

# Irbid Coordination Meeting

## Irbid, Jordan

### 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017

Meeting Location	UNHCR Irbid	Meeting Date	01.08.2017
Facilitator	UNHCR (Coordinator) CARE Int'l (Co-chair)	Meeting Time	10:00– 12:00
Minutes Prepared by	Mohammad Al Salem - CARE Int'l in Jordan		

<b>Agenda</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safety and security update</li> <li>2. DAFI scholarship</li> <li>3. CARE Report “7 Years into Exile”</li> <li>4. Livelihood and work permit updates</li> <li>5. Inquiries, announcements and partners updates</li> <li>6. AOB</li> </ol>	
<b>General updates and follow up on previous action points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcement of the Humanitarian Day 2017 and the Humanitarian Award by OCHA.</li> </ul>	
<b>Safety and security update (UNHCR)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The situation remained calm and stable at the southern parts of Syria since the peace agreement between Russia, USA and Jordan. (Contact Nasri: 0797160372 to be added to the group on WhatsApp).</li> </ul>	
<b>DAFI scholarship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR announced the DAFI call for applications for the academic year 2017/2018. A total of 220 scholarship slots that cover a bachelor’s degree will be made available for the Syrian refugees in Jordan.</li> <li>• Eligibility: young women and men with Tawgihi, intermitted bachelor students or current students (not older than 28 years of age) are encouraged to apply.</li> <li>• The deadline is the <b>15<sup>th</sup> of August</b>, with exceptions for Tawgihi graduates who haven’t received their results yet.</li> <li>• Interested candidates are kindly requested to fill the <u>application form</u> and send in electronically to <a href="http://unhcrjordanscholarships.azurewebsites.net/">http://unhcrjordanscholarships.azurewebsites.net/</a> or hand a hardcopy to the designated locations listed in call for Application prior <b>Aug 15th 2017</b>.</li> </ul>	
<b>CARE Report “7 Years into Exile”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CARE’s report “Seven Years into Exile” sheds the light on how urban Syrian refugees, vulnerable Jordanians and other refugees in Jordan are being impacted by the Syria crisis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The full document will not be printed this year, a soft copy will be send soon.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Livelihood activities in the North area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abwab Al Kheir factory is searching for females age between 20-35 to work with them. Working hours: 7:30 to 16:00 and salary is 265 JOD with additional transportation fees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If interested, contact Mamoun Thyabat: 0788136656</li> </ul>
<p><b>Updates, Inquires, and announcements</b></p> <p><b>IMC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IMC is covering mental health in Ramtha, Irbid and Ajloun.</li> <li>IMC is preparing for a new clinic in Hakama which will have a section to treat under-aged psychiatric patients. Referrals for minors will be welcomed.</li> <li>IMC is furthermore working in the psychosocial sector and the protection area in the northern area.</li> </ul> <p><b>INTERSOS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular cash for families was given to more than 300 families in the Northern area for a period of 4-6 months. The targeted refugees are those who have left Zaatari and Azraq camp, as well as unregistered refugees and therefore receive no assistance.</li> <li>The Cash for Rent project will start soon, targeting the most vulnerable families including women households and disabilities. INTERSOS has a huge database and welcomes referrals of emergency cases from organizations.</li> <li>The project in the ITS is ongoing, offering psychosocial support, life skills, distribution of UNICEF kits and Makani tents for education.</li> <li>The cash for documentation project is ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update for documentation: the protection monitoring report is currently being conducted with data collection.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>UNHCR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A taskforce for the Health sector was established.</li> <li>Jordan Response Plan: The JRP is nearing and agencies are asked to have knowledge regarding their respective budgeting/planning of projects for the next planning cycle (2018-2019). The JRP workshop in the Dead Sea will be confirmed soon.</li> <li>Services Advisor and ActivityInfo: Agencies are encouraged to continue reporting on ActivityInfo (that are under the JRP planning on 2017) and to insert the agency's respective activities in Services Advisor (for both agencies listed under the JRP and those who are not)</li> </ul> <p><b>LWF</b></p>	

- LWF's livelihood project started in June under DANIDA grant. The targeted area is the governorate of Irbid.
- The assessment phase will start in July 2017 to screen the targeted areas.
- The project contains methods of conducting skills assessment and focuses on software training. LWF is conducting self-help groups for Syrian refugee women.
- Data is currently being collected about the needs of farmers around Irbid.

**Mercy Corps**

- MC initiated a regular cash assistance project in May and June of 150 JOD for 415 households. An additional 260 households started receiving regular cash assistance in July. This project will end in September.
- 200 families in Irbid will be reached for cash for registration/documentation purposes.
- A winterization fund from ECHO was secured for 2017/2018, for which 1300 Jordanian and Syrian families will be cash for winterization beneficiaries.
- A livelihoods project funded by the Dutch government has started six months ago. It contains two stages, skills assessment and seeking availability of jobs.
- Furthermore, there is a Livelihood project under the GAC Canadian fund for the industrial sector.

Projects run in Mafrq and Irbid. For Further information regarding any cash/ protection questions, contact:

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**USAID**

- USAID is arranging a coordination meeting with the President of Irbid's Chamber of Industry and the COP of WFD\USAID, which will be held in 8- 8- 2017.
- USAID's project consists of conducting field visits to the factories in order to determine their needs to provide USAID's services.
- USAID's EPU provides regular services for both Jordanian and Syrian.

**Action Points for next meeting:**

- Next meeting will be on September 5<sup>th</sup>
- Mercy corps presentation about research assessment on cash in Irbid
- Jordanian response plan, the WASH sector is prioritized to be included in the Jordanian Humanitarian Fund in the second half of 2017. This includes WASH mitigation actions in Zaatari camp and **ITS in Irbid** including flood mitigation measurements, water supply and wastewater collection measures, temporary storage WASH measurements and critical water quality needs. INGO's working in WASH sector are kindly asked to write to Esmail ([eibrahim@unicef.org](mailto:eibrahim@unicef.org)) and Yukiko ([koyama@unhcr.org](mailto:koyama@unhcr.org)) the indicator from their projects.

**Participants:**

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