

JORDAN INTER-SECTOR WORKING GROUP UPDATE

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This update is a coordination tool to improve communication between sectors and up to the Humanitarian Partners Forum. It focuses on processes, rather than achievements. The latter are covered through separate monthly sector dashboards, available through the inter-agency portal and at <http://data.unhcr.org/jordan/sectors/>

I. General / Inter-Sector Update



Support to the Jordan Response Plan: Sector Coordinators continued to support the Jordan Response Plan 2018-2020 planning phase to draft sector response plans and project summary sheets. The preparation for the inter-agency appeal within and in support of the Jordan Response Plan has started during the reporting month.

Sector Performance Survey Results: The Inter-Sector Working Group has conducted the annual survey to get feedback on the current performance of sector and area-based coordination, and also on whether there has been sufficient improvement since the last review. The Annual Sector Performance Survey Results were shared with Sector Coordinators for their own sectors, so that Sector Coordinators discuss results with sector partners to address any areas of improvement. The report on the Survey can be found here: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=14594>

Third Quarter Sector Financial Tracking System for the Inter-Agency Appeal: The Inter-Sector Working Group conducts the financial tracking for the inter-agency appeal on a quarterly basis. This year a total of US\$ 1.2 billion has been appealed by 62 UN agencies and NGOs in Jordan. More than 98 per cent of agencies shared their funding status with the Inter-Sector Working Group. By the end of the third quarter, US\$ 551 million (46 per cent of the total requested funds) have been received. Regarding the Refugee Pillar, 64 per cent of the requested funds (US\$ 472 million out of US \$741 million) have been received by UN and NGOs. It is noted that they received less than during the same period of the last year (US\$ 580 million, i.e. 77 per cent of the requested funds in 2016). <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=14485> For the Resilience Pillar, 17 per cent of the requested funds (US\$ 79 million out of US\$ 456 million) have been received. <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=14486> The final versions of each sector-wise funding status are also available at the inter-agency information sharing portal.

Third Quarter Analytical Reports: The Inter-Sector Working Group has drafted the third quarter analytical report (i.e. documents including the information of the funding status, bar charts of key sector indicators, narratives of achievements, constraints and unmet needs foreseen for the next quarter). These are uploaded to the inter-agency information sharing portal's sector page.

Country level discussion on Adolescent and Youth Programming: A series of country-level discussion/workshops were planned to support the 3RP and HRP countries in prioritizing and scaling up adolescents and youth programming in humanitarian context in the region. As for Jordan, a two-day national-level consultation was held on 30-31 October with participation of government authorities, UN agencies, NGOs, civil society members and youths. The event was jointly organized and supported by UNICEF, UNFPA and UNHCR.

II. Sector information



BASIC NEEDS

In October, the Basic Needs Working Group provided around USD 5,904,184 worth of regular cash and non-food item (NFIs) to vulnerable beneficiaries in the refugee and host communities.

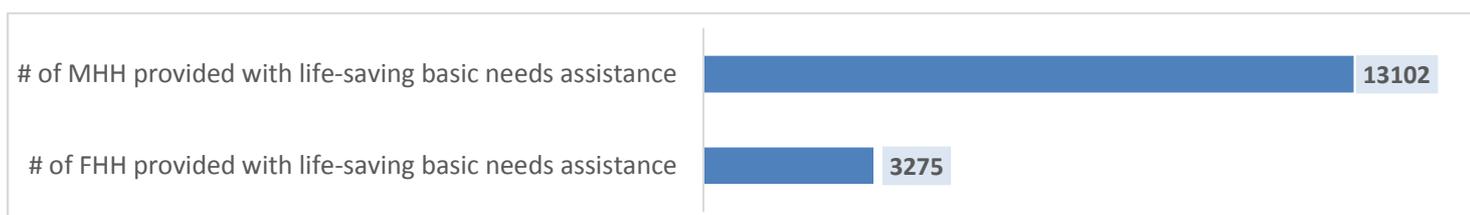
Urban: The number of individuals and households provided with basic needs support in form of regular cash and non-food item (NFIs) is as follows:



Azraq camp: Distribution of NFIs in form of life saving basic needs assistance that consists of replenishment / replacement kits and new arrival kits to Azraq camp population is as follows:



Zaatari camp: Distribution of NFIs in form of life saving basic needs assistance that consists of replenishment / replacement kits and new arrival kits to Zaatari camp population is as follows:



EDUCATION

Learning for All Campaign: In October the Learning for All campaign reached 126,707 school-age children including 16,876 out-of-school children. Through the campaign, the sector successfully advocated with the Ministry of Education (MoE) to increase the number of Double Shifted Schools (DSS) from 197 to 206.

