



This ISWG monthly update is a coordination tool that aims to improve communication between sectors and provide information on progress towards implementation of the objectives of the Jordan Contingency & Response Plan in response to COVID-19. It is available through the Inter-Agency Operational Portal at [COVID-19 Response Page](#)

## I. General Updates

- During the month of October, JRP process has remained in a stand-by mode. The line ministries have established task forces and started nomination of focal points. Inter-Sector Coordination has been maintaining close contacts with MoPIC being ready to engage in the JRP activities.
- The Regional Inter-Sector workshop which took place on 12 October and aimed to inform planning 3RP 2022 and facilitate country teams' discussions on key priorities for 2022, also flagged negative impact of COVID-19 in 2021 which may retain in 2022, including increased competition for jobs and limited resources, stretched public services and social tensions, adoption of negative coping mechanisms (i.e., child labor and child marriage) and increased protection risks.
- COVID-19: The MoH criteria were expanded to include children above 12 in the vaccination campaign, upon the consent of the parents.

## II. Sector's Updates



### BASIC NEEDS

#### Activities

- **Criteria Update:** Due to the continuous impact of COVID on refugee's livelihoods the criteria for eligibility for COVID-19 Emergency Assistance continue to be up to six times of COVID payments.
- **UNHCR funds:** In October, UNHCR did not receive any COVID-19 Emergency Response (ER) funds, but it had retroactive payments for the cases who had technical issues withdrawing their COVID-19 ER assistance. Therefore, a retroactive COVID-19 ER list was processed in October to cover 850 cases (107 non-Syrians and 745 Syrians), with a total amount of 274,885 JOD.
- **Assistance Figures:** Since the beginning of the COVID-19 ER, 71,848 families (8,967 non-Syrians and 62,881 Syrians) received at least one time assistance for COVID-19 ER from UNHCR and partners.
- **Partners' Assistance Update:** For October, no partners assisted nor booked cases under COVID-19 ER assistance.
- **Current Eligible Population Figures:** As of October, 47,417 families have been eligible to receive COVID-19 emergency assistance, of which 6,536 are non-Syrians and 40,881 are Syrians.

#### Challenges

- Though the demand for assistance continues to rise, funding has reduced and if received is ad-hoc. This leads to challenges in planning and budgeting by the eligible families.



### EDUCATION

- In October, Middle East Child Institute (MECI) supported 1,100 (57% female) Non-Formal Education (NFE) students to attend 93 Extra-Curricular Activity (ECA) sessions and 93 out-of-school children (52% female) to newly enrol in the NFE Dropout programme. In addition, MECI distributed school bags, water bottles, and notebooks to 769

students (46% female) in host communities and provided a transportation service to 728 students (54 per cent female). Furthermore, MECI provided 10 GB of internet data to 1,147 NFE students (52% female).

