May 2018 UPDATE



This monthly update is a coordination tool that aims to improve communication between sectors and up to the Humanitarian Partners Forum. It focuses on processes, rather than achievements. The latter are covered through separate monthly sector dashboards, available through the Inter-Agency Portal and at http://data.unhcr.org/jordan/sectors/

I. General / Inter-Sector Update

The 3RP 2017 annual report is finalized and can be found at https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/syria.

During ISWG May meeting, the Senior Inter-Sector Coordinator briefed on the Humanitarian Partners Forum (HPF) meeting held on 21 May with particular focus on ISWG's recommended action points made to the members of the HPF in response to the challenges raised by the ISWG in consultations with the NGO's on project approval. Such recommendations aim to support and advocate to the different stakeholders and reinforce the existing and constructive synergies. The consequences of underfunding was again emphasized as some sectors, such as basic needs, health, and shelter, still need attention and donors' support.

The monitoring dashboards for all refugee sectors have been updated with the latest information from the implementing partners – <u>http://scs.raisunhcr.org</u> and also the regular communication with the regional office on the Jordan 3RP indicators has been maintained with the monthly reporting.

The Financial Tracking System (FTS) for the submission of the First Quarter 2018 report on funds received during the mentioned period: for refugees are \$197m out of \$744m (26%) and for resilience \$60m out of \$298m (20%).

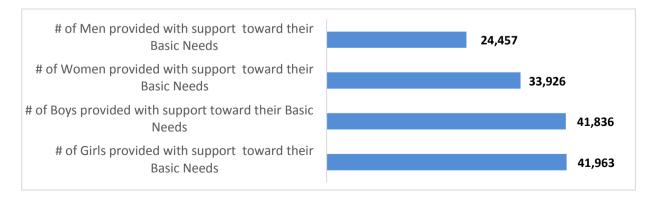
II. Sector information

<u>BASIC NEEDS</u>

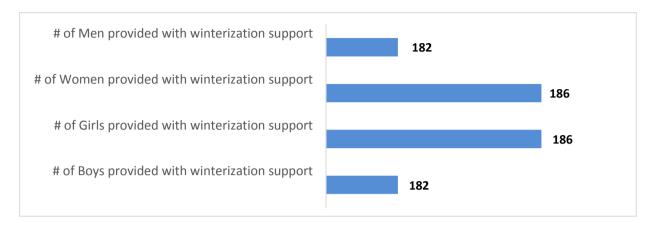
In May, the Basic Needs Working Group (BNWG) provided around 5,459,040 US\$ worth of regular cash, winterization assistances and Non-Food Items (NFIs) to vulnerable beneficiaries from the refugee and host Community.

Urban:

The number of individuals and households provided with Basic Needs Support in the form of regular cash and non-food item (NFIs) is as follows:



The number of individuals and households provided with winterization support in the form of winterization cash and Non-Food Items (NFIs) is as follows:



Azraq camp:

Around 36,173 WGBM benefited from the distribution of NFIs in the form of life saving basic needs assistance that consists of replenishment/replacement kits and basic core relief.

Zaatari camp:

Around 15,766 WGBM benefited from the distribution of NFIs in the form of life saving basic needs assistance that consists of replenishment/replacement kits and basic core relief.



Formal Education

Ahead of Summer Tawjihi exams from 30 June – 15 July 2018, partners of the Education Sector supported the Department of Education under the Ministry of Education to prepare for the transportation of estimated 630 students in Azraq, EJC, and Zaatari camps to take their exams outside the camps.

Cross-Sectoral Collaboration

A joint meeting was held between Education Sector Working Group and Protection Working Group to agree on key recommendations to address violence against children at school. A task force on out-of-school children was also set up in Azraq camp to improve universal enrolment of public schools ahead of new academic year commencing in early September 2018.

Non Formal Education

A total of 2,210 children were newly enrolled in non-formal education (drop-out and catch-up). Out of this, 925 children are enrolled in Catch-Up Centers (gender desegregation not available for catch up) and another 1,285 (737 males (57%), 548 females (43%)) are enrolled in the Drop-Out programs.



FOOD SECURITY

 492,000 Syrian refugees residing in camps and communities received monthly cash-based transfers. Following an increase of WFP's assistance, in response increases in tax on food commodities and the removal of a long-standing subsidy on bread, around 110,000 refugees residing in camps and 207,000 extremely vulnerable refugees living in communities received USD 32.5 (JOD 23) per person per month, while 175,000 refugees categorized as vulnerable received USD 21.2 (JOD 15) per person per month.

