al Sarhan
- Following a peak of returns in August (peak month) an average of 130 cases per day, returns to Syria reduced to around 40 cases per day in November.
- The vaccination campaign (29th Nov to 2nd Dec) carried out by UNICEF/ RMS/ MoH and IOM, WHO was successfully completed and reached 4,250 children up to the age of 15 years. Children vaccinated against polio and measles, as well as distribution of Vitamin A.

Urban Verification

- The total number of MOI service cards issues by 13 December was 259,795 , which is almost (50%) of urban refugees in all 101 participating police stations countrywide

Canadian Humanitarian Transfer Programme:

- UNHCR Jordan was allocated a submission target for Canada of 11,000 refugees (10,000 target plus 1,000 margin)
- Through a very effective and robust processing methodology, UNHCR Jordan managed to process and preliminarily screened in more than 11,000 individuals
- Out of the 11,000, 200 cases were identified as individual medical cases (cancer cases, cardiac cases, non-affordability/availability of treatment, etc.)

North Eastern Border Situation:

- There is a small North Eastern Border Task Force formulated consisting of ' :UNHCR, ICRC, UNICEF, WHO, IOM, and other INGOs, with the main objective of coordinating the health interventions on the borders to address the needs and avoid overlaps. Border Health Strategy is drafted and it is under revision by different partners. This Task force will ensure that this strategy is implemented and make sure that primary basic needs are met.
- As there is a big number of deliveries on borders, UNFPA in cooperation with IMC procured 200 delivery kits on borders, yet, 1000 delivery kits under procurement process
- UNHCR main advocacy message for the North Eastern Borders is to give an access for the refugees. Maintaining essential health services (PHC, minimum initial services package for RH, emergency lifesaving referral, etc.) will be the focus of task force and continuous evaluation as situation evolved.
- The gap of dignity kits for the borders has been covered by UNFPA and ICRC by adding the missing baby blanket, where ICRC is procuring 5000 baby blankets.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WHO offered two mobile medical clinics to be stationed on the borders, to help in meeting the health needs . It is worth to mention that WHO is discussing with ICRC the need to make it available. <p>UNICEF borders Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 600 new born kits were distributed (Hadalat and Rukban) for Nov and Dec.15 - Procuring more newborn kits is under process - Discussed the emergency vaccination (polio, measles and distribution of Vitamin A) with MOH, targeting children 0-15 yrs. as well as providing vaccine for child bearing age woman, this activity will be continued - Since the most vulnerable groups are children and women. UNICEF contracted a national agency (retiree association) to implement (IYCF) activities, ToRs will be shared with nutrition working group soon as well as with health sector. - All mothers (pregnant and lactating) in addition to children under 15 yrs. will be screened for malnutrition
Action Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NA

4. Cholera Preparedness (MoH, WHO)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MoH has submitted the Cholera Preparedness and Response Plan to WHO for technical revision hopefully by the beginning of next year the plan will be ready will be ready - MoH has submitted a full training programme for Cholera preparedness and response for 2016, - WHO has procured Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) and laboratory diagnostics <p>UNICEF update on IEC materials related to cholera:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flyers and poster were finalized, will be distributed all health facilities over the country by MoH on Jan.16 - EPI flipchart will be available (targeting public and health providers) - UNICEF announced in the meeting that if any organization is working on immunization activities, they should send to UNICEF a request of quantity needed, in order to provide the needed IEC materials - Any agency willing to be a part of national campaign just inform UNHCR or UNICEF - IEC materials (flyers) includes cholera preparedness and diarrhoea management will be available at airport and land borders in both English and Arabic language
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UNICEF: To share the IEC materials (which will be distributed on borders)

5. HPF/ERF fund update – OCHA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call for proposal was launched on Nov.15 - 23 projects were received - 8 of total projects (23) related to health sector - On 7.Dec.15 the health committee (UNHCR,WHO, ,UNICEF, UNFPA, IMC and OCHA) met and reviewed the proposal - Standardize scoring sheet has been developed to assess the applications, which was used by the committee - Scoring sheet includes (cost effectiveness, programmatic strategic, relevancy, coordination and active participation and management capacity) - Application has received from JHAS,MEDAIR,RHAS,JPS,IRC , ICU and MDM) - Higher score went to JHAS,MEDAIR, RHAS,IRC,JPS - Five health projects out of 8 health projects have been approved. Based on the review committee result on 17.Dec.15.The result submitted yesterday to advisory committee (second layer of approval) once it clear it goes to final approval - HPF-OCHA shifted from regional fund to Jordan fund in 2015, and will be more active on 2016 - HPF-OCHA has intervention in South Syria , as well has another call for proposal for intervention with the Southern Governorate of Syria (6 projects were approved) - New guidelines have been developed concerning the structure of the fund, project approval steps. will be disseminated soon <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For future reference, HPF will share with partners the call for proposals enough time prior the deadline for submission. - 1.3 million is the total allocated funds for the health projects out of a total fund of 4.4 million for 2015
Action Point	● NA

