



Date/time/venue	Sunday, 5 July 2020, 14:30-15:30 WebEx
Attendees	Inter-Sector Coordinator [UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit, IACU], Basic Needs (UNHCR, IOM), Education (WVI), Livelihoods (UNHCR), Food Security (WFP), Shelter (NRC), WASH (UNICEF), CP (UNHCR), SGBV (UNFPA), JIF

Meeting Note and Action Points

1. Brief on IV Brussels Conference

IACU briefed the participants on the pledges made for the Syria crisis response at the Brussels IV Conference, which took place on 30 June. The international community confirmed EUR 4.9 billion to support humanitarian, resilience and development activities in 2020, which included pledges for the Syria Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP), and the ICRC Syria crisis appeals. This funding will much assist to meet the immediate and basic needs of those affected by the humanitarian Syria crisis, including support resilience efforts as well as host countries to address the impacts of the protracted crisis.

MoPIC positively responded to the pledges and expressed its intention to fully support the implementation of projects and activities addressing most essential needs of vulnerable communities in Jordan. This includes procedures to make the approval process for COVID related projects faster.

2. ActivityInfo Updates

IACU informed that it was receiving requests from various partners for only quarterly reports in ActivityInfo, because this matched the reporting practices of the organizations best. IACU reminded that the framework of 3RP implementation recommended monthly reporting so as to ensure an accurate reflection of the progress at the sector dashboards.

IACU also highlighted the importance that data entered in the sector matrices and data in ActivityInfo would need to

3. Services Advisor

IACU draw the attention once again to the Services Advisor (SA) platform which was designed to collect information on the different services provided for persons of concern regardless of their nationality. The SA could be used by beneficiaries as a guide where they can access what services and by partners as well as external stakeholders e.g. donors as an online replacement for the traditional 4Ws matrices. It also allows for visualisation of the projects.

IACU highlighted the importance of partners' engagement in the SA update. Following the usual practice, IACU would share the current SA taxonomy list for review by sectors. This would include to simplify/ enhance language so as to make SA meaningful for a wide range of users. It was emphasized that the SA platform was not JRP or 3RP related, but would reflect the full range of projects independent on their funding source and if or if not they were included in the JRP.

The SGBV sector inquired if the data from SA could be extracted to feed sector reporting. IACU admitted that technically this was possible, though required some adjustments to the tool.

4. AOB

- a) IACU asked for an update on the impact of the lifting and/or softening of COVID-19 restrictions by the GoJ and permission to deploy **30 % of the staff in the camps**.

The following initial updates were provided:

SGBV: lifesaving services and case management were prioritised for provision in person; other services continued to be provided online.

WASH: to ensure the projects' continuity and back-up arrangements, staff rotation arrangements were applied. Appropriate procedures were being adopted in each camp.

Education: sector was in the process of exploring how the new conditions could be implemented.

Shelter: all projects with exception of Energy and shelter and caravan repair were expected to resume.

The sectors were encouraged to provide an update at the next ISWG meeting.

In relation to the latest developments in camps, IACU informed that a validation process in camps was being debated. IACU also added that the construction of the transit centre in Za'atari was completed.

- b) IACU informed that the **Jordan Financial Tracking (JFT)** system which was used to keep track of funds received by the different stakeholders in relation to 3RP would be opened for the partners' reporting shortly. Prior to the JFT launch, IACU would arrange training sessions on the JFT for all partners.
- c) Shelter flagged importance of the timely preparing for the possible second wave of COVID and linked this with the suggestion to update the Contingency Plan.

IACU supported the idea and encouraged sectors to elaborate on the various scenarios of the Contingency Plan. JIF offered its support with the process. To set a baseline, IACU would share the latest version of the document.

- d) JIF briefed about its **"Walk the Talk"** initiative in its preparation for the Brussels IV conference. In 2020, the objective of "Walk the Talk" was to analyse progress over the previous two years and develop concrete recommendations for the future. JIF emphasized the remaining challenges, among which lack of a proper monitoring tool for Jordan Compact is one of the most critical.

JIF mentioned that the sectors' coordinators contributed to the documents, which were now broadly available. JIF and IACU assumed that the "Walk the Talk" could be a substantial item at HPF and HDPG.

- e) Livelihoods provided an update on **Work Permits**. The World Bank had extended its financing to cover 90,000 flexible work permits for Syrian refugees by the end of 2022. The permits would not be tied to a specific employer, and initially the permits would be valid for any "open occupation" within one of the 21 ISIC sectors. In the longer-term the work permits were supposedly fully flexible and valid for broader occupation groups across all 21 sectors. The Ministry of Labour (MoL) and the World Bank were in the process of final discussions and completion of the document. The official statement would be issued shortly.

Livelihoods informed that no work permits had been issued since February and anticipated that the possible second wave of COVID may delay further the issuance of work permits. The sector was awaiting clarification from MoL on how many work permits approved prior to the COVID outbreak would continue to be considered valid. Also, there were discussions on the possibility of introduction of mobile work permits.

IACU admitted that this would be having a major impact on planning and suggested the sector to consider the evolution of work permits when reviewing the Contingency Plan.

- f) Shelter sector inquired about the progress of issuance of **Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) 2020**. IACU clarified that MEB was updated every year, and sectors normally used different data sources (e.g. WASH, BN and

Shelter sectors use data collected through UNHCR household visits). The MEB 2019 was provided to sectors for easy reference and validation against available data sets. IACU expected the sectors' inputs to be provided in a timely manner to ensure finalization of MEB 2020 by the end of July.

- g) Shelter asked about the frequency of ISWG SitReps. IACU clarified that it had been recently agreed to maintain the SitReps bi-weekly for now.

The next ISWG meeting will be held on Sunday, 2 August.

Action Points	Responsible	Timeframe
Share Service Advisor taxonomy with sectors	IACU	ASAP
Provide updates on the impact of 30% staff return to the camps	Sectors	by 2 August
Share the latest version of Contingency Plan	IACU	ASAP
Share "Walk the Talk" documents	JIF/IACU	ASAP
Validate MEB 2020	Sectors	ASAP