ISWG Meeting MoM
March 2022

Inter-Sector Working Group **Jordan**

Date / Time / Venue	Sunday, 6 March 2022, 13:30-15:00, MS-Teams
Attendees	UNHCR Representative, UNHCR Deputy Representative, Inter-Sector Coordinator (UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit, IACU), Protection (UNHCR), Health (WHO), Food Security (WFP), Basic Needs (UNHCR), Education (UNICEF), Livelihoods (UNHCR), CP (UNHCR), GBV (UNFPA, UNHCR), SRH (UNFPA), Area-Based Coordination: Azraq and Za'atari Camps and Mafraq Urban (UNHCR), JIF.

Meeting Note and Action Points

1. **Opening Remarks by the UNHCR Representative Dominik Bartsch**

The UNHCR Representative warmly greeted participants of the meeting and expressed his appreciation of their work at the ISWG and sectors' level. The UNHCR Representative also strongly encouraged the Sector Coordinators to initiate sector discussions to feed policy consultations across the operation, and to ultimately contribute to strategizing future of the response.

Vis-à-vis the impactful factors, including more than ten years of the response, the looming funding problems and the situation in Ukraine which made the funding worry even more acute, the UNHCR Representative recommended to trigger sector discussions and elaborate on the strategic advice to review the approach to the response.

As a positive experience, Mr. Bartsch brought an example of negotiations with the government which resulted in a generous permission of the GoJ to institute double shift schools in Jordan thus providing for the refugees' inclusion. This success may serve a model, trigger strategic thinking on sustainability, reinforce pathways of continued inclusion of refugees in the national systems, and further demonstrate to the GoJ intension of the Inter-Agency community to move beyond the initial response.

Emphasizing the utmost importance of sectors in the collective response, the UNHCR Representative inspired the Sector Coordinators to perform a role at HPF speaking on behalf of the sectors they lead. Mr. Bartsch expressed his interest to re-engage with the ISWG meetings upon request of the Inter-Sector Coordinator.

The WFP Coordinator of Food Security (FS) Sector echoed the UNHCR Representative. He referred to efficient cooperation between UNHCR and WFP, and particularly proactive discussions on sustainable solutions for refugees in the context of decreasing donors' interest, and on creating enabling environment to link real needs to, for instance, the livelihoods and the resilience opportunities.

The UNHCR Head of Basic Needs Unit supported the message of the FS Coordinator highlighting a need to properly use available opportunities to build a longer-term vision of the response.

In relation to the demand to change, the JIF Coordinator recommended to be mindful of the GoJ's readiness at the policy level to propose own solutions. The JIF Coordinator also brought attention of the ISWG members to the donors' interest obvious move from humanitarian to development, and some big organizations' advance in the major donors' development funding. This shift will tend to accelerate, and thus be taken into consideration by all the actors of the response. As well, the JIF Coordinator offered support to communicate to the Country Director or to the Regional Desk. It was highlighted that the momentum shall be taken promptly, and the full strategic review shall be done during 2022.

The UNHCR Deputy Representative highlighted importance for sectors to develop strategies focusing on top priorities and key advocacy points and being able to present them to HPF. The sectors were encouraged to explore synergies to serve refugees and communities in the most efficient way.

The UNHCR Coordinator of the Livelihoods Sector appreciated the offered opportunity and volunteered to present the sector's best practices, challenges, and the forward vision to the HPF. She requested to receive the Minutes of the latest HPF meetings to have a better idea of the discussions conducted at the HPF.

The Inter-Sector Coordinator informed the ISWG that she has retaken an HPF Co-Secretariat function, and together with the UNOCHA counterpart she will visit the arrangements of information dissemination to ensure that all respective stakeholders are included in communication.

2. Sectorial Strategic Thinking

The Inter-Sector Coordinator engaged the ISWG members in the forward thinking over 2022 planning and sharing of ideas. It was suggested that the sectors' exchange can be communicated through the dedicated templates or by organizing thematic meetings. Further on, the Sector Coordinators contributed to the intensive consultations.

The UNHCR Coordinator of the Livelihoods (LH) Sector suggested the launch of the ActivityInfo Plan database to serve a joint platform facilitating Inter-Agency communications and planning activities.

The WFP Coordinator of the Food Security Sector supported an initiative of inter-sector discussions on the strategic and realistic thinking, and also invited participants to maintain strategic planning the sectors' responsibility.

With reference to the successful collaboration of the CP, GBV and LH (sub)sectors, the UNHCR Coordinator of the CP Sub-Sector highlighted importance of building and reinforcing inter-sector linkages which support exploring additional opportunities. Additionally, cross-sectorial sharing of guiding documents (e.g., Work Plans, ToR) can support in finding alignment for the sectors' collaboration.

The JIF Coordinator complemented to the discussion flagging that the ISWG shall remain a technical space enabling its members to propose solutions to be attractive for and accepted by the GoJ. He also shared his strong confidence that the clearly formulated and realistic initiatives articulated at HPF will thus reach the donors' community, and the ISWG shall play a role to lead these efforts.

3. Response Strategy / 2022 Planning: Status and Way Forward

The Inter-Sector Coordinator informed that MoPIC did not yet launch official communication on the JRP process. Meanwhile, the ISWG is committed to engage in the 3RP planning. Noting that 3RP planning has been normally aligned with JRP planning, the sectors are facing challenges to proceed, which was openly communicated to MoPIC. To be noted, that the 3RP process is on track across the region.

