

**Basic Needs Working Group /
Winterization Task Force Meetings
Amman - Jordan**

Meeting Location	Virtual meeting	Meeting Date	6th September 2021
Co-Chairs	Veena Krishnamoorthy (UNHCR) Alina Mihai (IOM)	Meeting Time	14:00 – 15:00 hrs.
Minutes Prepared by	Saud Al-sakr (UNHCR)		
Purpose of Meeting	Basic Needs Monthly Meeting		
Agencies attending			

1.) Summary of action points

No.	Action Point	Focal Point / Organization	Time frame
1.	Sharing the winterization standard document	Task Force co-chairs	30 Sept

2.) Session Summaries

Item	Discussion
Localization strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR Education Officer and the Senior Development Officer have briefed the working group members about localization efforts in Jordan, shared the updates of the LTT highlighting the importance of localization in humanitarian context in Jordan as local as possible but at the same time as international as necessary, and how it should be by design not by default. - HPF (Humanitarian Partners Forum) has mobilized the LTT which is co-chaired by UNWOMEN and the national NGO forum in addition to Jordan INGOs forum. - LTT has developed a work plan and framework to advance the localization progress. - The key outcome areas of the work plan and the framework are: 1- Partnership quality between national and international actors, 2- participation, 3- funding, 4- capacity, 5- coordination, 6- perceptions of local and international actors, 7- ensuring enabling environment. - Additional related information can be found through the below link:

	https://mcusercontent.com/21ac4d661afc676782cbf14bc/files/5806f4ee-aeb6-06cd-a3f0-be469a9c7685/Localisation_of_Humanitarian_Action_in_Jordan_11_08.pdf
Winterization Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winterization Task Force has carried out the market assessment with the support of World Vision International, Caritas, IOM and UNHCR in Zarqa, Irbid, Amman and Karak. - Winterization Task Force included winter clothing and accessories in the market assessment, however, since the cost was very high, it was agreed to remove these items and develop the assistance package keeping only gas heater, gas bottle, gas refill and blanket. - The Task Force has agreed as well to have two tiers, the first one is a full package that will be provided for the refugees who do not receive monthly cash assistance from UNHCR or the partners, while the second tier - reduced package which is without gas bottle - will be given for the refugees who receiving monthly cash assistance. - The winterization targeting criteria for Syrians and non- Syrians was shared with the BNWG members - <u>Partners</u> who have the winter assistance and ready to launch the activities can start coordinating with UNHCR and they will be able to book the cases on RAIS in mid-September. - Presentation material can be found through the following link: https://mcusercontent.com/21ac4d661afc676782cbf14bc/files/eb8bbc30-25d3-3458-5d74-00ce4ff60bf2/Winterization_2021_2022_Meeting_2.pptx
SMEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Task Force has started calculating the SMEB for this year, the members of the TF are: UNHCR, WFP IOM, CARE, TDH, WVI and JHCO. - Presentation on the task force's activities and roles was delivered, highlighting on the definition of SMEB and the main changes for this year SMEB which includes the non- Syrian data. - The data will be consolidated and analysed, and the results will be shared with the working groups members. - <i>Presentation material can be found through the following link:</i> https://mcusercontent.com/21ac4d661afc676782cbf14bc/files/9130778f-6f0b-c2b0-fd6b-5f4dfe4cbe64/BNWG_MEB_presentation_Sep_2021.pptx
WFP Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to funding shortage WFP have decided to cut the food assistance for about 110,000 Syrian refugees as of Oct 2021. However, refugees living in camp will continue receiving the assistance in addition to the non-Syrian. - SMS messages were sent to the refugees informing them about the starting date of assistance suspension and requiring them to call the hot lines of WFP, ACTED and Save The Children in case of any enquiry.

Next meeting is on 4th October 2021, mean or location of the meeting will be determined later