- Save the Children continued to provide 1,641 children (52% female) aged 0-5 years with inclusive early childhood care and development services in Early Learning Centres in Azraq and Za'atari refugee camps. Save the Children also provided 246 mothers with complementary structured learning sessions to improve their knowledge and skills in early childhood development, to better support the learning and well-being of their children at home. In addition, Save the Children provided 69 children with disabilities (50% female) with early intervention services including speech therapy, academic individual support, and emotional counselling.
- Collateral Repair Project (CRP) continued to provide youth education programmes in two community centres in Amman. In October, 71 (50% female) Syrian and non-Syrian youth, including vulnerable Jordanians, received support across several programmes, including English language tutoring, psychosocial support, and digital literacy.
- UNESCO, with support from the Government of the Republic of Korea and through its partnership with Luminus Technical University College (LTUC), has been supporting Syrian refugee and vulnerable Jordanian youth with scholarships to access BTEC-level II Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes in three training disciplines (Business, Information Technology, and Creative Media Production), as well as on-the-job training opportunities. In October, 127 students (58 % female, 51% Syrian) from the Business and IT disciplines started their second trimester and 55 students (45% female, 35% Syrian) of the Creative Media Production discipline continued to benefit from the programme.
- UNESCO and GIZ are providing technical assistance to the MOE in their efforts towards inclusion in line with the National Strategy for Inclusive Education (IES) 2020-2030. In October, UNESCO and GIZ finalized the capacity needs assessment requested by the MOE and the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (HCD). During a technical working session, participants of the working groups including the MOE, HCD and other partners discussed the recommendations of the assessment and reflected on a common definition for inclusion and diversity in education in Jordan.
- UNESCO/IIEP continues to provide technical support to the MOE with the Education Strategic Plan (ESP) Mid-Term Review (MTR) process. In October, the Policy, Planning and Coordination Committee (PPCC) meeting focused on progress of the MTR process, feedback on the draft MTR report from MOE Senior Management and the Education Development Partner Group (EDPG), as well as updates on back to school and remedial education plans from the MOE. UNESCO is supporting the broader ESP Coordination and Partnership Structure at three different levels: Inter-Ministerial High-Level Steering Committee, the PPCC and the Technical Working Groups.
- With UNHCR contribution, JOHUD supported school transportation for 173 non-Syrian students (52% female) by providing transportation fees. In addition, JOHUD provided 225 non-Syrian students (51% female) with school kits and books. The kits included school uniforms, sports shoes, school bags, water bottles, pencil cases, notebooks, stationery, dictionaries, and architecture sets.
- Under the Madrasati initiative, Queen Rania Centre (QRC) supported 50 teachers in four public schools to integrate the MOE curriculum within UNHCR's supported digital learning platform Kolibri. The resources are integrated within Arabic, English, Mathematics and Science classroom lessons to enrich materials and foster a blended learning environment.
- In October, UNICEF supported 33,328 children (54% female) in Makani Centres with in-person Learning Support Services (LSS). In addition, UNICEF supported the transportation of 2,550 students (51% female) from Informal Tented Settlements (ITs) to school.
- From October 5, UNICEF supported registration for Tawjihi repeat exams that will take place in December 2021. A total of 787 Tawjihi students (52% female) have been registered in Za'atari and Azraq refugee camps, and in EJC and KAP.
- Registration of KG2 and Grade 1 students in refugee camps closed on 7 October. With UNICEF support, 2,926 (50% female) children have been registered for KG2 and 3,987 (48% female) children have been registered for Grade 1 in Za'atari and Azraq refugee camps.
- In October, UNICEF distributed stationery (including ballpoint pens, permanent markers, colouring markers and highlighters) to 38,701 students and 1,845 teachers in Za'atari and Azraq refugee camps.

- In partnership with UNICEF, the Queen Rania Teacher Academy (QRTA) completed Early Grade Literacy Training for 301 (54% female) Syrian Assistant Teachers (SATs) in Za’atari refugee camp. SATs will help teachers in all camp schools to support children in KG2 to Grade 2 to progress in their reading.
- On 14 October, the MOE informed directorates and school principals to include Learning Bridges within daily lesson plans for Grades 4-9. Learning Bridges is a curriculum linked blended learning programme that is used by teachers both in the classroom and to support home learning.



## FOOD SECURITY

- In October, WFP has been delivering its monthly cash assistance to 471,726 individuals in camps and host communities.
- Beneficiaries covered under special temporary assistance were informed through tailored SMS messages about their future level of assistance. The online appeal form was active until October 31st. All appeals will be processed, and all applicants informed of their appeal results.
- Food Security Outcome data collection was completed, the initial results are expected in late November/early December.
- WFP launched the biometric validation exercise, which will last till 30 November. The tailored messages and posts on FB advised the WFP beneficiaries in host communities to validate their presence in Jordan through scanning their IRIS at a nearby post office. Starting November, the beneficiaries can also do the validation at the local helpdesks, while beneficiaries with special needs will be reached through home visits.
- On 24 October, the new Requests for Proposals for supporting the WFP’s programme in host communities and camps was introduced, inviting local and international partners to apply. The application period will last till 13 November.
- The National Food Security Strategy (2021-2030) and the National School Feeding Strategy (2021-2025) were officially endorsed by the Government of Jordan.
- The funding challenges for WFP continue.



## HEALTH

- The ‘Headway’ completed the data cleaning and validation of the ‘Health Access and Utilisation Survey’ (HAUS) covering a final sample of 402 Syrians and 404 non-Syrians. The next steps will include tabulation, data analysis and delivery of the final report in mid-November.
- The design of the ‘Policy Manual’ on refugee eligibility to public health facilities has been finalized and shared with Ministry of Health (MOH) for final endorsement. A workshop organized by MOH and funded by the Embassy of Canada to orient health care providers from 18 different health governorates on the new provisions of the Manual.

### **Za’atari camp:**

- Although the number of reported COVID-19 cases has slightly increased during October (40 cases on September, 44 cases in October), the positivity rate is still considered low. The epidemiological curve has continued moving upward slowly since the mid-August.
- COVID-19 vaccination activities continued through the two vaccination Centres of MoH.

