



Meeting Minutes 13 July 2016

Protection Working Group Jordan

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Agencies present: Acted, AVSI, CARE, CVT, DRC, FCA, IMC, IOCC, NEF, NRC, IFH-NHF, Questscope, SDC, TDHL, UNICEF, UNRWA, UNWOMEN and UNHCR

AGENDA:

- **PWG member announcements and updates**
- **Standing updates on borders/new arrivals/urban verification exercise**
- **Preparation of Q2 key PWG Advocacy messages**
- **AOB**
 - ✓ Zaatari Strategic Plan
 - ✓ Updates on ActivityInfo data quality exercise and Financial Tracking System
 - ✓ Update on ISWG on JRP Planning

1. PWG members' announcements

PWG members were given the floor to provide any relevant updates.

Action point; PWG members encouraged to suggest agenda items for upcoming meetings and use the PWG to share relevant agency updates and information .

2. Standing updates on borders/new arrivals/urban verification exercise

Borders/berm: Following the VBIED attack at Rukban on 21 June there has been no access for humanitarian agencies to the area known as the berm for registration and service provision; only water deliveries by UNICEF through a contractor have been able to continue although at lower levels than required at Rukban, while Hadalat water provision is at standard.

There is an ongoing discussion between key actors that provide services at the berm to identify modalities. Border guard estimates put the number of people at the berm at ca. 102,000 (both Rukban and Hadalat).

New arrivals: The declaration by the GoJ of the border areas as closed military areas also resulted in the informal crossing points being closed to new arrivals and there have been no new admission to Azraq camp (apart from asylum seekers that were already in transit through Ruwayshid/Raba al Sarhan). With the additional fencing in of six blocks of Village 2 remaining refugees were able to be moved from reception areas. The number of individuals screened and approved by the Jordanian Authorities Screening Committee to exit Village 5 is 5,615 and were relocated to villages 2, 3 and 6.

Action point: Population statistics of Syrian refugees and Iraqi refugees to be uploaded regularly on the [UNHCR Protection Sector portal page](#).

Urban verification exercise: The return of Syrians' documents have been resumed during June after finalizing the joint work between UNHCR and the authorities to re-organize the document and indexing them at RAS. To date 120,000 documents were returned, while approximately 45,000 documents remained to be delivered.

By the end of June 2016, some 374,000 MoI cards have been issued in total. The PWG discussed available information and analysis related to registration in host communities. The PWG continues to be engaged in following up progress on MoI card issuance, to help to identify obstacles and concerns arising during the exercise, and the impact on protection and assistance eligibility for refugees in Jordan.

Action point: PWG members encouraged to share protection analysis and analysis from the field to support a common understanding of the protection situation.

3. Q2 key PWG advocacy messages:

The PWG discussed previous Q1 advocacy messages and reviewed a drafted prepared by the chair and co-chair for Q2 advocacy messages focusing on issues related to the high numbers of new arrivals to Azraq Camp and the need for procedures and services that mitigate the impact of new arrivals and security measures in place, including in particular addressing the needs of newly-arrived women and children with specific needs. Advocacy messages will also address documentation and registration issues, aiming to ensure that essential protection and services are available to refugees living in urban areas throughout the country.

Members were divided into 4 groups to discuss the proposed advocacy messages to review and propose comments/suggestion to be included in the messages.

Action points: Each group's focal point to share the group input in the discussion to sector chairs to be included with the messages. Sector chairs to incorporate PWG member's comments and share the final draft which we for final feedback and endorsement.

4. AOB:

- ✓ **Zaatari Strategic Plan:** Protection inputs to the Zaatari Strategic Plan were finalized after compiling all the comments and recommendation from stakeholders. Consultation with the refugee community is being conducted in order to deliver the final plan to the camp management.

Action point: Final draft to be shared with PWG members for review and final comments to be incorporated with the comments to the Zataari PWG.

- ✓ **Updates on ActivityInfo data quality exercise and Financial Tracking System:**

Protection Coordination Associate briefed members on the Data Quality exercise that was conducted in June and the importance of reporting were discussed as it is one of the goals of the Inter-Agency Coordination Unit. The purpose of the exercise is to improve the quality of the data reported and increase awareness for partners on reporting mistakes. The main issues found in the exercise were highlighted to members, members are encouraged to consult with sector coordinators or Protection Sector Coordination Associate for any query regarding reporting on ActivityInfo.

Action point: members that have challenges with reporting on ActivityInfo to communicate with sector chairs or Protection Sector Coordination Associate.

- ✓ **Updates from ISWG on JRP planning:** In relation to the revision of JRP 2016 and planning of JRP 2017 – 2019, there has not been an official instruction from MOPIC yet. The JRP Secretariat informed that the JORISS reporting system for the first half of 2016 (1 January to 30 June 2016) was opened on 1 July, requesting all JORISS users to complete their project reporting by 21 July.

Action point: Members to complete their project reporting by 21st of July.

Next Meeting: 3 August 2016, 9-11 am, UNHCR Khalda, EMOPS Room

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