At the previous ISWG meeting on 6 February, the sectors were advised to start preparatory work for the 2022 planning by reviewing sector stratifies based on the identified needs.

To move forward with the 2022 planning and being accountable for 3RP, the sectors are recommended to use the government approved 2021 PSSs as basis for development of the initial 2022 PSSs.

Along with the discussion, the UNHCR Deputy Representative informed about the ongoing preparations for the Brussels VI Conference (expected on 10 May), particularly the consultations between UNHCR, UNDP and MoPIC tackling strategies, gaps, and priorities. The 3RP document is under development, and more detailed guidance from MENA is being expected. The 3RP is going to be launched at the Brussels VI Conference, so the partners are expected to invest creatively in the planning focusing on the humanitarian to development nexus.

4. Jordan Financial Tracking System: What's New?

The Inter-Agency Coordination Unit (IACU) introduced a new version of the Jordan Financial Tracking system (JFT), which is still ongoing through the testing phase. The ISWG members were navigated through the demo version and given space to ask questions on the features of the system and requirements of reporting.

5. Inter-Agency Coordination Interface

The IACU has created an 'Inter-Agency Coordination Interface' which aims to facilitate navigation and usage of the available Inter-Agency diverse information management tools and platforms. The ISWG members were guided through the new interface and visited different locations, i.e., dashboards, Services Advisor, training materials, Operational Data Portal, various templates, etc.

6. Sectors' Updates

The UNHCR Coordinator of the **GBV Sub-Sector** briefed the ISWG of the events organized by the GBV Sub-Sector on the occasion of the International Women's Day (IWD) to be celebrated on 8 March. The ISWG colleagues are encouraged to share information on the events to their sectors.

On 7 March, the GBV SWG will conduct the Learning Dialogue: 'How Climate Change Fuels Gender-Based Violence in Jordan? Registration is available at: **link.** The event will be conducted under the global theme 'Gender equality today for sustainable tomorrow' and engage experts and women leaders and contributors from the community. The event will be held virtually for a broader inclusion, the panel discussions will be streamed from the office of the Institute for Family Health.

Another event held on the occasion of the International Women's Day [IWD] is the recycling competition inviting adolescent girls and young women in Jordan from the host and refugee communities to submit their recycling products; the winners will receive prizes.

The SRH **Sub-Sector**[1] informed that UNFPA launched a new series of e-learning training resources for midwives and other maternity care providers in collaboration with the Johnson & Johnson Centre for Health Worker Innovation. These resources focus largely on lifesaving emergency obstetric care and have been developed by the UNFPA Maternal Health Trust Fund (MHTF) in partnership with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) and the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA). These training resources were funded through long-term partnership with the Johnson and Johnson Foundation. Link: https://oneworld.wcea.education/register/.

New Helping Mothers Survive (HMS) suite of training packages was released, namely: Helping Mothers Survive Prolonged & Obstructed Labour; Helping Mothers Survive Vacuum Assisted Birth. Helping Mothers Survive (HMS) training packages are designed for use on-site by teams of health care workers to promote simulation-based learning to improve the quality of care at birth. Together with Helping Mothers Survive (HMS) Essential Care for Labour and Birth, these new capacity-building materials will support health care workers to ensure happy and healthy outcomes for women and their new-borns. Link: https://hms.jhpiego.org/training-materials/

Under the auspices of MOPIC and Ministry of Health, the draft Voluntary National Review (VNR) report on SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) was developed and reviewed by all relevant stakeholders. The final report will be submitted by the SDG 3 TF chairs to MoPIC.

7. AOB

The Inter-Sector Coordinator encouraged the Sector Coordinators to initiate call for nomination for the Sector Gender Focal Points (SGFPs) to join the Sector Gender Focal Points Network (SGFPN). The Sector Coordinators were

[1] Due to scarcity of time at the meeting, the SRH submitted updates in the MS-Teams chat box.

also reminded that crucial role of the SGFPs is to support sectors in gender mainstreaming across the sector strategies and activities. It is preferable that each sector nominates two SGFPs aiming to ensure backing up. Currently, representation of SGFPs at the (sub)sectors is as follows: the GBV sub-sector nominated three SGFPs; each of the Livelihoods and Shelter sectors nominated two [2] SGFPs; each of Basic Needs, Education, Food Security, Health, Protection, WASH sectors and SRH sub-sector have one SGFP; while the CP and MHPSS sub-sectors are not having SGFPs yet.

Action Points	Responsible	Timeframe
Reshare approved 2021 PSSs by the government last year to Sector Coordinators.	IACU	ASAP
Use approved 2021 PSSs to develop 2022 sector planning and share with the Inter-Sector Coordinator.	Sector Coordinators	20 March
Follow up with Sector Coordinators separately on presenting sector strategies to HPF.	Inter-Sector Coordinator	ASAP
Check status of sector guiding documents (Work Plans, TOR) and share the ODP links with the Sector Coordinators.	Inter-Sector Coordinator	ASAP
Initiate nomination of Sector Gender Focal Points (SGFPs) to preferably have two SGFPs per (sub)sector.	Sector Coordinators	ASAP
Share the latest HPF Meeting Note with the Sector Coordinators.	Inter-Sector Coordinator	ASAP