

JORDAN INTER-SECTOR WORKING GROUP UPDATE

December 2017



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 and Inter-Agency Appeal: In December, Sector Coordinators continued to support the finalization of the Jordan Response Plan 2018- 2020, by actively contributing to the JRP Task Force discussions. After the JRP draft was shared by the JRP Secretariat on 12 December, sector coordinators and partners continued to review the Inter-Agency Appeal to ensure that it is in line with the JRP log frame and budgets.

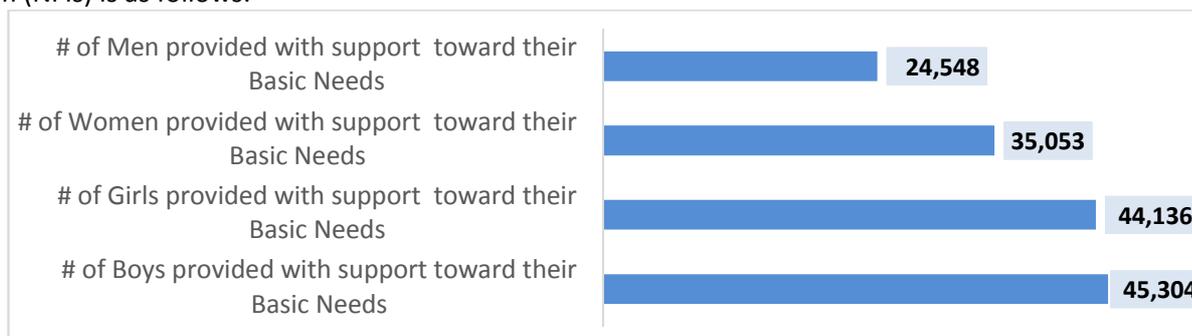
II. Sector information

BASIC NEEDS

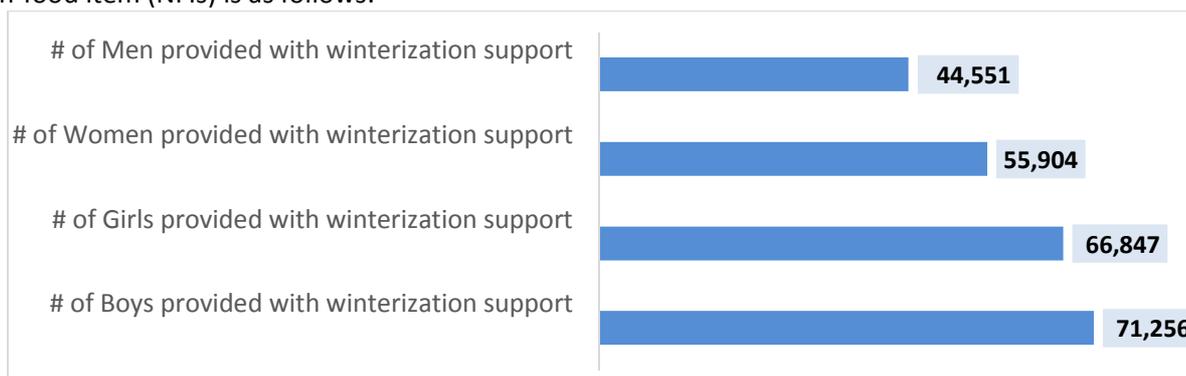
In December, the Basic Needs Working Group provided around USD 27,889,335 worth of regular cash, winterization assistance and non-food item (NFIs) to the vulnerable beneficiaries in the refugee and host communities.

Urban:

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



Number of individuals and households provided with winterization support in form of winterization cash and non-food item (NFIs) is as follows:



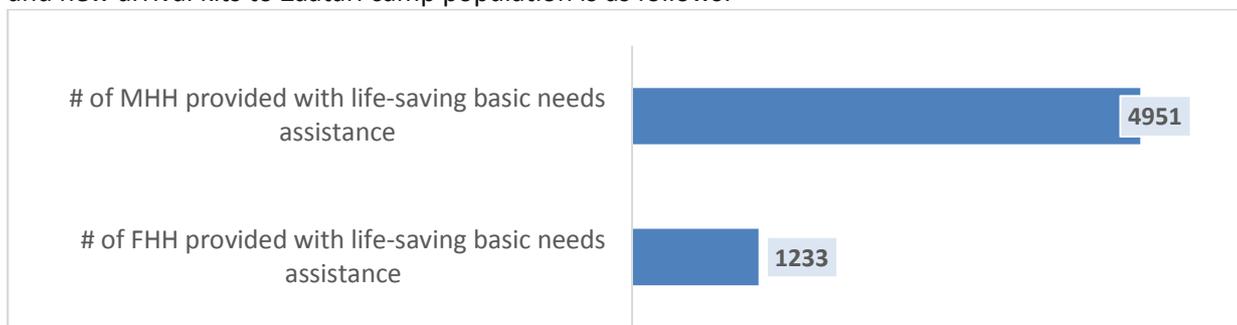
Azraq camp:

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:

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EDUCATION

Non-Certified Education: The Education partners supported expansion of the Ministry of Education (MOE) certified non-formal education programmes (Drop Out and Catch Up) reaching a total of 6,421 Jordanian and Syrian children (3,546 male and 2,875 female). In 2017, number of the Catch Up centres increased from 67 to 99 centres to meet the demand and support the learning needs of 3,179 children (1,675 male and 1,504 female). The Drop Out programme has accommodated a total of 3,242 children (1,871 male and 1,371 female), including an expansion in Zaatari camp through an additional implementing partner. More partners will further support this expansion in 2018.

Learning Support Services (LSS): The LSS is offered in Makani centres to support both out-of-school children and vulnerable students in attending formal education to improve their learning achievements. By the end of 2017, the sector reached 118,107 Jordanian and Syrian children (56,784 male and 61,323 female) in the camps and host communities.

In 2017, the **Learning for All campaign** was conducted twice. The first in January - March) reached 8,307 children (of them 46% female), of whom 2,386 the out-of-school children were supported to enrol in schools. The campaign of August - October reached 126,707 children (including 16,876 out-of-school children).

Education Management Information System (EMIS): The Education sector supported MoE to improve school level data collection and implementation of the Education Management Information System (EMIS). This support aimed at creating timely and reliable data for the education planning and advocacy.

FOOD SECURITY

In December, WFP reached around 491,000 Syrian refugees residing in the camps and host communities benefiting from the voucher programme via cash based transfers. Around 109,000 refugees residing in camps and 207,000 extremely vulnerable refugees living in 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.

Following the successful roll-out of “choice” modality in Madaba governorate in August, WFP expanded the modality to two more governorates (Balqa and Zarqa) reaching 60,000 Syrian refugees with a total amount of USD 1.2 million. The “Choice” is an innovative modality introduced by WFP Jordan, allowing beneficiaries to redeem the assistance they receive from WFP through food-restricted vouchers or unrestricted cash, or both as per their preferred choice based on their personal circumstances.

WFP supported 50,000 school children in the host communities and 27,000 Syrian children attending formal schools in camps.

HEALTH

Zaatari camp:

The seasonal influenza preparedness measures are put in place, including activation of treatment protocols; establishing referral pathways; distribution of awareness brochures to all partners and CHVs (Community Health Volunteers) and enhance infection control within the health facilities.

The handover process of the primary health care centre in District 6 from JHAS (Jordan Health and Aid Society) to IMC (International Medical Corps) is in progress.

The handover process of the community health project from SCJ (Save the Children Jordan) to IRD (International Relief and Development) is in progress.

Azraq camp:

The primary health care clinic in Village 2 has been closed since December 24th due to the challenges in funding. The persons of concern residing in village 2 are advised to seek health care services in the Village 3 clinic for reproductive health and chronic diseases, and in the camp hospital for emergencies.

Community based health:

During the shelter-to shelter visits and the health awareness sessions, the community health workers continue to focus on winter diseases with an emphasis on the influenza-like diseases.

Berm Situation:

The berm clinic continues to provide primary health care services and accommodate emergency life-saving referrals for the Syrian asylum seekers from Rukban. Since 15 December 2016, a total of 18,055 visits to Rukban clinic for medical consultations, provision of essential medicines, nutrition assessment and reproductive health services have been recorded. A total of 756 cases were admitted to the Jordanian hospitals till the end of December as emergency life-saving referrals.

