

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE CAMP COORDINATION MEETING

AZRAQ REFUGEE CAMP

Participants: SRAD, UNHCR, IOM, NRC, CARE, Mercy Corps, HI, ACTED, SCJ, ICRC, IRC, UNICEF, WVI, ACF, REACH, MC, DRC, Relief Int.

Absent: IMC, ACF, WPF, FCA, MoH

Date: Wednesday 4th May, 2016

Venue: Azraq Refugee Camp (Main Conference Room – Azraq Base Camp)

Time: 11:30

Sectorial updates

Field

- Camp Statistics: since the 9th of March, 2016; 10503 have arrived to Azraq Camp.
- 10197 individuals have been allocated in 2534 shelters inside Village 5.
- It is expected that Village 5 will be full within the coming days (by mid-May) if the same rate of new arrivals continued since the beginning of March.
- As for the place of origin; the highest percentage of new arrivals come from Aleppo with 34.13%, then comes Homs with 28.63%, Arraqa 11.74% and 6% from each Dara'a and Dair al Zor, and 5.8% from Rural Damascus.
- UNHCR Technical Unit in collaboration with NRC has started repairing and maintaining the shelters in Village 2. Within 4 or 5 weeks all required work will be completed. Some blocks will be finished in 10 days. Coordination is taking place with WASH sector to proceed to maintenance of facilities in parallel.
- After the completion of allocation of new arrivals in village 5, new arrivals can be accommodated temporarily in the public area and the reception area up to 10 days. Discussions are taking place in Amman regarding the way forward.

Protection

- Overall statistics of the camp population: As of 3rd of May 2016, Azraq camp is hosting 28447 individuals. The total registered population in the site, including those currently absent from the camp is 43432.
- Azraq Camp population mainly originated from Aleppo (24.85%), Homs (18.65%), Dara' (17.14%) and Rural Damascus (9.27%)
- 50.94% of Azraq camp population females while 49.06% are males.
- 56.55% of the total populations are children and 43.45% are adults.
- 22.66% of the population is under 5 years old.
- 431 individuals (1.00%) were identified by UNHCR as elder persons at risk.

- 999 residents of the camps have disabilities which represent 2.30% of which 35.82% are children.
- 34.68% are female head of households and 65.32% are male HH
- The largest family living in the camp is composed by 13 members

Shelter and Site Planning

- Shelters and WASH facilities maintenance has started in Phase I, Village 2 (blocks 1 to 6). Shelter maintenance will take from 40 to 45 days to complete the whole village. New arrivals will be allocated block by block as the works are completed.
- Village 2 has the capacity of 1998 shelters and can accommodate around 8000 refugees, with an average of 4 individuals per shelter.
- Village 2 has 15 blocks, and the available facilities are limited compared to the other villages in the camp.
- Village 5 update: Phase IV of the fence was completed. Partners were encouraged to maintain their facilities that were previously built inside that area, or start the process of building new facilities if needed.

Action point: Partners were asked to approach UNHCR's Technical Unit to discuss the allocation of the service area that is currently available in Village 2. Contact Rama Al Nimri (alnimrir@unhcr.org) and Alaa Amoush (amoush@unhcr.org) who are the focal points for all the questions related to site planning and shelter maintenance.

Action point: SRAD to discuss further with UNICEF the fencing of the school in Village 5.

Electricity:

- 872 LV poles (which are 91.4% from the total number) have been fixed in the ground.
- Electricity poles in Village 3 and Village 6 will be finished by the 5th of May, except from the ones close to a transformer.
- Faulty poles correction is still on-going, as there are many poles that need to be replaced or repaired.
- A physical sample has been taken in Village 6, from block 15. The sample includes cables and connections connected to the materials inside shelters. By the 4th of May, 50% of the sample will be finished. Lights will be installed and the power will be tested as a sample by mid next week.

WASH:

- The daily water supply of water is 990 m³, and 196 m³ waste water is produced per day. Solid waste collection from the villages and from the institutions 276 m³ per day.
- An assessment for the construction of drainage systems in the market areas in Village 3 and 6 was conducted last week. It is expected that the construction will start within the coming weeks.
- During the past two weeks, 24 repair requests have been received on the hotline number and all of them have been addressed.
- All WASH facilities in Village 5 have been maintained and will be handed over to UNHCR.

- Village 2; the plan is to start WASH facilities repair and maintenance on 15th of May, and to hand over the completed blocks by the 30th of May. Blocks will be handed over phase by phase; Block 1 on the 17th of May, block 2 on the 20th, block 3 on the 23rd and the remaining blocks by the 30th.

Food:

- During April: total number of people benefited from bread distribution was 23688, 8600 were on Village 5.
- The number of new arrivals benefited from the food distribution in Village 5 was 7202.
- WFP are doing a tender for a retail in order to open a new super market to overcome the traffic and the crowdedness issue.
- Currently WFP assistance in Village 5 is distributed in the form of half vouchers and half food boxes (dry food – fresh food).