### **Azraq camp:**

- A slight increase of positive COVID-19 cases has been witnessed in October having reached 42 cases.
- UNHCR through its health partner IMC coordinated and supported transportation of refugees to receive the vaccine at the vaccination Centre inside the camp.



## LIVELIHOODS

- According to MoPIC, by 31 October issuance of work permits for Syrians reached around 266 thousand:

Beneficiaries	Total work permits issued		Percentage of work permits issued (%)	
	Jan'16 - Oct'21	in Oct'21	Jan'16 - Oct'21	in Oct'21
Male	250,126	45,411	94.19	91.06
Female	15,420	4,457	5.81	8.94
Total	265,546	49,868	100	100

- According to the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions (GFJTU), during July – September around 5,000 applications for flexible work permits were received (including approximately 3,000 in the construction sector and 1,000 in the agricultural sector).
- The HBB (Home-Based Businesses) taskforce hosted the Jordan Food and Drugs Administration (JFDA) to present the procedure and to flag the importance of the JFDA approval and licensing food projects. After waiving the license renewal fees, the high fees of the first-time licensing remain the main challenge for businesses. The JFDA has communicated this challenge to the Government of Jordan to hopefully reduce / waive the fees. To support advocacy for this initiative, the JFDA suggested NGOs to sign this petition.



## PROTECTION

- The GBV SWG with support of the GBV Consultant is developing a GBV M&E Toolkit. The Toolkit aims to ensure that the M&E processes are conceptualized, executed, and utilized in a safe and ethical manner. It provides a set of essential and context-appropriate tools for monitoring and evaluating GBV interventions in light of GBV guiding principles and M&E best practices.
- The GBV SWG established a TF to start the preparation for the upcoming International days: the 'International Day for the Girl Child' and the '16 Days of Activism. Against GBV'. The TF includes 14 members from local and international organizations and UN agencies. The group agreed on conducting joint events to celebrate both occasions, in addition to establishment of a joint calendar and development of key messages.
- On 11 October, the GBV SWG celebrated the 'International Day for the Girl Child' under the theme 'Digital Generation. Our Generation'. For this occasion, the group collected a set of stories of girls and adolescent girls in Jordan who are working on bridging the gender-digital divide and advocating to ensure all girls have equal access to the internet, technologies, technical skills and opportunities. Stories can be found here: <https://jordan.unfpa.org/en/news>.



## SHELTER

- At Za'atari and Azraq camps, UNHCR conducted 'Vector and Rodent' assessments (of stray dogs, snakes, scorpions, cockroaches, rats, ants, insects, etc.) to determine the scale and complexity of the current situation and challenges. The results demonstrated 90% of the human settlement zone is currently invested especially at the household level. In addition, the situation was identified to have been further exacerbated by COVID-19 which has interrupted the periodic 'Rodent and Vector' control campaigns at both locations since 2020.
- A community focused event has been organized by UNHCR to listen, learn and join forces with the communities to elaborate on the steps to address the situation together. The compilation of the received is ongoing and will inform the methodology to be adopted in the future control campaigns which are expected to be led by the community.
- As a preventative measure, the distribution of antidotes in all health clinics and hospitals was completed.



- In October, UNICEF continued the provision of WASH services to all 122,789 refugees in three camps (Za’atari, Azraq and King Abdullah Park).

#### **Za’atari camp:**

- Since a substantial camp-wide distribution of WASH items took place in September, UNICEF distributed 57 soap bars to 32 families in the transit area in October. Distributions for the self-isolated families was discontinued.
- In October, the water demand decreased as UNICEF maintained an aggregate water supply of clean and safe water of around 4,200 m<sup>3</sup> per day. As a result, external water trucking was reduced to around 840 m<sup>3</sup> per day, representing around 30 % of the total water supply, down from 46 % in September. On average, daily water share per person reached 48,7 liters.

#### **Azraq camp:**

- A total of 79 cleaning kits, 70 hand sanitizers, 52 hygiene kits and 88 jerry cans were distributed among 1,154 beneficiaries, including 694 children, to reach the most vulnerable families. UNICEF’s partners in the camp continued disseminating messages in relation to COVID-19, among others, through 769 active Lead Mothers that reached 2,307 people through messaging. In addition, facilitation trainings for Youth Community Representatives continued as their number rose from 29 to 66 (21 male, 45 female).

#### **KAP (King Abdullah Park):**

- **A camp-wide distribution took place, providing 127 hand sanitizers, 28 family hygiene kits, 135 small hygiene kits and 21 jerry cans to 563 beneficiaries, including 315 children.**

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