Mafraq Monthly Coordination Meeting – Minutes 19.03.2018

Agenda

- Update on the new Ministry of Health policy on provision of medical services to Syrian refugees at public Health facilities Health Unit
- Update on the regularization/rectification of status for Syrian refugees living in the urban- UNHCR- REG/PRT units
- Establishment of the SGBV-sub working group in Mafraq UNHCR -PRT
- Updates on IWD UNHCR /partners
- Activity updates by partners
- Upcoming meeting of the Mafraq Governor with Heads of NGO operating in Mafraq—urban.- UNHCR.
- AoB.

Attendees: UNHCR, IRC, CARE, Vision Hope International, ACTED, ICRC, TDH, MSFF ICMC, Mercy corps, WRG, IOCC, FCA.SCJ, WFP. **Security Update:** No major incidents reported in Mafraq governorate. The general situation is calm and peaceful. UNHCR security unit provided a women security training for UNHCR staff. **Updates on Health:** A new decision issued by Cabinet on 24th January, 2018 stated that the old decision (access at non-insured rate for Syrian refugees) was cancelled. Furthermore, all Syrian refugees have to pay 80 % of Unified pricing (foreigner rate) directly to the MOH health facility when they access all types of health services. Update on the regularization/rectification of status for Syrian refugees living in the urban- UNHCR- REG/PRT unit. > The press released about the rectification of status of refugees who had left the camps in an irregular manner and published on 4th of March. UNHCR and the GoJ expect to reach out to the majority of those who require such status regularization. Persons eligible to apply for the rectification: Syrians who are subject (covered) by the rectification of status are the following:

- Refugees who had left the camps without a proper bail-out/ regularization letters, and those who had not returned to the camps after their leaves had expired – by 30 June 2017 (inclusive)
- Refugees who had entered Jordan through the informal borders but did not register in camps (pre- and post- Zaatari). These can be in IOM manifests or in Ramtha lists.

ITS

- Updates from UNHCR on the letter sent by MoI to all governors stating
 that having ITSs is against the law; and that it is better for those living in
 ITSs to move into more dignified houses! There are around 600 tents in
 Mafraq! While this is still being assessed, NGOs should keep
 assistance low profile (as the letter from MoI minister instructed
 governors to prevent NGOs from delivering assistance to ITS)
- ITS task force is to be resumed sometime soon (according to input from Protection WG).

• SGBV Working Group in Mafraq

Requesting agencies implementing SGBV to allow their focal persons to attend meetings when called for. We will first map out activities in the first meeting (expected 25th of March. *TBC*)

Partners Updates

WFP

There will be an increase in food coupons assistance to Syrian refugees. The amount of increase is additional 3 JDs for extreme vulnerable cases; and an additional 5 JDs for vulnerable cases.

• IRC

Starting a Mobile Clinic/community health program sometime in April. This comes after 1 year of suspending the same program due to funding gaps, where funding is secured now to restart the activities again in Mafraq

ICRC

Expanding outreach to Syrian refugees who have relatives who are missing (now in Irbid, and Mafraq will follow). Trying to work with GoS and opposition groups in Syria to try to locate them in prisons + assessing administrative challenges like issuing certificate of absence or death (in case the person is missing)

Vision Hope International

Vision Hope International is partnering with the local NGO Manshia Bani Hasan in Al-Manshia, Mafraq, for a Family Centre project. We're running a Kindergarten (age 4-6) and reaching out to school children, girls, women and their families in different programs offering academic help, skill training, employment projects and psychosocial support. We provide our services for Syrians and Jordanians.

Psychosocial support is a key element of all our programs. Our psychological counsellor is conducting parent counselling, group and individual sessions with women, home visits,... dealing with many different cases.

If anyone is interested connecting their psychological counsellors with our for establishing a team supervision group in Mafraq for anonymous case discussion and professional exchange, please contact me:

Mareike Schulte, PSS Consultant VHI, <u>mareike.schulte@vision-hope.org</u>, 0770645950. From my own working experience with clients I know that this is highly beneficial for the professional development and of course for our staff's self-care.

WRG

Piloting a marriage curriculum, and exploring possibility to sign off with local mosques and churches through this pilot Registration for men on the sewing factory in Irbid is closed now (since the required caseload has already been completed), but we are taking referrals for women.

Meeting with Mafraq Governor

Meeting planned for early/mid April, and the governor (week starting 16 of April). Heads of offices from INGOs are expected to be present

NEXT MEETING: To be decided later