Education:

- UNICEF has set up additional 4 tents in V5 blocks 2 and 8 that are used jointly by IMC, MC, and RI to provide basic informal education and PSS. Three additional tents will be set up in three blocks in phase three area.
- The class formation is done with the Ministry of Education and as a result of the assessment of MoE, there is a need for an additional school in village 3 (primary). UNICEF and UNHCR Site Planning unit will conduct a site visit to assess the available spaces. 2 additional schools will be established in Village 5, one will be next to the main school, and the other one will be near phase 3 area (primary and secondary).

NFIs:

- UNICEF hygiene kits are distributed with collaboration of ACF. The second catchup day is scheduled on the 5th of May.
- On Sunday the 8th of May; baby diapers distribution will start for the whole camp except V5.
- In coordination with UNHCR's Technical Unit and NFIs community, a location of a distribution center has been identified in Village 5.
- Two rounds of gas refill has been done in Village 5 and will continue until the new distribution center is opened.
- NRC has distributed Taiwanese solar lanterns to the households in V5 so they can charge their phones.
- NRC stated that there is no baby diapers distribution planned in V5 until opening the distribution center which is expected by mid-May. Since many complaints have been received on the lack of baby diapers, and a concern of sanitation have been flagged by UNICEF and UNHCR, UNICEF offered to help in distributing diapers.
- Kitchens in Village 3 and Village 6: samples in both villages have been installed, a visit by UNHCR and community representatives is scheduled to approve it and amended if needed. The project will be scaled up based on the feedback.

- Mercy Corps distributed 1000 hygiene kits for children in V5 but the distribution didn't go well as there was a big crowd difficult to control

Action point: UNHCR - to push for the opening of the distribution center to be sooner, by the coming week.

Action point: Mercy Corps - to discuss with UNHCR and NFIs WG before the next distribution is conducted.

Health:

- There are 2 doctors in IMC's temporary clinic covering 100 patients/day.
- The working hours for the clinic from 9 to 4 o'clock and there is no update on having a new shift after the official working hours.
- Save the Children update: the activities of screening and management of Anemia women of reproductive age (15-49 years) and Infant and Young Child Feeding Program (IYCF) are still on going. Awareness sessions will be provided for all the women and treatment for those who are IDA patients (Iron deficiency anemia) and need treatment. In Azraq camp SCJ will be present on Tuesdays at CARE center in Village 6.

Community services:

- 411 case management sessions has been conducted in Village 5.
- 143 IBV has been registered last week, while 51 IBVs have been hired in Village 5.
- Most common feedback in Village 5:
 - Community members in village 5 reported child labor taking place in the village. CARE has contacted the concerned NGOs on this matter.
 - Shelter maintenance needed in Village 5.
 - Community members are not well informed on milk, gas and baby diapers distribution.
- Regarding shelter maintenance in Village 5, it was clarified that recruiting IBVs from the village itself takes longer than usual process in the other villages as there is not enough skilled labor. NRC received a list from CARE and maintenance will start very soon.
- To overcome the problem of disseminating information, a mass communication meeting will be arranged with the community services working group to discuss this issue. The meeting is scheduled on Wednesday the 11th of May.
- Based on the community feedback; UNHCR is issuing amended proof of registrations to the families with newborn babies in V5. NRC is supporting with transportation of concerned PoCs to the Protection area.

SRAD:

- The figures for the population movement are as follows:
 - 1598 Reunion individuals
 - 5519 Spontaneous return to Syria
 - 4474 Voluntary returns to the camp (1st January 2015 to date)
 - 8535 MOI cards (1st January 2015 to date)
 - Leave permission 35621
 - Bailouts 4659 have been issued by SRAD Azraq.
- Training courses for the community police are currently facilitated to do the patrol rounds on bicycles (the incorporation of this mean of patrolling is still under discussion).
- The Third course by SIREN to train community police assistants is currently taking place. The duration of the course is 4 weeks and started on Monday the 2nd of May.

Security:

- No updates. The situation is stable.
- Some private guards have been wearing the army uniform. It was stated that this is a violation of the rules and NGOs were asked to communicate this with its security contractors and emphasize the importance of wearing the official uniforms.

AOB:

- The Inter-Sector Coordination Unit offered an opportunity to arrange coordination training for the sectors' focal points from Azraq camp. The participants will be invited to discuss and share their views, the training can be basic or advanced, depending on the need. Details on time, venue, duration and topics of the training will be shared later.
- The Inter-Agency Gender Capacity Advisory was presented by the Senior GenCap Advisor, particularly targeting gender mainstreaming in the refugee response. The GenCap Advisor will continue supporting gender analysis in the sectors in attempt to make sectors activities more gender responsive.
- The first meeting of the Livelihoods Working Group was held on 29 March. FAQs document on Work Permits had been produced. The Arabic and the English versions will be shared with the meeting minutes.