

Irbid and North Area Based Coordination Meeting

Irbid, Jordan

5, December 2017

Meeting Location	Governor Office	Meeting Date	5.12.2017
Facilitator	UNHCR (Chair)	Meeting Time	10:00– 12:30
	CARE Int'l (Co-Chair)		
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Agenda

- His excellency Radwan Al Otoum Speach
- Mayor of Irbid: facts about Irbid municipality
- UNHCR presentation for refugees situation in Irbid and 2018 secured fund
- Humanitarian actors introduction
- Direct discussion between representatives
- Recommendations and feedback for 2018 programme planning
- AOB.

Participants:

Authorities attendees:

- Irbid Governor: Radwan Al Otoum
- Irbid Mayor: Hussain Bani Hani
- Irbid Health Manager: Dr. Qasem Mayas
- Irbid Labour Manager: Nabih Al-Mumani
- Irbid Education Manager: Waheed Al-Omari
- Irbid MoSD Manager: Walid Obaidat
- Irbid water and irrigation Manager: Salem Al-shboul
- Irbid public works Manager: Ma'en Al-Rabadi
- Representative from Security directorate
- Other directorates and departments

UN-agenesis and INGOs:

UNHCR, CARE International, NRC, IRC, INTERSOS, Action against Hunger ACF, MECI, ICRC, IOCC, ACTED, LWF, TDH, MSF-France, MSF-Holland, MSF-Spain, ICMC, World Vision, HANDICAP International, DRC, IMC, Mercy Corps, Shamal Star, WJV – USAID, Luminous Group and others

Meeting objectives

- Discussion of importance of having coordination between UN-agencies, INGOs, services provides and authorities.
- To encourage NGOs to update and further collaborate with Irbid's Governorate and main directorate in the north.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have an overview on the secured funds and planned projects for 2018. 	
<p>Meeting Highlights/discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> His Excellency welcomed and thanked all humanitarian actors and authority representatives who work in Irbid and north area. The coordination in Irbid is a one of the main priorities for all UN-agencies, INGOs, services providers and authorities in order to fill the gaps in the needed services for the Syrian refugees and the host community in Irbid and North Area. UNHCR presented statistics related to the Syrian situation in Irbid and North area. UNHCR presented how the lack of funds in 2018 will effect directly the numbers of beneficiaries and the hope that the humanitarian actors in Jordan will fill the gap. All I/NGOs discussed their activities in Irbid and North area, projects in the pipe-line and funding for 2018. The humanitarian efforts should target the infrastructure, water resources, sanitation and other areas in Irbid and North areas. Irbid Mayor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syrian refugee crisis has affected the financial situation in Jordan and highlighted the need for the rest of the world and NGOs to take more responsibility towards this crisis. Jordan has not received enough financial support to cover the expenses that Jordan spent on Syrian refugees, despite the presence of a huge number of I/NGO's in Jordan. Jordan received 30% from the refugee expenses and the financial support for Irbid Governorate was only 25%. Encouraged organizations to ask for support from the local authorities. Some NGOs work with some local associations which have no credibility which led for some suspended projects and legal actions taken against these local associations. I/NGOs are asked to consult with the Development Department before making partnerships with unknown associations. MoSD Directorate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoSD has shared a Jordanian vulnerable list with INTERSOS to receive cash assistance but MoSD has yet to receive feedback. I/NGOs are selecting CBO partners to implement their projects without reverting back to MoSD to receive advice- as some CBOs are not able to manage the projects. MoSD asks NGOs to revert back to MoSD prior to distributing assistance in order to check who is eligible. Health Department: 	i

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I/NGOs that are working in the health sector are requested to provide the department with quarterly reports about their achievements. ● Water and Irrigation Department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consideration of the limitation of water resources in Jordan besides the weakness of its infrastructure. ○ Request of support because the Syrian refugees increased the pressure on using water resources and water infrastructure. ○ Operational cost for some I/NGOs projects is very high in comparison to the services provided. 	
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<p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stress more on the importance of having such a meeting every 3 months to collaborate on efforts and fill the gaps in services. ● Further coordination between the INGOs and the specialized authorities departments in the area for mutual understanding on the implementation of projects. ● Build upon the steps taken in the Jordan Compact to grow the Jordanian economy, as the economic situation impacts both Jordanian host communities and refugees. ● Increase economic empowerment programming for refugees and host-community households to utilize harmful coping mechanisms and reduce the negative impact of psychosocial stress on their family members. ● Ensure donors and the international community of specific actions to increase refugees' access to legal, dignified work that are incorporated into future funding agreements. ● Focus on vocational training, micro-finance and support for both Jordanian and refugee women working in the informal sectors. ● Focus assistance targeting Jordanian citizens on marginalized Jordanians, namely families or elderly people without children by following up with MoSD department. 	
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