



Meeting Minutes 06.02.2018

Protection Working Group Jordan

Agencies present: ARDD-Legal Aid, ACTED, APS, AVSI, CVT, DRC, ICRC, INTERSOS, IOM, IOCC, IMC, IRAP, JCLA, JRS, LWF, MC, IFH, NRC, MCC, MPD; NICCOD, PU-AMI, TDHL, OXFAM, QUESTSCOPE, UNICEF, UPP, WAR CHILD UK, UNWOMEN and UNHCR.

Next Meeting: 06 March 2018, 9-11 am, UNHCR Khalda, EMOPS Room

AGENDA:

- **Agency Updates** - New Projects, Developments, Announcements
- **Standing Updates** - Urban Verification Exercise/Documentation, Northeastern Border/berm, Movements (deportation, returns)
- **Gender analysis presentation (by SGFP)**
- **Thematic discussion areas** -
- **AoB**

1. PWG members updates and announcements: N/A

2. Standing Updates - Urban Verification Exercise/MOI Cards, Deportations, Returns, and work permits

MOI Card/Urban verification exercise:

Discussions continue on regularization options for those out of camp without authorization. This will not be applicable for refugees residing currently in the camp or leaving camp in future, but only to specific refugees that left the camp before 1st of July 2017. PWG to share further details as confirmed.

As of end of January, a total of 436,574 MOI cards have been issued. Out of these, 404,525 MOI cards issued for individuals registered with UNHCR in host communities. Dashboard attached; trends are stable and slow. A total of 192,108 Syrian documents belonging to 133,593 Individuals have been returned.

Remaining documents may belong to:

- Syrian refugees who left to Syria (deported, spontaneous returns, forced returns) without claiming their original documents
- Syrian refugees who left to third countries (resettlement or other)
- Syrian refugees registered with UNCHR who obtained MoI service cards already, without requesting return of documents
- Syrian refugees whose documents have been lost or misplaced at RAS or prior; these individuals are generally able to obtain MOI Card, but if encounter problems, refer to UNHCR.

NB: Application for return of documents where name has changed requires special procedure: power of attorney or proxy is needed. 2 witnesses are required. SRAD should approve. This process is strictly implemented.

Deportation:

January deportations official numbers was not shared however it is less than December (fewer than 20 persons).

Forced Relocations to Azraq

With the decline in deportations in 2017, there has been a related increase in the number of refugees from urban areas, or other camps, assigned to Azraq Camp. This includes cases newly assigned to Village 5, including with the higher level of restrictions on movement applied to Village 5 residents. In general terms, refugee profiles previously considered for deportation may now be considered for relocation to Azraq, with more serious issues of concern being assigned to Village 5. Concerns were raised by members about the longer term impact and sustainability of the approach being applied.

It was noted that documents should not currently be retained for Azraq Camp residents receiving leave permits; if this is reported, please contact UNHCR Protection in Azraq.

Action point: UNHCR to convene a specific thematic discussion on Village 5 and proposed solutions.

3. **Gender Analysis Presentation:** Protection Sector gender focal points gave a brief presentation on the developed Protection Sector Gender Analysis that was conducted by the Sector's Gender Focal Points (SGBV, CP and Protection), aims to assess the gender dimensions of the protection needs and challenges facing Syrian refugees in Jordan. It found that women and children comprise approximately 80% of Jordan's Syrian refugee population, while children alone account for around half of the total refugee population (51.5%). This demographic phenomenon, known as the 'youth bulge', highlights the need to target children and youth and incorporate their participation in protection programming. The analysis found numerous underlying factors that create and exacerbate protection risks - namely the unequal distribution of power in society; Poverty and the inability to meet basic needs; barriers to accessing legal and civil documentation, and ongoing tensions between Syrian refugees and Jordanian host communities. In addition, an array of key specific vulnerabilities were found affecting women, men, boys and girls. The full analysis and key recommendations can be read in the full report or executive summary that will soon be shared, or by directly contacting swan@icmc.net

Action Point:

- Gender Analysis to be shared with PWG members. Final report to be finalized and endorsed and then to be uploaded on UNHCR data portal and shared with PWG members.
- Thematic discussion stemming from the analysis proposed by the PWG members are:
 - Challenges related to Marriage ratification of informal marriages
 - Child marriage and impact of the recent 9 restrictions

4. AoB:

- **Jordan Response Plan:** JRP platform meeting was conducted on the 1st of February to preset the updated finalized plan of (2018-2020) following endorsement by the JRPSC Platform and approval by the Cabinet, the JRPSC portal is updated with the last version [HERE](#).
- **Sector Quarterly Dashboard:** Protection Sector quarterly dashboard (Oct-Dec) was circulated with members and will be shared after the meeting. The report summarizes achievement and challenges and highlights foreseen needs for the next quarter. PWG members are encouraged to suggest adding information to the dashboard for the next quarter by communicating with Sector Coordinators.
- **ActivityInfo reporting:** Following the ActivityInfo training sessions that took place last week, the 2 databases (2018-3RP-Monitor-REF, 2018-3RP-Monitor-RES) are currently open for reporting on January submission. The deadline for each month's submission is the 8th of the month after. UNHCR Information Management will share the Monthly Sector Dashboard for January submissions on 08/March/2018.

In addition, The Protection Sector has prepared the attached "**Protection Sector Reporting Guide**" that aims to help organizations participating in the Syria Response in Jordan as Protection Sector actors (including CP, SGBV, and MHPSS sub-sectors) to report activities and progress towards targets on the ActivityInfo database.

Action Point: members to report their achievements of January by the 8th of February. Members who face any challenges in reporting are kindly requested to contact Ghassan - Shehadeh shehadeg@unhcr.org

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Annex 1: MOI Card Issuance and Percentage of UNHCR-Registered Refugees Issued MOI Cards – by month

Urban Verification Statistics in Jordan

31 January 2018



Total Syrian Documents Retained in RAS **225,503**



192,108

85.0%



33,395

15.0%

Total Syrian Individuals Having Documents **160,329**



133,593

83.0%



26,736

17.0%

Reasons Registered by UNHCR Upon Delivery of Documents to Their Owner

Reason	Indvs	%	Docs	%
Death	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
Departure process	546	0.41%	680	0.35%
Family reunification	22	0.02%	31	0.02%
For gov related issues	22620	16.93%	32191	16.76%
Going back to syria	23093	17.29%	33217	17.29%
KAP/CC Data ver	235	0.18%	269	0.14%
Normal distribution	24787	18.55%	36863	19.19%
Travel out of Jordan	7	0.01%	7	0.00%
Urban Doc Return	61223	45.83%	87390	45.49%
Delivered by Government- Azraq	122	0.09%	171	0.09%
Delivered by Government- EJC	4	0.00%	4	0.00%
Delivered by Government- KAP	3	0.00%	4	0.00%
Delivered by Government- Return	225	0.17%	306	0.16%
Delivered by Government- Zaatar	705	0.53%	974	0.51%

Moi Service Card Issuance as of Jan 2018 **436,574**

Not Registered with UNHCR

Registered with UNHCR

