

Sector Gender Focal Point Network Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 4 August 2016 Time: 11:30-12:45

Venue: UNHCR EMOPS Room

Participants: Total 15

1. Status of Gender Analysis by Sector

- See attached the one-pager showing the current status of gender analysis.
- Participants are reminded of the importance to utilize the existing data available already in the portal site, particularly the Needs Assessment Registry <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=107> before any new assessment is planned. Only if a new assessment is absolutely needed, a new assessment could be planned, by following necessary steps mentioned in the Coordinated Needs Assessment SOPs (i.e. obligation to obtain the approval from respective Sector Coordinators and/or area-based coordination mechanisms.) Necessary to observe all the steps mentioned in the SOPs to avoid over-assessment and assessment fatigues among refugees. <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=11283>

Additions provided by participants:

- Health: Recommended to include mental health and psycho-social component and highlight reproductive health component.
- WASH: A final draft will be ready by the next meeting.
- Shelter: New additional focal points were introduced. A meeting scheduled for further discussion.
- Livelihoods: Need for volunteers to support the gender analysis. (Action point: co-chairs to follow up with the Sector Coordinators.)
- Basic Needs: Request volunteers to support the gender analysis during the next meeting on 8 August. Presentation at Zaatari camp is scheduled on 16 August; nomination of gender focal points from Zaatari is planned.
- Food Security: Need to have a discussion with another focal point for a way forward. (Action point for co-chairs to provide some reference documents if any.)
- Protection: (Action Points: for co-chairs to follow-up with focal points)

2. Presentation on the new Age and Gender Marker (by Simon)

- See attached the presentation and hand-outs for detailed information.
- A meeting on IASC Gender and Age Marker (Monitoring Phase) is scheduled on 9 August. At that time it will be proposed to merge the group with M&E colleagues into the SGFPN, if possible.
- Proposed to pilot projects in Health, WASH and Education. Further discussion with Gender Focal Points and Sector Coordinators to identify agencies to participate.

3. Updates from Sectors

Health: conducted the Gender Marker session

SGBV and Education: plan to conduct Gender Marker sessions

4. Updates from Inter-Sector Working Group

- The Jordan Humanitarian Fund's next call for the proposal is scheduled in mid-September. Each sector will need to update their priorities to be shared with OCHA by 17 August. Gender focal points are expected to support Sector Coordinators for screening proposals in terms of gender sensitivity.
- There is no official instruction from the Government in terms of the planning process of the Jordan Response Plan 2017 – 2019 yet. But once the government issues the detailed instructions, Sector Coordinators will work closely with the governments' line ministries to review the JRP sector response. It will be important to advocate to the sector gender analysis into the JRP document.
- The Inter-Agency Financial Tracking System for the second quarter of 2016 (refugee component) was completed recently. All of 55 organizations participating in the inter-agency appeal have reported for this exercise. By the end of June 2016, USD 339 million (i.e. 45 percent of the total requested funds) have been received under refugee component. This figure is much higher, compared with the same period last year (i.e. USD 272 million, or 31 percent of the total requested funds received as of end June 2015)

Next meeting: Thursday, 1 September from 11:30 to 13:30 at UNHCR EMOPS room