

**Jordan Child Protection Sub-Working Group**  
**Meeting Minutes**

- **Date and time:** 12 November 2019 / 9:00-11:00
- **Location:** UNHCR; EMOPS Meeting Room
- **Co-Chairs:** UNICEF/ UNHCR

#	Participants				
1	<b>7 Hills</b>	10	MECI	20	Tearfund Germany
2	ARDD – LA	11	MPDL Movement for Peace	21	JPD
3	ICMC	12	Plan International	22	NCFA
4	IMC	13	PRM	23	UNHCR Azraq Coordination
5	IRC	14	Reclaim childhood	24	IOCC
6	Islamic Relief Jordan	15	Relief International,	25	Medair
7	JOHUD	16	TDH Italy	26	ARCS
8	JRF	17	TDH Lausanne	27	MSF France
9	la Chaîne de l'espoir	18	UNICEF	28	Save the Children
		19	Caritas	29	NHF/ IFH

**Agenda:**

- Follow-up from action points from last CP SWG
- Brief from the field structures and member agencies. Including child labour task force
- Short presentation on the gap analysis of the CP SWG/ CPMS and way forward on CP SWG indicators for 2020
- **Focus topic: Access to Justice/ Juvenile Justice System in Jordan**
  - o UNICEF/NCFA: Situation Analysis on Juvenile Justice and ongoing work at national level
  - o JPD: Work of JPD vis a vis children in conflict with the law and settlement
  - o TDHL: Situation, challenges, and way forward to enhance access to justice for children and youth affected by migration
  - o ARDD Legal Aid: Presentation on legal status and legal assistance for refugee children
  - o Q&A or comments from partners on work related to Juvenile Justice

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Point
<p><b>Follow-up from action points from last CP SWG</b></p>	<p><b>Reporting ActivityInfo:</b> Follow ups from last meeting: Q3 dashboard still missing data from agencies. Members were requested to check the reporting focal points if they are facing any problems on reporting and to give their feedback.</p> <p><b>Referral pathways:</b> did not circulated it, waiting for inputs. Field coordinators to liaise directly. End of this year will have the final update. Members were requested to share the updated documents especially in the field. For next year, referral pathways can be a useful tool so that agencies can go back to it. A call out to all coordinators in the field to update and finish the referral pathways in order to be finalized and translated.</p>	<p><b>Co-chairs to remind members to check the reporting focal points if they are facing any problems on reporting and to provide their feedback.</b></p>
<p><b>Brief from the field structures and member agencies</b></p>	<p>Task Force for child labor: With UNICEF support, NCFA is drafting SOPs for child labour. The national consultation on the SOPs took place. Main emphasis is the case management approach. Discussion and roles and responsibilities of JPD, MoSD, MoL and MoE were discussed. Draft SOPs have been circulated <b>by UNICEF. Comments are consolidated by</b> the leads of CL, <b>Save the Children and TDHL.</b> In case other members would like to join in the task force, they were requested to approach UNICEF. Once the SOPs are finalised, there will be a training target the line ministries and other stakeholders. Main discussion is about how to go forward in terms of the information management system and having one approach for CL case management for Jordan.</p> <p>JRP: The first preparatory meeting for the secretariat for the JRP for Social Protection Sector took place. The Sector Vulnerability and Response template and the project sheets will be developed in the coming days. The task force meeting will take place in the coming days.</p>	<p><b>National SOPs: Printed SOPs were distributed by NCFA</b></p> <p><b>Provide inputs for the draft CL SOPs to the CLTF leads.</b></p> <p><b>Approach UNICEF if want to be a member of the CLTF and contribute to a multisectoral approach to CL.. Provide 5W for CL.</b></p>

<p><b>Short presentation on the gap analysis</b></p>	<p><b>Quick overview on Gap analysis:</b> 2019 gap analysis, indicators based on Minimum Standards for CP in humanitarian action. New CPMS released in 2019, core competencies did not change, at agency level the needs can be identified. Standards (PPP), presentation is uploaded in the portal.</p> <p><b>Coordination:</b> Challenges: 5Ws, referral pathways to be timely and easily updated. Better integration and having a strategy for next year to strengthen linkage with national system.</p> <p><b>Human resources:</b> 7 challenges related to different backgrounds and elements. For future to focus more on capacity building from the CP SWG. Information Management: maintain the feedback and follow ups.</p> <p><b>Analysis and monitoring:</b> to focus more on relevant indicators. Systems are in place; however, some children might have more challenges accessing systems like children with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Mainstreaming:</b> how to integrate CP in other sectors like wash, education etc. Previously it was not managed to place CP in all sectors to ensure that indicators in other sectors include CP. Area for improvement for next year. Re-activate presence of CP staff in other sector meetings. Training on CP mainstreaming to be undertaken in 2020. Linkage between the SGBV and CP especially regarding the mandatorily reporting. It has been a challenge, SGBV SWG cover SGVB children and they are drafting outlines.</p> <p><b>CP SWG co-chair: Suggestion to review new list of CPMS indicators for 2020 and to align it to new workplan.</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting with members to look into the indicators and to concentrate on the most important once.</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs to check indicators during the next WG for improvement.</b></p>
<p><b>UNICEF/NCFA presentation of the Situation Analysis on Juvenile Justice and ongoing work at national level</b></p>	<p>Analytical study for Juvenile Justice was conducted from NCFA in collaboration with UNICEF. Main aim: strengthen informal restorative justice procedures.</p> <p><b>Main goal of Informal restorative justice:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting interviews with juveniles, conducting social studies and reports.</li> <li>• Implementation of field visits to see the reality.</li> <li>• Provide specialized social counseling programs to modify juvenile delinquent behavior.</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Sit An already shared with the members.</b></p>

