Guidance note: WASH

Background

- The WASH expenditure is comprised of the cost of water and the cost of common hygiene items.
- According to research on WASH standards, an average of 4-5% of total reported expenditure should be spent on WASH items.¹
- Exceptions: In the Jordan context, exceptional circumstances highlight additional vulnerabilities; for example cases living in informal tent settlements (ITS), and/or families that are not connected to municipal piping tend to incur higher costs for trucked water delivery compared to cases that are connected to the municipal network.

WASH expenditures

Summary

- Overall, the average WASH expenditure decreased by 0.52 JOD, from 4.15 JOD in 2016 to 3.62 JOD in 2017.
- The average expenditure on Hygiene items increased by 1.46 JOD, from 7.13 JOD in 2016 per capita to 8.58 JOD in 2017.
- The average expenditure on Water decreased by 2.42 JOD, from 7.31 JOD in 2016 to 4.90 JOD in 2017.

Table 1: 2017 WASH MEB

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Figure 1: Changes in cost from 2016 to 2017

Methodology

- No notable change in methodology from 2016. The data was analysed from the 2017 Baseline survey, which shows self-reported expenditure.
- Average expenditure figures were calculated for each family size for all of the identified WASH items.
- Expenditure at the weekly and yearly levels were normalised to a per month basis.

Source data

- VAF Baseline 2017. May-June 2017. (3,000 cases across Jordan). A nationally representative random sample.

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