Non Formal Education: More Catch Up centres and Drop Out centres were established. Since August, 34,461 children were supported with registration through the deployment of 240 School Facilitators (Jordanians) in the DSSs. Currently, the 2017-2018 enrolment data is being verified; and the dataset is planned to be made available by end of the year. A total of 3,212 students (55% male and 45% female) were newly enrolled in Non-Formal Education (Drop-Out and Catch-Up) education facilities. Out of this, 1,615 (53% male and 47% female) children

are enrolled in 99 Catch-Up centres, and 1,597 (57% male and 43% female) are enrolled in the Drop-Out programmes.

Learning Support Services: In October, Learning Support Services continued to be offered in Makani centres. Since 2017, the sector reached 107,969 (48% male and 52% female) in the camps and host communities through this intervention.

Tertiary Education updates:

- UNESCO Received funding for 250 diploma level scholarships for 2018.
- Through DAFI programme, in 2017 UNHCR has awarded 315 scholarships to Syrians in Jordan with an increment from original 220 slots. A new call will be announced in the coming days for 30 slots.



FOOD SECURITY

In October, WFP reached around 490,000 Syrian refugees residing in camps and host communities benefiting from the Voucher programme via cash based transfers. Around 108,000 refugees residing in camps and 207,000 extremely vulnerable refugees living in the host communities receive USD 28.2 per person per month; while 175,000 refugees categorized as vulnerable to food security receive USD 14.1 per person per month.

WFP reached around 135,000 venerable Jordanians via provisioning of dates through Tkiyet Um Ali charity organization.

WFP resumed its support to the national School Meals programme reaching over 300,000 schoolchildren via date bars and around 25,000 via healthy meals in the communities. In addition, WFP reached around 30,000 Syrian school children attending formal education in Zaatari and Azraq camps via date bar and healthy meal distribution.



HEALTH

Zaatari camp: Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS) has finalized the preparation to launch a medical centre in District 11. The centre will provide primary health care and reproductive health care services.

To dedicate the World Mental Health Day 2017' theme "Mental Health in the Workplace", International Medical Corps Mental Health team members conducted a two-hour "Coping Skills and Workplace Stress Management" awareness session to the agencies operating Zaatari camp.

Azraq camp: On 19 October, the reproductive health services have been resumed through International Rescue Committee (IRC).

Berm situation: A UN clinic at the berm continues to provide primary health care services to Syrian Asylum Seekers from Rukban. Access to the clinic has improved significantly over the past two months, and increased from 30 patients to 150 patients a day. Since 15 December 2016, totally 14,401 Syrian asylum seekers received primary health care services. Around 552 medical cases have been admitted in hospitals in Amman for secondary health care.



PROTECTION

Under the auspices of the Protection Working Group, an operational level Durable Solutions Technical Group (DSTG) was established in Jordan in October 2017, and will operate in coordination with a Strategic Solutions Committee (SSC). The SSC, with participation of Ambassador and Head of Agency-levels, is convened by the UNHCR Representative. At the technical level, the Durable Solutions Technical Group (DSTG) is an integral part of the refugee response under the Protection Sector. The purpose of the DSWG in Jordan is to provide a forum for information exchange and discussion by humanitarian and development partners on durable solutions for

refugees, including resettlement, voluntary repatriation, enduring protection space, and complementary pathways.

