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| **INTER-SECTOR WORKING GROUP***23 June 2021* | |
| **Chair** | Ruben Nijs (UNHCR) |
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| Absences | **Protection – GBV – CP** |
| Agenda | 1. Sector Updates 2. Presentation on KRG Vision 2030 – MoP 3. 3RP update on activity, planning and reporting. |

**Sector Updates**

HEALTH:

* General update on COVID 19. In camps, the total number of positive cases is 480, 20 deaths and 390 recovered. 2340 vaccinated through online registration and 7049 doses provided through the MoH KRG campaign in IDP and refugee camps.
* The PHCs in Basirma camp will be integrated with the national health system. Implementation plan currently under the review of Erbil governorate for approval. After consultation with refugees in the camp, implementation will start at the end of July.
* WHO is planning to support all camps with essential medication.
* UNHCR will open a COVID 19 vaccination unit in Domiz camp next week. Awareness campaigns are ongoing to encourage vaccination over concerns about refugee communities being reluctant to vaccinate.
* Cases of diarrhoea increased in Sulaymaniyah. The sector is working to update cholera response plan.

WASH

* The gap in water provision at Bardarash camp is ongoing and also at Kawergosk camp. The WASH sector currently looking for solutions and additional funding.
* The Sector priority is to focus on water scarcity in Iraq. This year rainfall was the second worst in the past 40 years and early signs of water scarcity have already been identified. A Task Force will be established to monitor the issue, early warnings, and partners capacity to respond.
* Staffing changes: new Sub-National Coordinator for Duhok; Jennifer Vettel moved to UNICEF.
* UNHCR started 2 feasibility studies: 1) for improving the existing WSS in Kawergosk sub-district; 2) improving the existing sewerage system in Qushtapa sub-district.

PROTECTION

* The protection sector is currently prioritising work with KRI authorities on the development of new instructions that will formalise refugees’ access to humanitarian residency issued by the MoI.
* Addressing registration backlog through additional staffing and establishing double shift systems.
* Consistent increase in number of detentions of Syrian refugees in Federal Iraq
* World Refugee Day was celebrated across the country through many events that involved refugees, host communities and implementing partners.

SHELTER

* UNHCR is focusing on Shelter upgrade activities in all camps. Implementing projects to upgrade remaining shelters in Gawilan and caravans in Basirma.
* UNHCR is constructing a new school in Kawergosk as part of camp integration with host communities.

EDUCATION

* Consultation workshop occurred with the MoE and Education sector supported by UNHCR to validate the policy draft on the Integration Education Policy aiming to integrate refugee schools with KRG schools. The education Sectors will work closely with MoE on the implementation.

LIVELIHOOD

* The share of employment rate in KRI is above 50% regardless of the pandemic and the economic crisis, however the rate is minimum for Syrian refugees, especially women.
* Panel discussion delivered by the Durable Solution Platform and IMPACT presenting key findings from the report “[My Hope is to Stay Here”: Shared Livelihoods Services as a Pathway towards Integration in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr.dissemination.impact-initiatives.org%2Fmk%2Fcl%2Ff%2F8IBWH1MzRDF0Q0MhQ015q4-kxhG9y0bSLTvGC5jGj5G-L4JQfET7jqNjj3NORpmC09XeSbbjLMGLkEjdKXw78ChboOxoCcs8KFtQOfp7Ys5gro2J9x8Q7xsHFOL3qylj-U2daqPHrHW8OPaICJXaDxq6v4ZlFfXm1IuYe0ZVVrXxo3iETYwPor4C0pOWMFyaDmkTvJh4rQrwHTWGFEeA-NGshbCRbNlwV2Oa47_1F_3ketwJ7vNm-NPTFbP-VRNdthheNysGSQeI7Ip8l8QbXNxRgqABpqJdvQTdqGQf&data=04%7C01%7Cterren%40unhcr.org%7C358f3636d9da4925a39108d92b5755f0%7Ce5c37981666441348a0c6543d2af80be%7C0%7C0%7C637588476361934881%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=f%2BI7cbpF18aRA2yAv7zFGCt4O5R0OavYcPt5frbrexg%3D&reserved=0) with recommendations and ways forwards for planning and coordination.
* Sector working on a new set of Indicators for living standards.
* Ongoing conversation with MoLSA on internal instructions to issue work permits to refugees with UNHCR certificate but more details in writing are needed.

