



Inter-Sector Working Group Jordan

Date/time/venue	Sunday, 6 October 2019, 14:00-16:00 UNHCR EMOPS Conference Room
Attendees	Inter-Sector Coordinator [UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit, IACU], Basic Needs (UNHCR), Food Security (WFP), Health (UNHCR), Livelihood (UNHCR), Protection (UNHCR), SGBV (UNFPA, UNHCR), Shelter (NRC), WASH (UNHCR).

Meeting Note and Action Points

1. Sector Updates

Basic Needs

The Sector Coordinator briefed on the requirements for Minimum Expenditure Basket [MEB] and noted that it is particularly important to justify and standardize the amount of cash assistance interventions to vulnerable Syrian refugees in Jordan. Sectors are kindly requested to submit their MEB to IACU, if not yet done.

WASH

In view of the transitional period in terms of new JRP and Humanitarian/Development nexus under the protracted Syria crisis, WASH Sector is seeking a new approach of coordination in order to make the group activities more meaningful for the members and to enhance their active participation. It was suggested to discuss this subject as an agenda item during the ISWG meeting since some other sectors seemed to have the same challenge. Protection Sector shared a good practice in increasing active engagement of members by meeting their needs and by creating their spaces during the monthly meeting.

Livelihoods

ILO is planning to open an office in Zaatari camp, and this decision was made in close consultation with Basic Needs and Livelihoods Sectors. In addition, a Livelihoods sub-group was recently established in Irbid.

Health

Health Working Group and Jordan Health Development Partners Forum are the key platforms for the Syria crisis response in Jordan. While the former consists of UN agencies and NGOs and is more involved in project planning and implementation, the latter has the presence of donors and mainly supports the Health Sector in terms of funding gaps. Discussions on the merging of these two fora took place recently, however, it ended up keeping the status quo.

SGBV

The Sub-sector Coordinator informed about the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign from 25 November to 10 December. The topic this year is “economic violence”, which would be defined as denial of access to economic resources, opportunities and services. The Sub-sector is narrowing down the topic through the consultation at the community level. At the same time, the Jordanian National Commission for Women [JNCW] is releasing a study on the economic violence in two weeks. JNCW is also actively engaging in the Gender in Humanitarian Action [GiHA] network.

In addition, the Sub-sector launched a new mobile application to assist survivors of SGBV. ISWG members were encouraged to disseminate this application within their respective sectors and to frontline staff members.

Protection

The sector has finalized the Guidance Note on the One Refugee Approach, which advocates for more support for non-Syrian refugees. Protection Sector Coordinator will share the note with ISWG members soon.

2. Gaps in Camps

In line with a request made during the September HPF meeting, sectors were consulted to provide the most urgent gaps in the camps to be presented at the next HPF meeting in October. It was noted that although it may not be purely a funding opportunity, it would allow the international community, including the donors, to be aware of the most urgent gaps that need to be addressed with necessary resources. Considering the efficiency of this process, sectors were invited to share a few bullet points on the most urgent needs in the camps. Some sectors have already provided their priorities through the JHF 2nd allocation process, which would be useful for responding to this request. IACU will reach out to each sector accordingly.

3. Inter-Agency Appeal Financial Tracking

IACU updated on the sectors' 3RP reporting, highlighting the following points:

- The follow-up to verify 2019 planning figures per sector and agency is ongoing in collaboration with Sector Leads and partners;
- Training sessions on ActivityInfo and JFT [Jordan Financial Tracking] are taking place based on sectors' needs and request;
- IACU will update the Quarterly Sector Dashboards for 3rd quarter and ask for inputs from sectors on the template. The type of information to be displayed on the dashboard could be further discussed with Sector Coordinators;
- IACU is requesting input on JFT for 3rd quarter from sector partners.

4. JRP 2020-2022 Update

The members discussed not only the functioning of JRP Task Forces and key responsibilities of their secretariat, but also concerns on the proposed structure of the new JRP Task Forces so as to feed back to MoPIC and to recognize any adjustment needs. Some outstanding issues were raised as follows;

- Food Security Sector mainly covers humanitarian assistance, whereas Economic Empowerment is more related to development interventions. This difference can cause a difficulty in identifying the sector's indicators for reporting under the Economic Empowerment Task Force. To follow up on this issue, Food Security Sector Coordinator was requested to share with IACU the initial comments made to MoPIC;
- Shelter and WASH task forces stand-alone instead of being merged into Public Services Task Force;
- Shelter Task Force chair is in charge mainly in camps, but not outside camps.

5. JHF 2nd Allocation

With the acknowledgement of the submission from Basic Needs, Health, Protection and Shelter sectors on their project priorities, 2019 JHF 2nd allocation process was updated. While the submitted project priorities were presented to the advisory board, the pressing issue that JHF is currently facing is the lack of resources, impeding OCHA from kicking off the 2nd allocation. Sectors might be requested to update or change their priorities, which depends on the timing of receiving the funds and the amounts. Considering the allocation process time, the possibility of launching a reserved allocation has been suggested during the meeting with the advisory board to address critical gaps and emergency needs. Sectors are kept abreast of any further developments.

Action Points	Responsible	Timeframe
Sectors to submit their sector MEB to IACU if not yet done.	Sector Coordinators	ASAP
ISWG members to discuss ways of coordination within sectors in order to make the sector activities more meaningful.	ISWG members	3 November
Protection sector coordinator and IACU to share the Guidance Note on One Refugee Approach with ISWG members.	Protection sector coordinator and IACU	Once ready
IACU to ask for input from sectors on the most urgent needs in camps.	IACU	By the middle of October
IACU to develop a template of the Quarterly Sector Dashboard to be filled in by sectors and to ask for their input.	IACU	By the end of October
Food security Sector Coordinator to share with IACU the initial comments made on the structure of new JRP Task Forces.	Food Security sector coordinator	ASAP

6. AOB

- The next ISWG meeting will be held on 3 November 14:00-16:00.