- WFP and UNHCR completed the initial phase of a country-wide validation of Syrian refugees receiving WFP's General Food Assistance in host communities. Home visits to elderly and disabled cases as well as catch-up days for those who missed the exercise will take place in June.
- Following the successful roll-out of the 'choice' modality in four governorates allowing beneficiaries to both redeem their assistance in WFP-contracted shops, and cash out their entitlements in ATMs – preparations are underway to expand to three additional governorates. Also, preparations are underway to roll-out block chain technology in communities.
- The first cycle of barley production using the hydroponic unit started in Azraq town. The cycle serves as a pilot to test the product, monitor the system, identify issues and propose options to further scale production. A total of 150 kg of fodder was produced and will be marketed locally at subsidised prices to livestock owners. This model uses 80 percent less space and 90 percent less water to produce nutritious green fodder than traditional methods. This is particularly important considering climate-related challenges that the agricultural sector faces in Jordan -especially the lack of arable land and shortage of water.

BEALTH

Jordan Humanitarian Fund (JHF):

Eight proposals were received from different national and international organizations, early May the Sector Advisory Group (SAG) reviewed them all and share sector recommendation with OCHA. OCHA board accepted three proposals including renal dialysis project by Qatari Red Crescent (QRC), the Jordan Paramedics Society JPS project to support secondary health care for priority emergency obstetric and neonatal cases and cash for health project by MEDAIR.

Nutrition Sub Working Group:

- The preparations for the micronutrient deficiency survey has finished. The protocol, the questionnaires and the agreements with the implementing partners are ready.
- The survey will include everyone in the country including the refugees in the camps (Zaatari, Azraq and Emiratis Jordanian Camp (EJC).
- Data collection will start in September.

Reproductive Health Sub Working Group (RHSWG):

 Advocacy efforts to revoke the January 2018 new policy for providing RH services to Syrian refugees continue. The Ministry of Health Directorate with the support of the group has succeed in obtaining Prime Ministry's approval to exclude preventive Reproductive Health (RH) services to Syrian refugees from the new policy. The decision is subjected to a final approval from Health Insurance Administration in order to be implemented.

Mental Health:

- Mental Health Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) adopting online 4ws mapping tool, and in contact with MHPSS.NET global network to support implementation of the 4Ws online mapping.
- WHO and Ministry of Health (MoH) launched the new updated mental health and substance use Action Plan 2018-2021.

Berm Situation:

- There is a significant increase in the number of patients during May. The average of patients per day is 230. A total of 30,730 visits to Rukban clinic for medical consultation, management and treatment and 942 cases of admission to Jordan since December, 2016
- Upper respiratory tract infections are the most common acute health conditions with 25% of acute consultations being for this reason.
- The most prevalent chronic condition is hypertension constituted 29% of all chronic consultations.

Zaatari Camp:

- The handover process between International Medical Corps (IMC) and Medècins Sans Frontières (MSF) for their location completed. The caravans will be utilized to strengthen the secondary health care system inside the camp by Moroccan field hospital and IMC clinics.
- Second round of rodent campaign took place in the camp from May 22nd to June 7th. Health Care
 providers in the camp were sensitized about the implementation locations, the signs and symptoms of
 poisoning, and cases to be directed to Moroccan field hospital to be given the antidote.



PROTECTION

Reconvene of the Informal Tented Settlements Taskforce:

During May, Informal Tented Settlements Taskforce (ITS TF) conducted the first meeting of 2018. The Taskforce main purpose is coordinate efforts and to gather feedback from the ground, to establish a forum to be well aware on early warnings and possible evictions and to agree on a strategic approach on the safest way to provide services and meeting the needs to people in ITSs. Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the taskforce has been finalized after consultations with members and Task Force will meet monthly and will be jointly chaired by UNHCR/UNICEF.

Azraq Camp:

Continues to be a focus of protection concern, due to varying restrictions on movement in different parts of the camp, a 'security clearance' process for those admitted from Rukban and Hadalat that has been ongoing for two years, unauthorized departure of significant numbers of refugees to live in urban areas, and involuntary transfer of individuals from urban areas to the camp, including Village 5. Recent developments and trends have been discussed during Protection Working Group meetings and with Azraq Camp Protection actors, including the impact of the ongoing rectification campaign and continuing concerns about freedom of movement, and Protection Working Group advocacy messaging concerning Azraq Camp issues developed on key concerns.

