# Terms of Reference – WASH in HC Task Force

## 1. Background

This task force is formulated as a technical group to coordinate and discuss the water, sanitation and hygiene issues in host communities.

The WASH interventions included:
- Water supply enhancement such as drilling, improving or rehabilitation of boreholes, construction, strengthening and rehabilitation of water supply facilities (pump stations, conveyor pipelines and networks), water quality intervention and non-revenue water interventions.
- Construction or rehabilitation of Wastewater systems or networks, and wastewater treatment.

The implementation scale includes the household level, the municipal level, and the informed tented settlement level.

This aligns with the UN and INGOs commitments addressed in the WASH strategy and Jordan Response Plan (JRP).

## 2. Objectives

The objective of this task force is:
1. Short term: provide technical assistance to any WASH issues raised by any of the members.
2. Promote integration and coordination with other sectors.
3. Long term: coordinate WASH activities in host communities between INGO’s, UNICEF, UNHCR and liaise with relevant governmental bodies and other institutions, and enhance the stakeholder management.
4. Support and help ministry of water and irrigation to achieve their sustainable goals.

## 3. Challenges

1. Water situation in Jordan, as the country facing different challenges such as:
   - Water scarcity: limited water resources and severe water situation.
   - High non-revenue water.
   - Energy consumption.
   - Lack of funds
2. Coordination and communications with governmental parties. (Ministries, municipalities, etc.)
3. Guidelines, minimum standards and specifications related to WASH in HC.
4. Strengthening accountability mechanism.

## 4. Methodology

In order to enhance the coordination for WASH activities in host communities, the task force will be invited for ad-hoc meetings to discuss any emerging issues or …

The work plan of the task force will include:
1. Sharing the existing Minimum standards, guidelines, and specifications WASH in host community.
2. Sharing upcoming projects of INGO’s and un-agencies.
3. Sharing experiences, lessons learned and complementary actions from current projects.
4. Coordinating mechanisms to strengthen information sharing, feedback and participation from host communities to increase their views in decision-making processes for the task force.
5. Include the AAP to the minimum standards for WASH in HC.
6. Address the communication issues faced by all members, coordinate to share the list of UNDP (issues and proposed solutions), then coordinate with the WASH work group to have a better mechanism of communication with other ministries.
7. Coordination with projects management unit (PMU) / Ministry of Water and Irrigation MWI, to get the specifications, standards and the needed interventions to be implemented.

## 5. Participants

Participants of the meeting will be the involved UN-agencies and INGO’s.

These are at the moment but other participants can be invited:
1. Mercy Corps
2. ACF
3. OXFAM
4. UNICEF
5. ACTED
6. JEN
7. UNHCR
8. World Vision Jordan
9. NRC
10. IRD
11. INTERSOS

The WASH in HC TF will be chaired by Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI), and co-chaired by Mercy Corps. Afterwards the co-chair will be rotated. This task force falls under the WASH Work Group in Jordan. Jordanian Ministries and / or donors can be
6. Results

The aim of this TF is to deliver:

1. Work plan for WASH in host communities, including an overview of current and upcoming projects in Jordan in host communities implemented by INGO's and unilateral agencies.
2. Communication tools related to WASH in HC.
3. Overview of relevant studies, legislation, standards, and other information like how accountability to affected populations can be strengthened systematically for WASH interventions.