

**Meeting Minutes 25.07.2017
UNHCR BO Amman, Jordan - EMOPS Room**

Agencies present: DRC, ICMC, IRD, IRC, UNFPA, IRW, UNHCR, JRF and INTERSOS



Agenda:

- **Coordination tools**
 - **Activity-Info**
 - **Referral Pathway**
- **Operational updates (GBV IMS TF, Child Marriage Task Force, members updates)**
- **Advocacy messages**
- **JRP planning**
- **Jordan Humanitarian Fund**
- **AoB**

Agenda items	Discussion	Action points	Responsible Agency
Coordination Tools	<p>Activity Info: Inter-Agency Protection Sector Coordination Associate presented the progress report of SGBV SWG sector 3RP achievements and the Financial Tracking System for the first half of 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only 30% - 6 out of 17 organizations who applied for funds received fund for GBV programming. Apart from under-reporting, this also impacted upon the full implementation of the planned activities. - Only 8 organizations are reporting their progress on SGBV activities on the activity Info which lead to poor reporting (20% case management, 3% training and 3% on sensitization), poor reporting can be connected to lack of funding on SGBV interventions. - Sector coordinator suggested to develop a monthly dashboard on the indicator level (geographical and gender breakdown) in order to be adding value to the sub-sector analysis and in order to identify overall sectorial gaps. It was however raised that given the present case of under-reporting the breakdown of the monthly dashboard will be misleading. - A half-day workshop will be conducted to allow SGBV SWG members to highlight gaps in GBV prevention and response activities in Jordan. Findings will be an essential tool for the advocacy efforts with donors and governments (particularly in light of the current JRP process). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syrian Refugee Returns: Protection Working Group Coordinator updated members on the return rumours that was going on for 	<p>Members who face any challenges in reporting may contact Sector Coordinators or Coordination associate.</p> <p>Half day workshop invitation to be circulated to conduct SGBV SWG gap analysis session on the 7th of August.</p>	<p>All members</p> <p>Sector Coordinators</p>

	<p>organized return plans for refugees. UNHCR believes that conditions for refugees to return in safety and dignity are not yet in place in Syria. UNHCR disseminated key messages to be circulated with refugees stating that UNHCR is not promoting or facilitating returns. It is vital that the asylum space for Syrians who have fled the country or those who may do so in future is maintained. There remain significant risks for civilians. The minimum ‘thresholds’ for voluntary, safe and dignified returns are therefore not met. UNHCR in Syria is responding to choices being made by internally-displaced Syrians and a smaller number of refugees who have decided to return to their homes. As the PWG emphasize the need to ensure the voluntary nature of returns, noting that coerced or forced return is a violation of refugee rights and the principle of non-refoulement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral Pathway, Work Plan, Briefing note and Strategy: Sector coordinator highlighted that many of the SGBV SWG key documents has been issued since more than 2 years and a revision is required to keep those documents up to date and to make sure that those documents are in line with current operational context. An update needs to take place on the referral pathway, UNICEF was conducting an exercise to update the referral pathway in Sept. 2016, sector coordinators will follow up with UNICEF on the status of the update and then update the SGBV SWG members, details and way forward of this exercise to be discussed during the full day workshop. 	<p>Sector Coordinators to organize a full day workshop in order to review and update key SGBV SWG documents.</p>	
<p>Operational Updates:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBV IMS TF: The GBVIMS Technical Team organized a five day (2-6 July, 2017) workshop/meeting for the GBVIMS Task Force member. The first day was focused on GBVIMS Orientation, three days focused on full day workshops for data analysis and related tools and fifth day of the workshop was focused on reviewing the Information Sharing Protocol (ISP). In addition to the Task Force members the workshop was also opened for select number of other participants (with M&E and Information Management profiles) Taskforce member organizations.. 	<p>Sector coordinators to reflect the comments of the GBVIMS Technical Team in the ISP.</p>	<p>Sector Coordinators, GBVIMS Task Force members.</p>

The Technical Team provided comments to be incorporated in the GBVIMS annual report 2016 as well advised on strengthening linkages between Amman and field office for rich data analysis and more focus on data triangulation and using other data sources. It was also agreed that additional guidelines will be issued together with the ISP so as to facilitate the case managers to collect accurate data on certain data points to ensure consistency of collected data.