Child Protection (CP) Sub-Sector Working Group:

UNHCR in coordination with National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA) Jordan developed a manual on Quality Assistance Standards for family violence service providers in Jordan. The first three-day training targeted group Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) staff and Public Security Directorate (PSD) police officers including Family Protection Department (FPD) was launched. The training sessions engaging Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health staff will continue in November, and be followed by a workshop for NGOs in December. See photo at: <https://www.facebook.com/NCFAJORDAN/photos/pcb.10159528907495440/10159528904950440/?type=3&theater>

The Consultant of Chief of Justice in Shariah Supreme Court was invited to attend the Child Protection Working Group meeting and brief members on the new instructions on Early Marriage generalized in July 2017. It was highlighted that tackling early marriage issue among Syrians refugee community needs collaboration and holistic approach from different concerned entities, taking into consideration that law amendments and court / judicial procedures is only one part of a reliable prevention and response mechanism.

Mental Health Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Sub-Sector Working Group:

At its meeting the MHPSS sub-working group discussed results of mapping MHPSS services conducted in summer. Upon review of the group, the report will be uploaded at the information sharing portal.

IMC is finalizing drafting of a qualitative and quantitative report on Understanding the Mental Health and Psychosocial Needs, and Service Utilization of Syrian Refugees and Jordanian Nationals. The report will be launched in November.

WHO in collaboration with the Ministry of Health is conducting a national situational analysis on the substance use in Jordan. The analysis will inform the development of a national action plan on the substance use.

SHELTER

Urban: During the period of January – October, 20,065 Syrian refugees (women, girls, boys and men) living on the host communities benefited from cash-for-rent assistance.

Azraq camp: During the period of January – October, 4,624 shelters were upgraded and repaired in Azraq camp.

Zaatari camp: The UNHCR Site Planning and Data Management units are currently working to ensure proper monitoring and evaluation (M&E) process for the Emerging Public Space pilot project that has successfully been completed in August 2017.

WASH

Throughout October 2017, essential WASH services were provided to approximately 118,650 people, including more than 67,000 children, living in Zaatari, Azraq and King Abdullah Park camps.

Zaatari camp: Phase 2 of Water and Wastewater Networks project continued, and is currently at 48 % completion, with approximately 141 km of water network and 45 km of wastewater network installed to date.

Azraq camp: Construction of the greywater network commenced in Azraq. The system has been operational in 18 households by late October, with remaining work to be completed in Villages 3 and 6 by December.

The ramps were constructed at 39 WASH facilities to facilitate the access of people with disabilities; additional modifications were also made at 20 facilities.



LIVELIHOODS

Following the presentation made by the UNHCR Cash Unit at the Livelihoods Working Group, four NGOs have requested lists of refugees rotating off cash to link them with livelihoods projects. More requests are ongoing.

Upon completion of a consultation mission to Jordan on Livelihoods 2018 programmes design, a concept note was drafted.

UNHCR, ILO and World Bank have conducted a survey by interviewing 600 Syrians with and without work permits. The “Periodic analysis of Syrian workers in Jordan” highlights that the increased awareness of employer sponsorship is key to formalize Syrian workers in Jordan.

An improved legal mechanism for home-based businesses was launched by USAID LENS in partnership with a committee led by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Greater Amman Municipality (GAM) and other government entities. The legal mechanism will help businesses become part of the formal economy. Home-based businesses across Jordan can apply for and attain a vocational license, enabling them to operate as formal businesses, something available only to the Greater Amman Municipality before. The rules will apply to Syrian refugees as it does apply to foreigners. Two Instructions documents were issued: one for the home-based businesses in GAM, and the other for municipal boundaries (which applies to all municipalities in Jordan except for GAM).

New uploads at the data-sharing portal:

- The UNHCR assessment “Assets of Refugees in Zatari Camp: A Profile of Skills”:
<http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=14515>
- DRC socio-economic assessment “Understanding Alternatives to Cash Assistance”, supported by UNHCR:
<http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=14528>

Updates on the Work Permits:

- 1 January 2016 – 31 October 2017: totally 71,426 work permits (including renewals) were issued by Ministry of Labour (MoL);
- 1 January 2017 – 31 October 2017: totally 34,636 work permits were issued by MoL. Of them, 9,659 permits were issued for camps during February - October 2017.

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Jordan Refugee Response portal page at <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=107>;

ISWG page http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=60