

Geographic Coordination meeting Ma'an
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 2 May 2012

Chair: Deputy Governor of Ma'an, Hamed Al Tarawneh.

Attendance: General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS), Chamber of Commerce, Ma'an Municipality, Princess Basma Community Development Centre, JHCO/ All Jordanian League, Governorate representatives, Director of Social Development, Ahbab Allah Association, Orphans Association, Mabarrat Ma'an Association, UNICEF, WFP, IRD, Mercy Corps and Islamic Association Center.

UNHCR Participants: Hasan Bahjat Mohammed (Community Services Officer, Nagwa Mohammed Khair (Field Officer) Huda Al Shabsough (Senior Field Assistant).

UNHCR presented the three types of interventions: coordination with government and help them in the registration, Quick Impact Projects, Health through JHAS and cash assistance to the neediest.

The deputy governor briefed the group on what have been done so far by the local committee which was established by the governor to assist Syrians:

- Number of Syrians: 245 family /1095 individuals: 561 male and 533 female.
- They have established a data base under the governorate management.
- We discussed the possibility of training them on RAIS to avoid duplication in services and NFI distribution.
- They involved Syrians representatives in the local committee.
- They received all NFIs from donors and keep it in the GUVS warehouse.
- On behalf of the local committee, the deputy governor requested from UNHCR mattresses, kitchen sets, blankets and gas stoves to be stored in GUVS warehouse, and given to the Syrians who travel to Ma'an, especially some of those who bailed out from Bashabsheh in Ramtha go to Ma'an without any living means, and this in turn creates a preparedness problem to the local committee.

Acting Mayor who is the Head of Chamber of Commerce:

- The Municipality is extremely suffering from garbage collection and needs garbage truck and sewage tank. They are collecting extra 10 tones of garbage due to the presence of Syrians in the city. Bearing in mind that the Municipality resources are limited.

- The Municipality is willing to provide the pilgrimage city (Hajj centre) to host Syrians, and UNHCR discussed with them the possibility of sending site planner to assess the work that needs to be done.

IRD: explained the QIPs and gave examples. It was agreed that the QIPs need to be discussed further with the governor and the municipality in other meeting.

WFP: Presented the hot meals activities in Ramtha and the food parcels intervention. Also, WFP explained the possibility of adopting the food coupons approach in the coming two months.

Mercy Corps: Will start implementation of a project for Syrians in Mafraq and Ma'an end of May. Prior to that, they will carry out assessment to identify their intervention.

UNICEF: Clarified their work with the Ministry of Education: Rent of schools, supporting the fees and books for Syrians enrolled in public schools. Also, UNICEF presented their experience in psychosocial and child care with Princess Basma Community Development in Ma'an.

JHCO: Will start their regular work in Ma'an in partnership with All Jordanian League; Ma'an branch.

Islamic Association Center: Established a clinic and looking for female gynaecologist.

Action Points:

- To discuss the request made by the municipality for garbage truck or sewage tank with IRD. This action is highly recommended since it addresses actual need and will exemplify our good response to the government.
- Carry out a field mission to identify the needed intervention to rehabilitate the pilgrimage center (Hajj centre).
- Provide the local committee, which work under the governor supervision, with the NFIs they requested.
- Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 16 May at 11:00 at the governor's office.

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