

**Mafraq Monthly Coordination Meeting – Minutes  
21.Aug.2017**

<b>Agenda</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Findings of the 2016 Participatory Assessment (PA)</li> <li>- Back to school campaign and scholarships opportunities</li> <li>- Livelihoods and work permit updates</li> <li>- Election of the new co-chair</li> <li>- Other updates (clarification on returns, new marriage law, etc)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Findings of the 2016 Participatory Assessment</b></li> </ul> <p>Community services officer presented the key findings of 2016 PA, PA is Overview of perceptions and experiences of urban Syrian, Iraqi, Sudanese and Somali refugees and asylum seekers in Jordan on key issues, in order to guide protection and programming, ensure refugee participation in planning and identifying priorities and apply UNHCR “Age, Gender and Diversity Policy”. The Focus group targeted Syrians, Iraqi, Somali And Sudanese POC’s (Person of Concerns). The main three themes :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Livelihoods :Benefits and concerns regarding employment and work permits ,Illegal work and Refugee women and employment</li> <li>➤ Vulnerability Assessment : Defining vulnerability and vulnerable groups, Views on Cash Assistance Criteria</li> <li>➤ Protection: Documentation (MOI Card Issuance, urban without authorization) , Child Protection (Early Marriage, Care for UASCs, access to education for non-Syrians, CWDs) and Assistance and Services (Information on Services, Communications, Vulnerable Groups).</li> </ul> <p>For more information you may contact Hassan Mohammed : <a href="mailto:mohammeh@unhcr.org">mohammeh@unhcr.org</a></p>	<p><b>Rasha:</b> to share the presentation with Partners</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Back to school campaign and scholarships opportunities</b></li> </ul> <p>Education Focal point provide a brief update on Learning for All campaign , Community mobilization and outreach activity concentrate to increase the awareness of importance of education learning, mobilizing children, parents and community to enrol in formal schooling, and provide necessary information about educational services, the partners involved in the campaign received training on out reaching and they will train volunteer accordingly, and have ready plans on how they will conduct an out-reach. Also share the key messages that will be used in the campaign through home visits and awareness session in the host community and Camps.</p> <p>Higher Education: UNHCR in the last stage of selection process to fill 220 slots in DAFI scholarship, the call for application opened from 25<sup>th</sup> of July till 15-Aug, the selection criteria was on average grades , location ,vulnerability. There is another scholarship opened for Syrian for bachelor degree (Edu Syria, Hopes and Kiron).</p>	<p><b>Rasha:</b> to share the key messages.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Livelihoods and work permit updates</b></li> </ul> <p>Livelihood focal point briefed the partners about livelihood updates, in terms of estimated numbers of Syrians working with and without work permits, and the procedure that should be followed by workers to facilitate the issuance of work permits. In addition to the most updated regulations and challenges :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The presence of Syrian refugees in the informal economy has created a new layer of Syrian refugees willing to work below national labour standards. This has affected wages and working conditions of not only Syrians, but Jordanians as well, particularly women and youth.</li> <li>➤ In order to to formalize jobs and provide decent work environments,the Ministry of Labour and the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions (GFJTU) recently signed a Memorandum of</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rasha:</b> to share the presentation with Partners</p> <p><b>Tambi:</b> to share the list of employers with Partners</p>

<p>Understanding (MOU) to ease the process of issuing work permits to Syrian refugees in the construction sector. The agreement allows work permits to be issued through the GFJTU (Allowing workers to move between jobs and from one employer to another instead of being tied to a single employer instead of being tied to a single employer).</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Election of the new co-chair</b></li> </ul> <p>In the last meeting the sector chair announced on the Co-chair position open and request from partner to share their interest to fill the position, only IRC nominated themselves for the position, Briefly explained their achievements, cause of interest, and what can be improved in Mafraq coordination mechanism. There was no objections from the partners and endorsed the decision. The contact details for IRC is; Hussam Ghaleb, Field Coordinator (<a href="mailto:hussam.ghaleb@rescue.org">hussam.ghaleb@rescue.org</a>; 0775066651)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other updates</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Clarification on returns:</b>  UNHCR does not consider the situation in Syrian acceptable Security wise, which does not allow Syrian refugees to return yet, UNHCR disseminates this message in the daily counselling, field visits and through partners.</p> <p><b>New marriage Regulations:</b>  There are new regulations in the marriage law, previously to legalize the marriage , the judge need to check the age of the bride (15-17 ) and the best interest, the new regulation announced one month and a half; below are some of the main points on this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The gap between the age of the bride and the groom it shouldn't be more 10 years.</li> <li>➤ If the bride and the groom in the school age they need to continue going to school (or until complete the primary school).</li> <li>➤ The groom should be responsible of the marriage expenses.</li> <li>➤ If the bride is a child, then the groom should not be married before</li> <li>➤ Both should undergo relevant medical tests</li> <li>➤ The groom and bride need attend sessions with marriage counsellor (still not clear the number of session which must be attended).</li> </ul> <p><b>MSF France new Clinic :</b>  They have new clinic in Mafraq for mental health for a specific age group. In addition, MSF France is looking for collaborating with partners in Mafraq and Ramtha, providing maternity services. MSF France is covering an average of 1600 consultation per month and offering birth delivery services in Irbid; and is looking for organizations to accept the cases after delivery for post natal care, in Mafraq &amp; Ramtha.</p>	
<p><b>NEXT MEETING: Monday 18of Sep, at UNHCR Mafraq.</b></p>	