Jordan Humanitarian Fund:

As part of the Protection Sectors efforts to fill SGBV gaps (and to ensure the availability of a robust safety net for survivors including possible victims of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (SAE), Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) was identified as a Protection Sector priority in latest round of JHF funding, with funds awarded to four NGO projects addressing SGBV (Un Ponte Per, Terre des Hommes Lausanne, Jordan River Foundation and Danish Refugee Council (for Azraq Village 2), totalling \$1,608,997, a significant gap-filling measure).

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Sub-Working Group:

- Sexual and Gender Based Violence sub-Working Group (SGBV SWG) launched a guidance for safe referral, the one pager targets non specialized actors who receive disclosure and supports them in how to safely link the survivor to available specialized services. The guidance available on the portal will be rolled out through a Training of Trainders (ToT) and following cascade trainings for next quarter.
- SGBV SWG partners submitted eleven proposals for OCHA Humanitarian funding. A technical committee
 made of the co-chairs and two representatives from NGOs and OCHA provided technical and strategic
 revision on the alignment with priorities and geographical and technical relevance of the project. Based
 on it four proposals passed the revision, of which two local NGO and two international NGO offering GBV
 services in the south of Jordan for urban refugees, Village 2 in Azraq and Emirati Camp with a focus on
 disabilities and adolescent girls targeted programming.
- As part of the sub working group training plan UN Women offered to 23 female participants, from different NGO and UN agencies, a training on engaging men and boys in gender equality programming.
- GBV IMS taskforce met regularly in May with the participation for the first time of a New Data Gathering
 organization. The taskforce analyzed data from the first quarter of the year who will inform the first ever
 info-graphic. This month the work of the taskforce focused on technical issues in data collection and data

cleaning and on the planning of next series of training for GBV service providers in data gathering organization.

Mental Health & Psycho Social Support Sub-Working Group (MHPSS):

- MHPSS arranged for a workshop to agree on the layout of the online 4Ws tool this year, the 4Ws will be online on the www.mhpss.net.
- MoH presented for the group the National mental health and substance use action plan (2018-2021).



Azraq camp:

Maintenance operation: Shelters repair and maintenance continued through the UNHCR Quick Fix Team in Village VI, III, V and II for both vacant and allocated shelters. Over 250 damaged shelters have been fixed during report period.

Action Contre La Faim (ACF) and World Vision International (WVI) will both implement the Grey Water Network Project in Village II and V.

376 shelters were upgraded and repaired in the camp during May.

Zaatari camp:

12 shelters were upgraded and repaired in the camp during May.

Jordan Humanitarian Fund:

The Shelter/Protection priority was eviction monitoring and response targeting Syrian refugees in the northern governorates and Amman and surrounding governorates. Two proposals were evaluated and scored by the technical review committee early May. Recommendations and scoring have been shared with OCHA for final results/outcomes.



Zaatari camp:

Progress is still on-going with the connection of water and waste water networks to ensure a more equitable and sustainable distribution where through the connection of full operation is expected by the end of 2018.

Host community interventions:

UNICEF supported the Ministry of Water and Irrigation in reaching 15,576 people with improved water supply in Khaled Bin Al Waleed village by upgrading the water pipelines connected to 2,832 households.

Jordan Humanitarian Fund:

The WASH priorities were (1) the establishment of greywater system in Village 5 in Azraq Camp to address the protection and safety concerns of Syrian refugees and (2) grey water expansion to Village 2 with short-term livelihoods opportunities. Four proposals were evaluated and scored by the technical review committee early May. Recommendations and scoring have been shared with OCHA for final results/outcomes.



- The Government once again extended the grace period for work permits to be issued to Syrian workers for free until 31 December 2018.
- The work permit/exit system in Azraq technical challenges still persists due to lack of internet at exit gate.
- With a Cabinet decision, the Government also excluded Syrians from the reduction of foreign workers in the manufacturing sector. This decision falls under the National Empowerment and Employment Programme NEEP - which aims to limiting the recruitment of non-nationals through a system of closed sectors, closed occupations, quotas, and permit fees – from which Syrian refugees are now confirmed to be excluded.
- Za'atari Office for Employment (ZOE) and Azraq Center for Employment (ACE) work permit numbers increase: the number of refugees resident in Azraq camp that have a work permit increased from 3,575 in April to 3,731 in May. Out of which 1,904 were approved by SRAD. In Zaatari camp, there were 9,605 work permits registered at ZOE;
- Over 100, 000 check-in and check-out instances were recorded overall at the gate indicating that work
 permits continue to be important for mobility.
 - Total permits Jan 2016- April 2018Total permits Jan 2018- April 2018Male98,81718,796Female4,278792Total103,09519,588
- Work permit trends as reported by MoPIC:

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- Sector Dash-boards: <u>http://scs.raisunhcr.org/</u>