6. Health Agency Updates

	<p>IOCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In cooperation with JHAS working on short term project (Jan and Feb.16), it will be conducting awareness campaigns focusing on NCD and IYCF, targeting community (both Syrian and Jordanian) in Irbid, Mafraq and Zarga - It was recommended to involve both NWG and CHTF in the above mentioned activities <p>IMC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As IFRC left Azraq camp, to fill the gap IMC works in cooperation with UNFPA and UNHCR , IMC got the MoH approval to operate the hospital in Azraq camp - The hospital will be functional as before starting Sunday morning - Clinics will be working only one shift - Hospitals' provides basic services , x- ray in addition to EMOC services - Planning to open dental clinic, but looking to shift the dental services to clinic instead of hospital - RH clinic , it is a new section in the hospital as it was not included before <p>UNICEF</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Works on national EPI programme.1200 services providers at all health clinics over the country has been trained on routine EPI - Flip chart is now available in all health clinics to show the whole process of EPI <p>UNFPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 20 Dec.15 assessment of 18 comprehensive health centers has been launched with support of MoH. This programme is under resilience components - The official result will be launched on Jan.16, invitations will be shared to all partners
Action Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UNFPA: To share presentation on assessment of 18 health clinics

7. Subsector working groups - RH (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF)	
	<p>Reproductive Health working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RH WG meeting was held on 17.Dec.15, had a PPP on Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) Survey related to Family Planning and presented by JCAP. It was on RH and family planning. PPP has been shared this morning to be uploaded on the portal - partners (who attended the meeting) discussed a lesson learnt for 2015, challenges on RH related issues as a result of this exercise the challenges has been identified and way forward discussed. - The main challenges which was addressed by most of the participants was the referral and gap between RH services and GBV - More training is needed on SGBV, this will be one of 2016 plan (based on assessment done by UNHCR, UNFPA and MoH) and unified protocol by MoH on the clinical management of rape will be developed. <p>Mental Health Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data collection for 4Ws finished last week, Data is under analysis. The result will be released on workshop soon and shared with partners as well <p>Nutrition Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Works on establishing mobile IYCF services at the borders - 2 post on IYCF will be on Hadalat and Rukban (one post per each location) - National association will be contracted to implement the activities - Planning for training, which will be on mid of Jan.16, targeting skilled midwives and nurses to be deployed and provide services at boarders. - It will be daily base activity, will be no night shift and over the weekend one team will be available(in each location) to work on registration and follow-up the cases
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●UNFPA: To share the summary of challenges and way forward of RH related issue for 2015 ●IMC: To Share the result of 4 WS analysis

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8. Task Force Updates: Community Health Task Force (Medair)/ NCD Task Force (WHO/MoH)

	<p>Community Health Task Force (IRC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Did PPP on CommCare application, is a data collection tool use by community health volunteers in the field - The will be training on CommCare on 30.Dec.15 on IRC Amman office <p>NCD Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - was not functional, WHO has signed a joint letter addressed to MOH to assign representative and activate NCD TF, meanwhile informal meeting was conducted among concerned partners and agreed to share information on NCD - NCD Task Force TORs is under revision <p>USAID: Plan to expand NCD activity for 2016 and willing to be a part of NCD task force</p>
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IRC: To present CommCare application next meeting ● NCD leaders to invite USAID to the next meeting

9. Proposed Assessments/Research

	<p>EMPHNET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning to conduct two researches with support of UNHCR and main stakeholder is MoH, it is about Case Control study on Hepatitis A, which will be conducted in Azraq - Study methodology is under drafting , will share as soon as finished <p>WHO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional office plans to conduct a rapid assessment on the borders , which will be the first field mission, planning to do it end of Dec.15 or first week of Jan.16 - The main idea behind the assessment is to establish system and fill any existing gap, as well as to support what is already done by other agencies. <p>IRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning to conduct health assessment in Ramtha and Mafraq, the aim is to cover the gap of health services especially on communicable diseases -
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IRD: To share more details on planned health assessment

10. AoB

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next HSWG meeting will be decided later
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