Legal Protection
Jordan
July - September 2021

2021 Achievements

Legal
- Children registration and issuance of documentation: 6,037
- 4,831 Syrians urban
- 361 non-Syrians
- 845 Syrians camps
- 11,163 Syrians urban
- 3,651 non-Syrians
- Legal assistance provided to Persons of Concern by UNHCR, ARDD and Jordan Bar Association: 17,046
- 139 Syrians
- 223 Non-Syrians

Detention
- Facilitation of visits of Persons of Concern in correction & rehabilitation centres: 19
- POCs currently detained in Jordan: 72 Syrian and 54 non-Syrian.
- Detention Unit interventions on behalf of detained POCs in 2021:
  - Syrian: 139
  - Non-Syrian: 194
  - Resulted in the bail or release of:
    - Syrian: 6
    - Non-Syrian: 41

Outreach
- Protection interviews, partner referrals, internal referrals for queries received via Helpline and mailbox.

Training
- SRAD training for office and camps staff:
  - 12 training courses
  - 241 participants from SRAD personnel assigned to HQ and camps
- UNHCR Protection training for national stakeholders:
  - 12 training courses
  - 204 participants

Plans for 2021
- Continue to advocate with the Civil Status Department for more flexible documentation requirements for the issuance of birth certificates to Syrian Persons of Concern.
- Continue to advocate with the Government of Jordan to regularize undocumented marriages, with obvious benefits to undocumented children born in them.
- Continue to intervene on behalf of Persons of Concern mediating with landlords and negotiating payment plan extensions or arrangements for emergency assistance to those facing evictions due to diminishing income-generating opportunities in the face of the pandemic.
- Continue to utilize trainings as a critical advocacy tool, encouraging dialogue with government officials on the legal challenges Persons of Concern face in Jordan, with a view towards capacity building and engaging in on-going constructive discussions with participants to identify appropriate solutions.
| Persons of concern’s documentation strengthened | - Ensure access to civil documentation, legal documentation and counseling;
- Liaise with the Civil Status Department and Shari’a courts to document incidents of marriage, birth, divorce, custody, family disputes, etc;
- Assess trafficking and statelessness cases, provide all legal assistance and advocate to rectify their situation when possible;
- Support the provision of the Ministry of Interior Service Card. |
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| Access to legal assistance & legal remedies improved | - Provide legal counseling, mediation and representation services to UNHCR’s Persons of Concern;
- Facilitation/advocacy for the rectification of the legal status of Persons of Concern;
- Conduct regular, high-level meetings for advocacy with, inter alia, the Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate, Ministry of Interior, Residence and Border Department, Public Security Directorate and Ministry of Labour;
- Liaise with the Government of Jordan on legal aspects of access to employment. |
| Access to the territory improved & risk of refoulement reduces, risks related to detention reduced & freedom of movement increased | - Ensure international protection of Persons of Concern in detention through official correspondence and interventions with Government of Jordan entities;
- Conduct advocacy for the rectification of the legal status of persons of concern with complex/delicate issues;
- Facilitate access to Persons of Concern still in detention for Refugee Status Determination, Resettlement and other Protection units as required;
- Conduct regular protection interviews at detention facilities across Jordan;
- Monitoring and analyzing developments related to onward movement of Persons of Concern from Jordan to third countries;
- Monitoring the development in neighbouring countries and enhancing communication and collaboration. |
| Capacity development related to refugee protection | - Capacity development on UNHCR mandate and international refugee law for the Government officials, as well as for non-governmental organizations, judicial entities, academics and UNHCR staff in order to broaden the forum for discussion and advocacy. |
| Protection counseling & referral improved | - Conduct interviews for cases at heightened protection risk, filtering queries received from the Helpline, mailbox and partner referrals and provide protection advice and assistance. |