The second round of Polio vaccination and a Vitamin A supplementation were conducted by the community health workers in Rukban camp with the support of the Ministry of Health (MoH) team. During 9 - 16 December, a total of 9,583 children aged 0-15 years were vaccinated for Polio and 6,641 children aged 06-59 months were provided with Vitamin A supplementation.

PROTECTION

Durable Solutions Technical Group, recently established under the Protection Working Group to address working-level issues related to returns, resettlement, integration and complementary pathways, with the support of Save the Children International and the UNHCR MENA Regional Office provided a training on returns to the partners represented by more than 50 participants. The training included presentation of relevant solution frameworks for IDPs and refugee returnees, followed by an interactive session. The trainees worked through a range of scenarios encountered in the repatriation contexts through role plays in three different thematic groups, increasing awareness for other perspectives and understanding of roles of different stakeholders usually involved in repatriations, including refugees themselves, non-governmental organizations, governments and UNHCR.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Sub-Working Group:

In line with 2018 programming, a matrix table summarizing key planned SGBV programs for 2018 was developed, thus allowing agencies to avoid duplication of activities.

As part of the “16 Days of Activism Against GBV” campaign, various activities continued to be carried out by the SGBV sub-working group member agencies all over Jordan up to 10 December, and included games for children on gender equality, awareness sessions on GBV, empowerment activities for women and girls, theatre plays. In particular, a workshop bringing together donors, government officials and members of the SGBV sub-working group was held to take stock of the SGBV response in Jordan seven years into the Syria crisis. As the outcome of the workshop, the stakeholders issued concrete recommendations to scale up the SGBV response.

Child Protection (CP) Sub-Working Group:

Plan International presented the outcomes of the Regional Child Labour Consultation Workshop in Lebanon conducted in August 2017, which was organized by Plan International Lebanon and ILO regional office. The goal of the workshop was to introduce the Global Child Labour in Emergencies Toolkit (Published by the Global Child Labour Task Force in 2016 and currently being field-tested by Plan International and ILO as the co-leads) to the MENA. The objective set was to document lessons learnt, good practices and programme evidence in addressing child labour in emergencies.

In the coming months, ILO and Plan International will be leading the contextualization of the global Child Labour in Emergencies toolkit into the regional Middle East and North Africa regional toolkit. This process will take place between December 2017 and June 2018, in conjunction with the finalization of [the Global Child Labour in Emergencies toolkit](#).

Mental Health Psychosocial Support Sub-Working Group:

The MHPSS sub-working group finalized and launched the “Who is doing What, Where and When in Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support in Jordan (2017 Interventions mapping exercise)” report which has become the outcome of the exercise conducted in July – September. The international MHPSS tool is applied to reflect the detailed technical information on the available MHPSS services. The mapping specifically focuses on the broad range of MHPSS interventions and activities provided to all beneficiary groups in Jordan. As recommended by the IASC Reference Group, the MHPSS activity categories included community-focused MHPSS, case-focused MHPSS, and general support for MHPSS. Full report can be found at the UNHCR data portal under this [link](#).

SHELTER

In Zaatari camp, the UNHCR Site Planning (SP) unit is supporting the Field Safety Unit in upgrading the access control areas to the Base camp and Registration. In addition to the minor construction work, the upgrades will include installation of the new access caravans and fencing of the controlled access gap areas in the base camp.



WASH

By the end of December, essential WASH services were provided to approximately 120,397 people, including 68,152 children, living in Zaatari, Azraq and King Abdullah Park camps.



LIVELIHOODS

The Cabinet of Jordan approved the sixth extension of the “grace period” for the Syrian refugees’ work permits until 30 June 2018. The circular has been issued by the Ministry of Labour regarding this approval.

There have been mixed messages from the Government of Jordan on support to the Syrian Home Based Businesses’ intervention in the JRP. The Livelihoods working group has been seeking clarifications from MOPIC, Ministry of Labour and World Bank for the home based businesses. In December, the JRP/3RP draft has 4.8 million dedicated to this area of intervention.

Work Permits:

A total of 46,717 (95% for the men and 5% for the women) work permits were issued during the period of 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017. Of them, during February – December, 12,995 permits have been issued for the camps’ residents.

Most of the work permits have been issued / renewed in the agriculture sector, which is likely due to the flexibility of obtaining work permits in agriculture through the cooperatives.

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