

**Mafraq Monthly Coordination Meeting – Minutes
07.11.2016**

<p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>Security update</p> <p>16 days of activism against Gender Based Violence</p> <p>Workshop on community based initiatives (follow up)</p> <p>Livelihoods opportunities for refugees (Tasmeem)</p> <p>ITS updates</p> <p>Winterization</p> <p>Access to the Berm</p> <p>AOB</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Security update</u></p> <p>The situation in Mafraq and in Irbid remains stable, no major incidents have taken place since the last update.</p> <p>Two fire safety training have been conducted by the Field safety unit in Mafraq sub office (65 participants) and in Zaatari camp. Another training will be conducted for the volunteers in Zaatari.</p> <p>A traffic awareness campaign is planned in Zaatari Camp and will target all drivers. (Especially water truck and sewage truck drivers). The campaign will be advertised through the security working group and Host Communities will be invited.</p>	<p>Mohammad- UNHCR SECURITY</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>16 days of activism against Gender Based Violence</u></p> <p>The international campaign will run from 25 November to 10 December.</p> <p>The following themes have been suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Healthy relationships at home, in school and in the community” (this team was selected in 2015 and it was a success) - “From peace in the home to peace in the world, make education safe for all” - “Honor killings” (UNWOMEN will share more information soon) <p>Themes suitable for Mafraq (themes related to schools, communities) will be shared to the group soon as well as a matrix with indications for 2016 and information on last year’s events.</p> <p>Feedback from Mafraq group is expected on 17 November with planned activities for each organisation.</p> <p>Suggestions were made to come up with activities for the launch of the 16 days and document all activities conducted.</p>	<p>Irene (UNHCR)</p>

<p>In 2015, Focus Group Discussions were organized by different organizations. The national working group in Amman sent a clear concept note, however we do not have one for 2016 at this point. Each organisations shared key elements from the concept note and reached consensus on ‘safety and school’ and ‘early marriage’ themes. Organizations noticed a positive engagement of the communities partly due to the organisation of many awareness raising events.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Workshop on community based initiatives (follow up)</u></p> <p>How can we reach out to the communities and strengthen their engagement? The following points have been discussed during the meeting held on 1 November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Financial gaps within the organisation</i> (lack of funding for specific activities) - <i>Operational</i> (activities not included within the planning/objectives) - <i>Capacity building</i>: work with the communities in a sustainable way, addressing their needs and taking into consideration their knowledge and ideas. - <i>Common agenda within the group</i>: to strengthen community initiatives. - <i>Research/mapping</i>: mapping of community capacities and assets to understand what the community has in terms of skills, associations, institutions, in response to the needs they have. - <i>Understanding our lessons learned</i>: what can be done differently? - <i>Advocacy</i>: advocate on strengthening community initiatives, notably with donors. - <i>Involve communities in concrete initiatives</i> (e.g. young people fixing shelters for older people). Organisations can provide the technical guidance and funding. <p>Participants will receive notes with recommendations.</p>	<p>Catherine (UNHCR)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Livelihoods opportunities for refugees (Tasmeem)</u></p> <p>Ibrahim Faza gave a presentation on Tasmeem, a private sector development project funded by the European Union and targeting Irbid and Mafraq.</p> <p>Tasmeem aims to support 150 Start-ups and MSMEs in Irbid and Mafraq, benefiting to 10 000 people (providing access to events, trainings...). Tasmeem will provide comprehensive entrepreneurship trainings, business pitching in front of a jury, incubation, working space and access to a FabLab as well as linkages and follow up on funding post-incubation. Applications are open all year although a break will be taken after January.</p> <p>An “Innovation & Entrepreneurship Centre” (2000 sq meters) will be built at the heart of Al Quds College new campus.</p> <p>Tasmeem is not looking for home based businesses but for high-potential innovative start-ups and focuses on manufacturing companies that create many job opportunities.</p> <p>Tasmeem aims to have a 50/50 Jordanian/Syrian ratio of participants although it is currently 20% Syrians /80% Jordanians and no Syrian companies have been awarded yet. 4 Information Sessions have been held in Mafraq and Irbid but only a few Syrians participated and applied.</p> <p>Tasmeem would like to receive support to reach Syrians that want to build their own business, are skilled and experienced in manufacturing, are founders or co-founders with Jordanians and/or support existing MSME’s.</p> <p>Thus, we should reflect on how we could identify groups of people likely to benefit from this project, and then invite Tasmeem to give a presentation.</p> <p>Legal framework:</p> <p>A new law has recently been adopted allowing Syrians to establish their companies although they still need the approval of the Ministry of Interior, which can be problematic. Ibrahim will share more information on this new law.</p>	<p>Ibrahim Faza (Tasmeem)</p>

<p>One of the suggestions made was to extend the network beyond Al Quds.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ITS updates</u></p> <p>UNHCR conducted a survey in 23 different ITS.</p> <p>Main results below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30% of the ITS population are planning to relocate during the winter (to the Jordan valley). According to these numbers, the majority of the ITS population will remain in Mafraq governorate. - 95% of the settlements are registered with UNHCR (of the settlements UNHCR is working with). Thus, there is no link between being documented and living in the ITS. - 75% of the children are not attending formal schools. Other programs in place (Makani, Save the Children) try to remedy this situation. <p>Cold weather: People plan to burn clothes or plastic if they do not have enough firewood. Mafraq Group should think about solutions to address those negative coping mechanisms.</p> <p>Awareness raising: Winter safety tips leaflet have been prepared last year by UNHCR. Organisations are asked to distribute this leaflet widely in the ITS and to vulnerable people in Host Communities. (Leaflets will be printed by the next meeting).</p>	<p>Catherine- UNHCR</p> <p>Michael- ACTED</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Winterization:</u></p> <p>NRC, ACTED, ICMC, Mercy Corps, UNHCR, IFRC and ICRC are involved.</p> <p>In Mafraq governorate, ACTED will provide tailored cash assistance, conduct community mobilization activities and ensure that harsh weather needs are addressed – particularly that of shelter- through its emergency response team.</p> <p>Information should be shared between different organizations involved in winterization.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Access to the Berm</u></p> <p>80 000 people are currently at the Berm, among which 14 000 school-aged children. Authorities have agreed to continue activities there (food distribution, health, water...). The plan is to have a new distribution centre far from the current settlement. A WFP contractor will go to the distribution point.</p> <p>Distribution should take place next week.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing about the location of the health clinic. Social workers will come from the Syrian communities.</p>	

UNHCR-WFP (food distribution, health) /UNICEF (education, health)/ICRC/OCHA/ACF are currently working there.	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 3 focal points have been appointed to communicate information about what is happening in working groups in Amman.- JRP/3RP workshops have come to an end.- SGBV guidelines rolled out. Details will be sent by Catherine.	
NEXT MEETING: 5th of December at 12 pm.	