

Irbid Coordination meeting

Monday, August 22, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

UNHCR-Irbid, co-chaired by CARE

International NGO Forum in Jordan

- INGO Forum aims to ensure that the inputs from Irbid coordination meeting have a direct impact on the national level programming
- Brief introduction on the framework of INGO forum from INGO Jordan Coordinator highlights of activities at the berm and in Azraq camp, livelihoods.

Interosos presentation on Child Labour in ITSes

- Overview of the assessment in ITS, characterized as a concentration of the most vulnerable population, in the selected 8 locations in Ramtha and 5 in Jordan valley through Key informant meeting, psychosocial activities with children, FGO with youths and adults.
- Some findings: 190 children identified as engaged in the labor work, solely in agriculture sector with less than 1 JD fee per day, the size of their bodies identified as a main factor for selection.
- The role of shaweesh as recruiter, as well as protection concerns highlighted – physical injury, lack of clothes, shoes, no protection from the sun. The reasons of engagement in work identified; financial suffering, lack of legal status (no access to assistance), remote from schools, nomadic life-style. Security concerns related to authority of Shaweesh – mediator between the landlord and the residents, normally from the Syrian community in the respective ITS/areas.
- Recommendation: Makani functioning as a place of protection but not comprehensive, further survey, more FGD, PPS activities or general awareness on child labor suggested. Issues of work permit raised and discussed.
- Inputs from Protection monitoring assessment, 26 ITS (1 Ramtha) – 10 of them moved to Mafraq and Amman. School tents provided by Makani project, residence working in farms – 1 JD per hour. Child labor aged between 7-12 years identified. Awareness sessions with distribution of legal leaflet on the BR, marriage certificate etc.. A number of lack-of-bailout cases identified and referred to protection UNHCR. Mapping of ITS location conducted by REACH available – for INGO to identify areas of gap for further intervention.

Livelihoods

- Brief update from UNHCR based on the survey on Livelihoods and Work Permits published out in July 2016, with statistics and trend per categories of permits. Interest shown by DRC to call for task force in Irbid coordination n livelihood. Documents available under Livelihoods Working Group on the Portal.

Coordination

- Briefing on national level coordination mechanism, interests shown to form task forces. Action point: UNHCR to circulate the sign-up sheet to call for interests according to thematic area.
- Briefing on Services Advisor in North. Health, Education, - 83 Activities – 62 partners operational in North. Only 10 partners reported to Services Advisor. 45 currently reporting in Activity Info.. Irbid Dashboard demonstrated and presented. UNHCR encourages partners to report on Activity Info and service advisory for effective use of information
- Feedback to sector performance survey– to be shared with partners – requested, deadline on Thursday COB..

Health update

- Services in Ruwashed suspended/slowed down following security incident. A 25-week data collection exercise to start in Zaatari and Mazraq camps, from next week. A transfer of JHAS clinic from CC to KAP

discussed pending confirmation from MoH. Eligibility criteria for free medical services provided by JHAS for Syrians briefed, targeting the most vulnerable refugees, including requirement for secondary/tertiary health care, e.g. medical reports and cost assessment forms from the governmental hospital required for JHAS cost coverage. Concerns raised about cases not covered by JHAS but identified as vulnerable.

Registration update

- Registration Surge project to clear backlog in Khalda office, with support staff from Irbid. Clearance of backlog in Irbid to be addressed in September. Concerns raised regarding the children whose RC are not renewed due to suspensions of the registration activities, in relation to back to school campaign; however, MOE has announced a grace period of at least two to three months for children who do not have ASCs or MOI cards.

Back to School Campaign

- Inter-agency effort on Back to School Campaign on-going by Unicef, UNHCR, SCI, mentions of some challenges – geographical distance, refugee certificates not ready by the start of school term. Question raised concerning the school enrolment requirement vis-à-vis the valid MOI card, to be clarified. [Clarification: Following a change in policy by the MOE, neither the ASC nor the MOI card is required for registration. Parents encountering difficulty in registering their children for the formal schooling should refer cases to UNHCR Education Focal Point in Irbid, Ahmad Khader, khadera@unhcr.org]

Cash Assistance

- CASH exclusion exercise started – SMS sent to refugees for cuts beginning in October. Cases appealing to be referred to HD or UNHCR RC for appeal procedure.

Below is the action points from my bilateral meeting with BO Coordination Unit

- Attendance to National Interagency meeting [Inter-Sector Working Group] on 4 September at 2:00 requested:

Feedback on the idea of forming task forces / interests from partners regarding the thematic coordination in Irbid, to be shared to Coord. Unit for the meeting on 4th. FoI Inputs on assessment of effectiveness of dashboard to be shared with Coord Unit. More focus recommended to be given to discussion on progress of the program at Irbid Coordination meeting.

- Reminder emails to partners to update Service Advisor and Activity Info to be sent by FoI (in addition to the ones to be done by Rema'a, a BO focal point). Deadline for Activity Info is 8th of September. Training done. No deadline for Services Advisor. Continuous update of available project/services expected; two months given to update data, resulted in 50% update rates so far achieved. Information about the focal point needs to be provided. Dashboard information to be shared with partners. Updating Activity Info being mandatory for IPs and Ops. Service advisory is recommended for partners – online depository of 4W – no deadline to be given.
- Reminder on sector performance survey requested, deadline on Thursday COB.
- JRP prep started – information to be shared with Irbid based INGO colleagues in the next urban coordination for their information. BO Partners already to be requested to develop draft budget on activities.