BASIC NEEDS

* COVID 19 cash was distributed to 18000 refugees in urban areas (240 000 IQD).
* MPCA may increase beneficiaries to 6000 households receiving 12 months assistance (370 000 per month).
* Meetings occurred between the World Bank, UNICEF and MoLSA to roll out a project to set up a social protection scheme. The World Bank planning to run a pilot on targeting vulnerable host communities. UNHCR will provide capacity building, technical support, and advocate on inclusion of a sample of refugees in the caseload.

FOOD

* WFP discussing to continue assistance to the same caseload in camps till December 2021 due to COVID 19.
* The review is still ongoing of the complaints submitted by refugees through feedback mechanisms about their exclusion from assistance.
* Cash assistance provided in camps (24 000 IQ per person per month).

**Presentation on KRG Vision 2030 – Dr. Hayder Mustafa Saaid (MoP)**

* Presentation delivered by Dr. Hayder Mustafa Saaid from the MoP on KRG Vision 2030.
* The Vision 2030 was first agreed on in 2019 with a MoU signed between MoP and UNDP. There was no progress in 2020 due to COVID 19.
* A situational analysis was first conducted also in consultation with the private sectors. The Vision 2020 was reviewed to reflect on lessons learned and recommendations. A final draft of the Vision 2030 is currently under the review of the Cabinet for approval.
* The Vision 2030 is composed of 4 pillars and 12 priorities aligned with SDGs.
* The presentation highlighted the alignment of the pillars and the priorities with the 3RP objectives. A lot of alignments are already in place, but more work is needed from the sectors to provide inputs and ensure the Vision will feed into the next 3RP planning.
* More Partnership (SDG 17) is necessary to achieve the goals. A low number of UN agencies provided inputs through UNDP, so more collaboration is needed in the future.
* Update provided by Dr. Kanar Hidayat from MoP. New data are available from MoP on population analysis which will be shared with the sectors to support future planning.

**Overview of 3RP activities in 2021 and planning of 2022-2023 (Ruben Nijs/UNHCR)**

* Q2 Activity Info reporting process started. Quality issues identified from Q1. Sector leads to do quality control of the data submitted in Q1 and Q2. IM unit will send instructions for Q2 reporting, including the request to share Interest stories from Comms focal points. Challenges, issues, and gaps can be shared with Ruben.
* Working on re-lunching a new Interactive Dashboard on Activity Info to replace the existing one so it is important that quality checks on data are carried out before making it public. Once in place, it will be used during ISWG to share info and promote our work with donors.
* Developed a new Service Advisor Platform linked to Activity Info: a CwC tool for refugees to access services. Only a pilot for this year but aiming to collect all data by beginning of 2022.
* Planning for a new MSNA with REACH in preparation for the next 3RP planning. It will target a sample of Syrian refugees and a small sample from Host communities. Sector leads will be involved to draft the questionnaire and relevant indicators.
* Plan to develop an Inter-sector solution strategy by the end of Q3 to elaborate more on activities and focus on long term integration and strengthening local capacity and feed into the next 3RP planning phase.

**Action Log**

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| Action Points | Organization | Remarks |
| **Monitoring and updating Cholera response**  **plan** | Health Sector |  |
| **Set up of a Taskforce to monitor and respond**  **to water scarcity** | Wash Sector |  |
| **Follow up and update on water gaps in Kawergosk and Bardarash Camps** | Wash Sector |  |
| **Education Sector to follow up on pending**  **actions from workshop with MoE: policy approval and implementation plan** | Education Sector |  |
| **Follow up with MoLSA on instructions to issue**  **work permits to refugees** | Livelihood Sector |  |
| **Share indicators on living standards** | Livelihood Sector |  |
| **Bilateral conversation with UNDP to be more**  **involved with 3RP planning and coordination** | Ruben Nijs  (UNHCR) |  |
| **To conduct alignment exercise in October to**  **ensure Vision 2030 will feed into the next 3RP planning** | Sector Leads |  |
| **To share new population data analysis**  **Conducted by MoP** | MoE |  |
| **To conduct quality checks on activity Info for**  **Q1 and Q2** | Sector Leads |  |
| **Share instruction on Q2 Reporting/ request**  **contact information of communication focal**  **points for 3RP partners** | IM Unit  (UNHCR) |  |
| **To update the Service Advisor Platform with**  **data on available services** | 3RP partners |  |
| **Organise briefing sessions with donors for the**  **next ISWG** | Ruben Nijs (UNHCR) |  |
| **Development of a questionnaire and indicators**  **for next MSNA. To contact sector leads for inputs** | Ruben Nijs/  Sector Leads |  |
| **To reach Sector leads for inputs to develop an**  **Inter-Agency Solution Strategy and Work Plan**  **by the end of Q3** | Silvia Terren (UNHCR)/Sector Leads |  |