	<p><b>Formal restorative justice:</b> Several legal gaps that were highlighted for improvement.</p> <p>1) no collaboration between different parties, each institution issues their own analysis and no collaboration between them. The statistics and juvenile data did not include analysis, so the data was not accurate. Recommendation: unify data analysis.</p> <p>2) No long history of national policy for Juvenile Justice in Jordan. NCFa established a steering committee to draft national policies in coordination with other organizations.</p> <p>3) Juvenile legislation: a lot of challenges to be amended in juveniles' law in coordination with MOSD and Public Security Department. It is important to draft legislations in collaboration with UNICEF and National agencies.</p> <p><b>Main recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To clarify the role of the JPD as different police stations were interfering.</li> <li>• To scale up settlement /diversion</li> <li>• To scale up alternative measures</li> <li>• Unified trainings for different judges, volunteers or any party who is working with juvenile.</li> <li>• Working on SOPs and conduct visits to CSOs/ CBOs and institutions. Clear SOPs regarding receiving complaints from parents and children.</li> <li>• Coordination between different parties who are involved in Juvenile Justice.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update: The 2014 Juvenile Law was amended and submitted to cabinet for consideration. Requires a final review to ensure international standards are met.</li> <li>• New project between NCFa and UNICEF developing a handbook for all procedures related to children in conflict with the law and community-based measures.</li> <li>• Project with UNHCR providing guidelines for judges on the application of the Child's best interests which aims at impacting decision-making procedures within the context of juvenile justice.</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments by members:</b> How to address issues such as bullying in schools.</p>	
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<p><b>JPD presentation on role of police for children in conflict with the law.</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation containing the duties and objectives of the Juvenile Police Department, the work axes, the settlement procedures and the guarantees for the juvenile.</b></p> <p><b>Juvenile Police Department’s duties:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate and prosecute crimes committed by juveniles in accordance with the powers given to the police.</li> <li>• Settle disputes in solving cases committed by juveniles.</li> <li>• Work to reform juvenile delinquents and reintegrate into society.</li> <li>• Provide psycho -social support for juvenile delinquents.</li> <li>• Provide care and protection services for juvenile delinquents and children at risk</li> <li>• Promote cooperation between international and local juvenile institutions.</li> </ul> <p>JPD is working on settlement to ensure children are diverted from formal proceedings.</p> <p><b>Comments by members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need more female police in JPD.</li> <li>• Rate of recidivism among children who have been diverted as opposed to those who go through due process would be useful.</li> <li>• JPD is not yet working across the country and need scaling up.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Good practice presentation: TDHL: Situation, challenges, and way forward to enhance access to justice for children and youth affected by migration</b></p>	<p><b>Access to Justice for Children and Youth in Conflict with the Law in Jordan (A2J program TDHL).</b></p> <p><b>TDHL presented their current program on Access to Justice for children in Jordan following their 2018-2020 A2J Program Strategy with the aim to reinforce a child-friendly justice system by supporting (MoSD) staff in TRCs to provide standardized services helping children to enhance their skills and reintegrate into their communities.</b></p> <p><b>Program also aims at strengthening the basic principle of the rule of law (to be able to have one’s</b></p>	<p><b>Co-Chairs to share TDHL presentation.</b></p>

	<p>voice heard, exercise one’s rights, challenge discrimination, hold decision-makers accountable; equal treatment under the law for all, including non-Jordanians; <b>promoting a restorative approach</b> (rather than punitive) and reduction of recidivism; <b>change practices to ensure that each child has access to a justice.</b></p> <p><b>Challenges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stigmatization of children in conflict with the law</li> <li>• Disproportionate reliance on detention for both Jordanian and non-Jordanian children.</li> <li>• No proper rehabilitation and reintegration services available for children in detention</li> </ul> <p><b>Needs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diversion: settlement sessions take place but need to be strengthened</li> <li>• Specialized Juvenile Courts in Zarqa, Amman</li> <li>• Specialized Juvenile Prosecutors and Judges</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ARDD Legal Aid: Presentation on legal status and legal assistance for refugee children</b></p>	<p><b>Legal system in Jordan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several Jordanian laws and regulations support the protection of children, including:</li> <li>• Personal Status Law: Child Alimony (nurture, education, health), Increase Alimony, custody, Visitation and accompanying rights, kinship.</li> <li>• Statutory Law: Juvenile law, Labor law, Penal Code, Protection from Domestic Violence law, Education law.</li> </ul> <p><b>Legal Challenges facing Children in Jordan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation (correcting, issuing, confiscating)</li> <li>• Family disputes between spouses (child rights, negligence)</li> <li>• Family abuse and violence</li> <li>• Conflict with law (juveniles)</li> <li>• Labor rights disputes</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Victims: Trafficking and Cyber Crimes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Co-Chairs to share presentation.</b></p>

<b>Next CP SWG Meeting</b>	<p><b>Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 @UNICEF Country Office, Shmaisani, Amman (change from the regular schedule of every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday due to other conflicting meetings.)</b></p> <p>As of next year, meetings will take place at UNHCR as per regular schedule for the first 6 months</p> <p><b>Next meeting will also aim at reflecting on the November session on Juvenile Justice, brief on violence in schools and reflect on 2020 workplan</b></p>	
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