	Inter-Sector Working Group Jordan		
Date/time/venue	Sunday, 4 April 2021, 13:30-15:00 WebEx		
Attendees	Inter-Sector Coordinator (UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit, IACU), Protection (UNHCR), Food Security (WFP), Education (UNICEF), Livelihoods (UNHCR), Shelter (UNHCR, NRC), WASH (ACF), GBV (UNHCR, UNFPA), CP (UNHCR), JIF, SGFPN (UNHCR, UN Women), UNDP, OCHA		

### **Meeting Note and Action Points**

## 1. Gender in Humanitarian Action (GIHA) Review

UN Women's informed that the GIHA review process started in June 2019 and was carried out through desk review, key informant interviews and consultations with key stakeholders under the leadership of a technical task team under the HPF GiHA Reference Group. Its core objectives were to provide lessons learnt and advice on how partners could strengthen structures, systems and build expertise to deliver on the World Humanitarian Summit commitments "Achieve gender equality and greater inclusivity related to core responsibility 3 Leave No One Behind" and the IASC Gender Policy and Accountability Framework.

Key findings and recommendations of the review have been structured through the following thematic classifications: leadership and accountability; gender mainstreaming with a focus on gender transformative humanitarian action and data; financing and improving mechanisms for tracking of funding; coordination, including through Sector Gender Focal Points Network and ISWG; gender responsiveness of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

The review identified also positive examples and results achieved by the Jordan Response on gender, including application of the Gender with Age Marker (GAM), integration of gender in various activities, SGFPN advocacy for use of gender across sectors among others. UN Women (UNW) committed that the outcome recommendations would be shared with relevant counterparts including JONAF, JIF, and the Humanitarian Donors' group also for validation.

UNW developed a draft GiHA action plan (with key actions, indicators, responsible parties, and resourcing) based on the findings of the GIHA review and formulated recommendations for relevant stakeholders within all five outcome areas. UN Women emphasized that the GiHA Action Plan would be an opportunity to support holding sectors more accountable and better showcase the achievements on gender mainstreaming. The document will be presented at the HPF meeting in April/May 2021 for endorsement. UN Women confirmed its readiness to support sectors' capacities in gender mainstreaming, and that the SGFPN, co-chaired by UNHCR and UN Women, will continue to engage in supporting the gender aspects of sectors' work.

UNW suggested that recommended actions could also be linked to the JRP and related coordination and mechanisms and noted that a multi-sectorial gender analysis might be concluded prior to the start of the JRP planning cycle 2022. The Inter-Agency Coordinator reminded the Government led nature of JRP, and that gender was applied in JORISS as a cross-cutting theme, but that the gender with age marker was still not fully applied. It was mentioned that the JRP included humanitarian and development perspectives which were reflected in its refugee and resilience pillars, and that the significance of the development component had been recently illustrated in UNDP's analysis of Public Institutions support.

The WASH, Protection, GBV and CP sectors shared their experience in strengthening gender mainstreaming and analysis, cross-sectorial collaboration and applying GAM, engaging SGFPN's support and incorporating gender in the sector plans and activities.

### 2. "Walk the Talk" for Brussels V Conference

JIF presented the "Walk the Talk" document that analyses progress and challenges in implementing commitments made by the Government of Jordan (GoJ) and the international community vis-a-vis the Syria response. The document was developed by JIF and JONAF members in consultation with various stakeholders ahead of the Brussels V Conference. It provided an overview of four sectors, namely livelihoods, education, protection, and health, relying on statistical data from various sources, including UNHCR, the World Bank, GoJ, and JIF members. More than 60 INGO members were consulted to ensure that recommendations for each of the four areas of intervention were aligned with national priorities and key perceptions on the ground. The JIF Secretariat highlighted key elements of the publication, flagging the impact of COVID-19 on all aspects of the response. The document had already been presented at different fora, including the HPF and bilaterally to several donors, in order to present findings and absorb stakeholders' observations. The full version has been made public.

# 3. Jordan Humanitarian Fund (JHF)

OCHA Humanitarian Financing Unit briefed on the preparations for the launch of the 1<sup>st</sup> Allocation 2021 of Jordan Humanitarian Fund (JHF) clarifying that JHF targeted mainly national and international NGOs and Red Cross/ Red Crescent societies (while UN agencies would have access to CERF in operational contexts where CERF was available.) Sectors were encouraged to initiate consultations in order to define sectoral priorities, while being mindful that, due to limited funds of JHF in Jordan, it was not able to accommodate all sectors' proposals, but would target those sectors with greatest gaps, but funded least as well as look at most urgent needs against identified gaps and aimed at contributing to a betterment of the situation of the most vulnerable in its sector prioritization and project proposal selection. It was recommended that protection should be mainstreamed in the proposals.

Noticeably, two urgent requests supported by the Health sector had been already received and JHF was likely in a position to accommodate these proposals through a reserve allocation in a fast-track mode, after consultation with the Humanitarian Coordinator who oversees the JHF.

Sector leads were encouraged to arrange for consultations with partners to define and submit analysis, prioritization, justifications, sector priorities and activities within the set time frame of three weeks.

## 4. 2020 - 3RP Annual Report

ISWG is in the process of compiling 2020 3RP Annual report. The completed sector dashboard narratives provided the necessary information for the report to being compiled. Inter-Agency Coordination Unit volunteered to compile a first draft and to circulate it among sectors. Adjustments would be possible also at a later stage as was also confirmed by the 3RP Secretariat.

#### 5. AOB

- Sector leads were reminded to attend the survey launched by SGFPN. The link would be shared shortly.
- Jamila El-Khiate, the new UNFPA GBV sector co-chair, was introduced to the ISWG
- Next ISWG meeting: 09 May 2021

Action Points	Responsible	Timefram e
Share feedback on GIHA review	Sector Chairs	asap
Share matrix of recommended actions based on GIHA review with IACU	UN Women	asap
Share link to SGFPN survey	IACU	asap