

Child Protection Jordan August 2019



ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESPONSE

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356,428 refugee children in Jordan, accounting for **48%** of the total refugee population.



33,215 children at risk in Jordan, representing **9.3** % of all refugee children.



2,693 unaccompanied or separated children, or 0.8% of the refugee children.

ACHIEVEMENTS (August 2019)

Enhanced Child Protection Coordination (CP SWG) Updated Referral Pathways, Gap Analysis finalized, strengthened field CP coordination platforms and information sharing

Community-based child protection, child-friendly spaces and psychosocial support **26,814 children at risk** received psychological support and awareness.

Comprehensive Child Protection Case Management Over **20,879** children provided with **Case Management services since 2015**, including **6,746** in 2018 and 3,142 from Jan-Jun 2019; strengthened coordination CP Information Management System (**CPIMS TF**) and revised CP forms;

Capacity Building

Over **250 staff from governmental and non-governmental** organizations were trained from Jan-Jun 2019. Safe referrals and additional Case Management trainings facilitated for partner staff.

Documentation 13,141 birth certificates issued between Jan-Jun 2019.

Youth

Dedicated Youth programs to foster youth development through skills training, capacity building and protection awareness

| RESPONSE

Coordination & Leadership

- Child Protection Sector Working Group: updated Referral Pathways, enhanced inclusion of governmental counterparts, thematic focus on core CP risks (child labour, child marriage, child abuse, youth), Gap Analysis
- Strengthened Child Protection Case Management procedures: CPIMS TF, Best Interest Determination panel, roll-out of proGres V4 CP CM module

Capacity Building & Training

- Facilitation of seven rounds of a 5-day training on UNHCR's BIP Guidelines for all CPIMS TF members (174 persons) to ensure harmonized and quality Child Protection Case Management procedures;
- Case management and safe referral trainings supported

Advocacy, Research & Awareness

- Targeted advocacy meetings, case conference and BID panels with relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations on individual refugee children at risk;
- Support the development of a training manual for judges within Sharia and Juvenile Court to enhance best interests procedures
- Finalized assessment on contributing factors to child violence and the impact on cash to mitigate Child Protection risks;



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UNHCR CHILD PROTECTION STRATEGY

Towards strengthening the protection of refugee children in Jordan

Enhancing leadership of various child protection coordination mechanisms	 Provide donor and humanitarian partner briefings and advocacy to raise child protection concerns and needs; Represent UNHCR and the CP sector in key governmental and non-governmental child protection forums/conferences; Mapping of child protection partners, activities, capacity building opportunities and gaps within the sector; Timely dissemination of information on child protection related activities, analysis and procedures; Finalization of effective child protection referral pathways to improve quality of child protection response.
Strengthening national child protection systems to reinforce best interest procedures	 Work towards enhancing the integration of best interests procedures in national CP systems through targeted advocacy and capacity building (e.g. review national laws, as well as social norms and practices to ensure alignment with UNCRC and enhanced protection space); Strengthen the role of relevant ministries within the CP response and coordination structure (e.g. MOSD, FPD and JPD key actors in the CP SWG, BID panel, etc.); Facilitate capacity building and advocacy meetings and conferences on CP response; Support governmental institutions with introducing new technologies that ensure a survivor-centered approach and the best interest of the child when providing services; Develop, review and harmonize, in coordination with key governmental and non-governmental organizations, national guidelines, SOPs and referral pathways to ensure alignment with the principle of best Interests of the child; Ensure the best interests principles are integrated in all activities and services affecting children, including national legislation, humanitarian assistance and social service sector
Prevention and response to child protection risks	 Provide comprehensive, multi-facetted child protection case management services, including psychosocial support, cash assistance, legal assistance and representation, durable solutions; Conduct countrywide awareness campaigns through key governmental and non-governmental partners; Strengthen community-based Child Protection mechanisms to foster prevention of CP risks; Liaise and coordinate with relevant actors to strengthen community-based child protection programs (e.g. community-based alternative care program, peer support groups, para-case workers as a standard within Project Partnership Agreements, etc.).
Analysis and research	 Draft comprehensive yearly analysis of Child Protection concerns in collaboration with all CPIMS TF members to ensure information on CP risks are widely known and key stakeholders, including governmental counterparts, partners and the donor community is aware of the Child Protection environment; Finalization of the first phase of an assessment/ analysis of the impact on cash-based interventions within Child Protection to strengthen the integration of protection relevant assessment tools in Child Protection Best Interests Procedures;