

JORDAN REFUGEE RESPONSE

Inter-Sector Working Group

Meeting Minutes and Action Points
Monday, 2 April 2018
UNHCR Office, Amman



1. 2017 3RP Annual Report

The Senior Inter-Sector Coordinator thanked the Sector co-Chairs for their collaboration in establishing the Jordan inputs and informed that the final overall report will be shared within the week.

The Health co-chair informed that MOPIC did the same consultation for the JRP for the Health sector and that similar message to that delivered as part of the 3RP report has been communicated along with updates. Other sectors didn't report such activity from MOPIC yet, during the meeting.

UNHCR outgoing Senior Regional External Relations mentioned that in case of updates on the 3RP report after the submission, there is still room to communicate with the regional office in order to try and reflect them.

2. Consultations with ISWG Sectors

Following the initiation of the consultation by the UNHCR Representative in previous ISWG meeting, the Senior Inter-Sector Coordinator presented the way forward to this exercise with describing the goals expected: using the experience of sector members, how to support the Government and replicate the success of the Refugee component of the 3RP to the Resilience component. She clarified that this exercise is at the stage of consultations and aims at exploring how to support more common needs and Jordanians with use of national plans.

The Livelihoods co-chairs reacted by further saying to raise what is being done in refugee component (including home-based businesses) to strengthen resilience and link with bigger development organizations but also raised the issue of the specificities of the percentage between refugees and Jordanians targeted in home-based businesses projects.

The Health co-chair reacted by highlighting that taking example from Education sector needs to be approached in a careful manner with looking at the service side and not the outcome. He gave example of such caution between Health and Education sector with highlighting how different the needs between Syrians and Jordanians are.

The proposed timeline is set to two weeks whereby sectors will be providing their inputs and recommendations to the Snr. Inter-Sector Coordinator who will send a reminder one week before the deadline. Deadline is 17 April.

3. Information Management Updates

The IM Officer introduced the new dashboard for the 2018 planning and monitoring phases available at <http://scs.raisunhcr.org/>. The dashboards present new design and renewed management of gender disaggregation and figures aggregation of the 3RP activities.

4. Financial Tracking System (FTS)

The IM Officer introduced the new FTS platform that will be used to capture the situation of the funding for the first quarter 2018. The platform is entirely online and trainings are conducted with the finance and

programme focal points of the organizations appealing within the 3RP for their initial reporting of the year. The deadline for the first quarter has been shortened from the regular timeline due to the upcoming Brussels Conference on Syria Situation happening at the end of April.

5. AOB

The Senior Regional External Relations Officer who was in charge of the 3RP is leaving Jordan. The JIF Country Coordinator is also leaving his role at the JIF and indicated JIF Advocacy Coordinator as his substitute.

Issue of CFW Volunteers in camps working for NGOs - by Livelihoods co-chair

MOPIC would like to know the number of volunteers employed by NGOs with the aim of knowing the number of Jordanians employed in assisting refugees. She highlighted that the volunteers constitutes work permit opportunities and that the Government wants to record it as achievements. The NGOs are not willing to share the number of volunteers working outside the camps and fear that it is used to highlight that they use too many refugees and not Jordanians. The issue cannot be considered under labor law as liability but it is difficult for NGOs to move away from the use of volunteers in camps.

Issues raised by JIF

The level of services the JHF brings to Village 5 (cash for work) in moving away from infrastructure work might support political process outside the humanitarian mandate. Discussions to be held with OCHA to better approach this delicate situation.

Challenge in the approval process continue to be of concern with policies not common for everyone, the MOU for multi-sectoral projects having to go to each line ministry and also the process itself unclear. Health co-chair recommended guidelines developed since 2015 to support health sector organizations through the approval process. JIF Country Coordinator also suggested analysis of funding versus delay in the implementation of activities and further raised the issue of some JHCO partners not recorded in JORISS. He also emphasized that there need to highlight the convincing argument of projects covering 100% Syrians are indeed implemented by Jordanian staff and that most of the budget will go to them.

The Senior Inter-Sector Coordinator informed that the HPF retreat took place and the trend was to present solutions and not only focusing on issues. The meeting reinforced the role of ISWG for supporting HPF. She also reminded about the work plan regarding the areas that are still not implemented and has requested inputs from the sector co-chairs.

The Co-Chair of Food Security sector announced that WFP together with UNHCR are undertaking a validation of approximately 380,000 WFP food assistance beneficiaries residing in the communities.

6. Action Points

Action Points	Responsible Person	Timeframe
Sectors provide inputs for the consultation on JRP for supporting Resilience.	Chair, Senior Inter-Sector Coordinator	By 17 April 2018
Share the 2017 3RP Annual Report upon reception from the Regional Office.	Senior Inter-Sector Coordinator	In progress (upon reception)

Provide inputs to the 2018 work plan with reporting on implementation.	Co-Chairs, Senior Inter-Sector Coordinator	Through 2018
Discussion with OCHA about the JHF funds in Village 5.	Co-Chairs, Senior Inter-Sector Coordinator, JIF	To be confirmed / upon opportunity

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8. Next Meeting

The next ISWG meeting will be held on Sunday, 6 May at 2 p.m. in UNHCR EMOPS room.