Irbid and North Area Based Coordination Meeting
Irbid, Jordan
5, December 2017

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**Agenda**

- His excellency Radwan Al Otoum Speach
- Mayor of Irbid: facts about Irbid municipality
- UNHCR presentation for refugees situation in Irbid and 2018 secured fund
- Humanitarian actors introduction
- Direct discussion between representatives
- Recommendations and feedback for 2018 programme planning
- AOB.

**Participants:**

**Authorities attendees:**

- Irbid Governor: Radwan Al Otoum
- Irbid Mayor: Hussain Bani Hani
- Irbid Health Manager: Dr. Qasem Mayas
- Irbid Labour Manager: Nabih Al-Mumani
- Irbid Education Manager: Waheed Al-Omari
- Irbid MoSD Manager: Walid Obaidat
- Irbid water and irrigation Manager: Salem Al-shboul
- Irbid public works Manager: Ma’en Al-Rabadi
- Representative from Security directorate
- Other directorates and departments

**UN-agenesis and INGOs:**


**Meeting objectives**

- Discussion of importance of having coordination between UN-agencies, INGOs, services provides and authorities.
- To encourage NGOs to update and further collaborate with Irbid’s Governorate and main directorate in the north.
- To have an overview on the secured funds and planned projects for 2018.

**Meeting Highlights/discussions:**

- His Excellency welcomed and thanked all humanitarian actors and authority representatives who work in Irbid and north area.
- The coordination in Irbid is a one of the main priorities for all UN-agenesis, INGOs, services provides and authorities in order to fill the gaps in the needed services for the Syrian refugees and the host community in Irbid and North Area.
- UNHCR presented statistics related to the Syrian situation in Irbid and North area.
- UNHCR presented how the lack of funds in 2018 will effect directly the numbers of beneficiaries and the hope that the humanitarian actors in Jordan will fill the gap.
- All I/NGOs discussed their activities in Irbid and North area, projects in the pipe-line and funding for 2018.
- The humanitarian efforts should target the infrastructure, water resources, sanitation and other areas in Irbid and North areas.
- Irbid Mayor:
  - Syrian refugee crisis has affected the financial situation in Jordan and highlighted the need for the rest of the world and NGOs to take more responsibility towards this crisis.
  - Jordan has not received enough financial support to cover the expenses that Jordan spent on Syrian refugees, despite the presence of a huge number of I/NGO’s in Jordan.
  - Jordan received 30% from the refugee expenses and the financial support for Irbid Governorate was only 25%.
  - Encouraged organizations to ask for support from the local authorities.
  - Some NGOs work with some local associations which have no credibility which led for some suspended projects and legal actions taken against these local associations.
  - I/NGOs are asked to consult with the Development Department before making partnerships with unknown associations.
- MoSD Directorate:
  - MoSD has shared a Jordanian vulnerable list with INTERSOS to receive cash assistance but MoSD has yet to receive feedback.
  - I/NGOs are selecting CBO partners to implement their projects without reverting back to MoSD to receive advice- as some CBOs are not able to manage the projects.
  - MoSD asks NGOs to revert back to MoSD prior to distributing assistance in order to check who is eligible.
- Health Department:
I/NGOs that are working in the health sector are requested to provide the department with quarterly reports about their achievements.

- Water and Irrigation Department:
  - Consideration of the limitation of water resources in Jordan besides the weakness of its infrastructure.
  - Request of support because the Syrian refugees increased the pressure on using water resources and water infrastructure.
  - Operational cost for some I/NGOs projects is very high in comparison to the services provided.

**Recommendations:**

- Stress more on the importance of having such a meeting every 3 months to collaborate on efforts and fill the gaps in services.
- Further coordination between the INGOs and the specialized authorities departments in the area for mutual understanding on the implementation of projects.
- Build upon the steps taken in the Jordan Compact to grow the Jordanian economy, as the economic situation impacts both Jordanian host communities and refugees.
- Increase economic empowerment programming for refugees and host-community households to utilize harmful coping mechanisms and reduce the negative impact of psychosocial stress on their family members.
- Ensure donors and the international community of specific actions to increase refugees’ access to legal, dignified work that are incorporated into future funding agreements.
- Focus on vocational training, micro-finance and support for both Jordanian and refugee women working in the informal sectors.
- Focus assistance targeting Jordanian citizens on marginalized Jordanians, namely families or elderly people without children by following up with MoSD department.