

Protection Working Group Jordan


Date: 10th May 2022, Teams online meeting

Agencies present: DRC, GFP, GIZ, GNI Jordan, ICMC, IMC, InterAction, IOCC, IRAP, IRC, JRS, JOHUD, JRF, MPDL Jordan, NOVIA, Relief International, TDHL, TDH-Italy, UNDP, UNHCR.

AGENDA:

- Update from the Co-Chairs.
- NOIVA Volunteer Summary Report.
- Updates from PWGs in the field.
- Updates from partners.
- Vulnerability Assessment Framework (VAF) presentation.
- AOB.

Agenda item	Discussion points	Follow up action and focal point
Update from the Co-Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming participants and provide a brief on the agenda and housekeeping rules. 	MoM: http://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/50?sv=4&geo=36
DRC needs assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DRC works in the areas of Economic Recovery and Protection in Jordan, with protection programming. - The assessment focused on questions on participants' perceptions. - DRC employed a mixed methods design of phone surveys followed by FGDs. - Challenges: conducting assessments over the phone limited ability to build rapport and correct misunderstandings. Survey is not generalizable to the wider population. suspect social desirability bias may be present in some of the questions. - Findings: new challenges accessing basic services, new challenges accessing health care in the past year. Barriers to access revolve around financial constraints. - Negative coping strategies were widely reported. Children's wellbeing also continues to be negatively affected. For civil documentation, the results shown represent Syrian and other refugee respondents, and do not include Jordanians. 15% of non-Syrian refugees reported feeling unsafe reasons are related to FDGs, GBV, and those in the South reported more conservative and restrictive gender norms. - Recommendations: all recommendations are geared toward informing DRC programming and ensuring our activities are in line with needs. - The results of the assessment highlight that protection activities focused on preventing rights violations continue to be extremely relevant and need to be tailored to the issues and stressors 	Presentation shared with members

	<p>exacerbated by COVID-19. Access to healthcare and shelter continue to remain high and services that aim to bridge the gap, such as cash for protection, remain important. Financial challenges continue to be the root of many needs, barriers to access and negative coping strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions and comments: - Findings related to basic needs can be solved through community networking to provide support for those in need of livelihoods services. - Care and DRC are working together on the assessment to provide further guidance. - DRC presentation: 	
<p>Updates from PWGs in the field</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DATF will conduct the monthly meeting on the 11th of May. DATF co-chairs drafted three support letters to DATF members to apply for the call of proposals. DATF is planning to conduct gap analyses workshop in June, details will be shared with PWG and DATF members accordingly. - Azraq camp: Protection unit has conducted the Joint PWG and CP-SGBV SWGs in Azraq on the 20th of April 2022. The meeting was chaired by UNHCR and co-chaired by DRC and IRC. - The EJC monthly camp coordination meeting took place on the 21st of April 2022 with the participation of UNHCR, SRAD, ERC, TDH, NHF and War Child. Several topics were tackled including ICRC services, update on FPJD work in EJC, challenges, and agency updates. Protection unit attended the GBV SWG that included updates. The Flying Seagulls will carry out activities for children in different locations in Jordan in May 2022. The Flying Seagull Project is a charity working to spread laughter, joy and play to children in crisis. Today they will be presented at Azraq camp and on 12th of May they will be at EJC. 02 cases/17 individuals were resettled to Canada in April 2022. A new FPJD Officer was appointed in Azraq camp, his name is Nayel Alkhalyleh. 04 students from EJC have granted the ERC scholarship to continue their higher education at the Jordanian Universities. - Zatari camp: the last Protection, CP and GBV monthly meeting took place on the 25th of April. The meeting theme was Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Protection; IFH and JHAS are leading on awareness raising for adult and adolescent PoCs, as well as volunteers. It was suggested that SRHR/GBV topics be integrated in other related information sessions (e.g., those by FPJD female officers, PSEA, etc.) because some families do not permit female relatives to attend session with certain topics. The meeting also focused on updates on coordinated activities to combat sexual harassment against female students and child labour. 	