- **Child Marriage TF:** During the last Child Marriage Task Force (CMTF) meeting, the focus trying to gather different tools on creating awareness on child marriage. A dropbox account was created to upload useful materials for Child Marriage prevention.
- **ICMC Presentation –** ICMC presented the key finding of their recently conducted study that examines the linkages between gender and lack of documentation among Syrian refugees in Mafraq. The study found that child marriage continues to occur at an alarming rates in the Mafraq Governorate, and when it is conducted through illegal 'Sheik' marriage, creates a chain reaction of systemic documentation problems that plagues the whole family. This was found to enhance an array of protection risks for women and children and restrict future mobility. The full report will be uploaded to the CMTF Dropbox or can be requested from swan@icmc.net – Georgia Swan.
- **Legal Update on child Marriage:** The official legal age for marriage in Jordan is 18. All these instructions (old and new) stipulate exceptional guidelines for marriage of persons aged between 15 and 18. The new instruction, effective August 1, does not change the old instructions. Apart from internal administrative procedures to the Court, the new provisions only add the following:

- The age gap between the newly-weds cannot exceed 15 years.

The dropbox link is:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hx8utbyvxb7lkvt/AABqEK_FGAVDi6YwyI_zoDEIa?dl=0. Access details below: **Log in as**

GOOGLE mail Username:

CMTFmembers@gmail.com. Password:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In order to conduct a marriage for a minor male, the judge should receive consent from the concerned department (Section of Minors) in Sharia court HQ. - Couples about to be married must attend courses for newly married couples (not available in all courts; therefore the Supreme Shari'a Court will later determine which courts will offer these courses/implement the new requirement <p>• Members Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IRC received the approval from BPRM for (2 years) to resume with their current activities in health, Women Protection Empowerment and economic development. New location for Gender Based Violence will be open in Zarqa in partnership with Arab Women Organization (AWO) - UNFPA – The safe spaces and clinics that were temporary closed in Azraq V3, lately are back to service (SGBV, Reproductive Health) after resolving some of the issues in partnership with IMC and IRC. 		
SGBV - Advocacy Messages	Sector Coordinator presented the previous 2016 Q1 SGBV related key advocacy messages that was focusing on sexual harassment and Child Marriage, the SGBV SWG will be developing new SGBV related key advocacy messages for current standing issues. Coordinator suggested to have more focus and emphasis on intimate partner violence, draft of SGBV key messages will be sent to members for their comments and suggestions.	Draft of suggested advocacy messages to be shared to with members for their review/comments, messages to be finalized through September/October	
JRP Planning	PWG Coordinator mentioned that the Government of Jordan started the JRP planning phase recently, and it is expected that JRP Social Protection Task Force chairs will start to call for first meetings with partners including UN agencies, NGOs and donors in coming days. Sector Coordinator brief	JRP materials will be shared with members	Sector Coordinators

	<p>members on the process that involves preparation of the Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment (CVA), Sector Response Strategy, and Project Summary Sheet (PSS) which determine the financial ceiling for the Protection Sector projects after discussions with the government. After finalizing the PSS the Inter-Agency Appeal process (3RP) starts by requesting members who are interested to be part of the 3RP to submit their planned activities they want to implement using ActivityInfo. Sector Coordinator emphasized on members commitment and cooperation through the JRP process, the PWG will start requesting partners to start planning their activities/budgets/targets in order to be prepared or the JRP process and have a concrete vision on the required resources needed to be negotiated with the Government.</p>		
<p>Jordan Humanitarian Fund</p>	<p>Priorities for planned September call - Sector Coordinator briefed members on the second call for the proposals, which is expected to be announced in early September. The maximum funding for one project is US\$ 400,000. The Fund is meant to meet the emerging needs and to fill in humanitarian gaps. The thematic focus of the second call for the proposal will be “winterization”. Members were requested to identify and suggest sector priorities that is related to winterization or a gap to be considered as a priority with justification</p>	<p>SGBV SWG members to identify and suggest SGBV priorities for the second round of JHF.</p>	<p>Sector members</p>

Next Meeting: 29 August 2017, 9-11 am, UNHCR Khalda, EMOPS Room