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upcoming monthly meeting themes will include: the community-based approach and gender. Plans for an interagency risk mapping are underway to engage with various segments of the community to understand risky areas in the camp from the point of view of girls, boys, men, and women. A new FPJD Captain and Lieutenant recently reported to Zatari Camp. CP-GBV actors held various meetings with them, and work is continuing smoothly – including male and female FPJD officers facilitating information sessions for PoCs. Various agencies continue providing PSEA sessions for PoCs. - Irbid office: conducted Irbid CP/ GBV SWG meeting on the 13th of April 2022. The major update was shared by IRC who started partnership with peace link association (CBO) and started operating and providing service at the same location of the CBO. CARE: the call centre is operating from 09:30 to 14:30. Tamkeen are providing legal awareness sessions related to labour law and disputes. Makani JRF: four centres in Al-Nuaimah, Sahel Horan, Al-Buaida and Kharja. providing education service, PSS, remedial classes. Makani UNICEF: four centres in Al-Ramtha, Bait Ras, Jdeta and Anjara. SAMS are implementing project targeting the CBOs to raise their awareness on PSEA and CoC. ICWG meeting was conducted on the 27th of April. Irbid Disability and Age task force DATF meeting took place on the 27th pf April. - MHPSS: regular meetings every third Wednesday of the month. General updates for Syrians who need to show valid MOI for facilities. New diploma for middle east that save the children are working on, working with few countries to see how this diploma will become part of the curriculum. New law suggested by the government that criminalizes attempted suicide in public, subjecting those found guilty with prison and a monetary fine. MHPSS stressed that it is important to revise this law and many social media influencers trying to show the impact if this law if applied and trying to advocate to stop it. - CP SWG: had a CP SWG last month, updates from partners, finished gap analyses and referral pathways that will be uploaded on portal. Tackle study analysis on child marriage in Zatari camp. Alternating between English and Arabic sessions, next month planning to have a joint CP GBV meeting that will be in Arabic. - CfP: working on main coordination tools; workplan and 4Ws. This year we are considering working on referral pathway and integrate it in Protection, GBV and CP referral pathways. We also welcome organizations that have cash for protection programs to join the TF by contacting Mays Zatari Zatari@unhcr.org and Loubna Al Kanda protection.jordan@intersos.org. - GBV SWG: the annual report will be ready by mid-year. Planning a joint CP GBV meeting. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - South coordination: meeting in April with different actors, provided updates for Syrians and non-Syrians in the south. Finalize 7 region mapping. DRC receiving referrals on case management and protection. Ruwad Al Khair offered Variety of services in the south like PSS and CP, in Ma'an and Aqaba. Islamic centre charity society provides comprehensive and integrated services, including Relief aid. Health services through two hospitals and 17 charitable medical centres. UN Women's host community Oasis model implements integration strategies. Shortage of livelihood opportunities especially for non-Syrians in the South. Encouraging partners to look into this. - PSEA: meeting will take place on the 26th of May, inviting partners to join. 	
Updates from partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JOHUD protection component: (20) CSCs function through a network of approximately 160 volunteers both Jordanian and refugees (Yemeni, Syrian, Iraqi, Sudanese, and Somali). The CSCs play an important role in providing updated information to their community. JOHUD supports "cross with refugees" magazine. JOHUD is officially a member of Child Protection Information Management system (CPIMS). Working on CP cases in three locations: al Hashmi centre, social support centre in Marka, and in Al Nuzha centre. Started to conduct PSEA and CSG training for all JOHUD staff. - Education component: 220 Non-Syrian Students benefited from Cash for Education. finalized payment for Tawjihi fees exam payment for 35 Non-Syrian Refugees. Activating the Kolibri online Platform in six locations, about 700 refugees and Jordanian students were targeted during April activities. - Inclusion component: Ramadan Iftars have been conducted in different locations targeting target Syrian, non-Syrian, and Jordanian in addition to PoCs with disabilities and older people. Continuing to conduct PSS sessions. - IMC: mental health clinics in Jordan both camps and governorates, integrated with primary health clinics and MoH. Trained volunteers on youth empowerment programs. Finalized 3 cycles of trainings and capacity building for government on referrals managing on mental health cases. CP services, awareness sessions inside schools and Makani centres related to bullying inside schools. Preparing initiative as each location will have a plan and topic. Case management for CP cases including PSS and parenting skills. Individual sessions by CP counsellors. Trainings for CBOs on CP concerns to identify cases. IMC planning on child labour day activities on the 12th of June. Planning risk mapping in Zatari camp as children who dropped out of school is increasing. - GIZ: shared a general invitation to all members to attend the kick-off launch with press briefing of the EU funded GBV project, supporting systems for GBV Prevention and Protection with PSD/FPJD on the 15th 	

	<p>of May at Fairmont Hotel. Interested members can contact Layana Hijazi at: Layana.hijazi@giz.de.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AICS: PSS activities in Mafrq and Zarqa, initiatives with community leaders on child labour and early marriage. CfP assistance provided. - JRF: services case management and PSS in all locations, conducting CP case management training for case workers. Invitation for safe referral trainings will be shared. Prevention activities s are ongoing. 	
Vulnerability Assessment Framework (VAF) presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR partners launched it since 2015, expanded to Syrians in camps and non- Syrians. Working with world bank for updating findings. It recognized that vulnerability. - Aim of VAF: To have shared and consistent data about refugee vulnerability in Jordan. target programmes in a more efficient and equitable manner. Strengthen coordination and decision making. - Vulnerability is defined as the risk of exposure of refugee households to harm, primarily in relation to protection threats, inability to meet basic needs, limited access basic services, and food insecurity, and the ability of the population to cope with the consequences of this harm. - Socioeconomic survey relying on case management approach. Still rely on coordination with different units. - The survey looks at refugees all over the country and it's reaching out to the entire populations. - Income: main source is generated from work, a big reliance on humanitarian assistance. - Coping mechanisms: similar negative strategies, less than 10% of those receiving assistance do not to rely on other incomes. Debt is rising and it is an impact of COVID-19. - Debt reasons: for host community rent and basic needs, while in camps mainly for food. Main source of borrowing is shops. - Shelter: families living in unsafe shelters, miss rental payments and increase in evictions. Rates are higher for female households. - Food security: host community became more food insecure and more vulnerable comparing to camp residence. In camps negative strategies are still there. - Health: refugees have access to health, but it has diminished, and awareness of subsidy is not abroad. Refugees with chronic illnesses have higher rates of debt because of private clinics preference. - Education: there is a lot of work to be done, 20% of children do not attending schools due to child marriage, financial difficulties, and many other reasons. Working children involved in child labour are mainly boys. - Gender analyses were added this year. - unemployment is higher for women for family obligations and house duties. - Questions and comments: - Q: UN Women: Is sex, age, and disability disaggregated in VAF data analysis available? and when will this be shared? - A: Aggregated data by nationality and governorate. Anonymous data sets to be used. 	<p>VAF: https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/54?sv=4&geo=36</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Q: Is nationality disaggregation for non-Syrian refugees available? and can we have access to this?- It will be Available on UNHCR data portal.- The data tables will be available to the public in a few weeks on the VAF Data Portal; this data will be available by location and three nationality groups. UNHCR Jordan is planning to host the full anonymized dataset on the UNHCR global microdata library in the near future. <div> PDF</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- VAF Launch Final_May 2022_UNHCR Jordan PWG.pdf	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- N/A	