**Irbid and North Area Based Coordination Meeting**

**Irbid, Jordan**

**January 9th, 2018**

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| **Meeting Location** | **UNHCR Irbid** | **Meeting Date** | **9.1.2018** |
| **Facilitator** | **UNHCR (Chair)****CARE Int’l (Co-Chair)** | **Meeting Time** | **10:00– 12:30** |
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| 1. Livelihood and work permit updates
2. [Institutions rehabilitation and construction, infrastructure and HH rehabilitation in north Jordan](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/c1d32d333f88dbca65a1432f7/files/e94e82e7-87d3-426b-b45f-f696c88a98e8/UNHCR_coordination_meeting_presentation_of_WAAD_INTERSOS.pptx) – Hussam J./INTERSOS
3. Introduction about [Al-Shamal Start project](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/c1d32d333f88dbca65a1432f7/files/e517d774-8792-4096-8e35-dbf9466d546a/shamal_start_Presentation_S.pptx) – Anwar
4. Announcements/partners updates
5. AOB
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| **Livelihoods activities in the North area/updates*** Cabinet approval of the 6th extension of the grace period for Syrian refugees’ work permits until June 30th 2018. A circular has been made by the Ministry of Labour regarding this approval.
* There have been mixed messages on support to the Syrian Home Based Businesses’ intervention in the JRP. LWG is seeking clarifications from MOPIC/MoL /World Bank. Currently, the JRP/3RP draft has 4.8 million dedicated to this area of intervention.
* Currently waiting for JRP and 3RP approval/endorsement from MoPIC.
* Work permits:
* A total of 46, 717 during the period of January 1, 2017-Dec 31, 2017.
* 12,995 of which have been issued from camps February 2017- December 31st 2017.
* Work permit issuance by gender Jan1st 2017-Dec 31 2017: 95% male and 5% female.
* Work permits in the agriculture sector have been most issued/renewed. This is probably due to the flexibility of obtaining a work permit in agriculture through the cooperatives.

Irbid Livelihood update:A job fair took place on December 28th 2017, to which livelihoods projects from the NGOs working in Irbid were given a chance to promote their way of intervention, the type of capacity building trainings they conduct, location of implementation and criteria for their targeted beneficiaries. |
| **Updates, Inquires, and announcements** CARE International in Jordan* CARE International in Jordan is celebrating its 70th anniversary; an opportunity to reflect – to look back on CARE’s history and take stock of its lasting achievements and has released the [CARE Jordan 70 years Newsletter](https://care.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c1d32d333f88dbca65a1432f7&id=73e7e6e687&e=a5b13e56e9).
* CARE International in Jordan (Amman, Irbid, Mafraq, Zarqa and Azraq town centers) are in the final stages of Winterization distribution as cash assistance of 400 JD and NFI packages (Mattresses, blankets, gas cylinders, heaters and cash for refill) for around 2000 Syrian and Jordanian beneficiaries.

ICMC* Winterization: ICMC started distributions of cash for winterization on January 9th through Al Alawneh money dealer, while the distribution in Irbid and Mafraq under BPRM project.
* Livelihoods project is in the starting phase which will soon start the first livelihoods classes in Irbid and Mafraq cities, and the project will continue receiving participants.
* Shelter and NFIs assistance is ongoing.

Intersos* Distribution of winterization assistance to Syrian beneficiaries from January 1st, 2018. Distribution of winterization assistance for the second period to Jordanian beneficiaries on January 14th, 2018.

LWF* New project will be focusing on skills development, employment creation, self-help groups, Cooperative, cash for work and supporting Jordanian farmers in agriculture. Currently waiting for approval.
* The mapping for the new community centre has finished. The nominated places are Al Sareeh and ANoameh, which were recommended by the governor’s office.
* After Ramadan, new psychosocial support sessions will start for children between 12-14 years old and it might take place in Al Sareeh based on the CBOs assessment.

MECI* MECI's current UNICEF funded LSS/Makani project will come to an end on February 28th. However, promising negotiations are taking place with the donor for a new project starting in March/April 2018 to serve the same 20 schools currently operating; 9 of which are in the North.
* Non-Formal Education will be expanded beyond the only organisation currently implementing/supervising it on the ground in cooperation with MoE (Ministry of Education), to several other NGOs.
* Co-chairing elections for Education Sector Working Group will take place during the January meeting.
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| **AOB:*** INTERSOS and ACTED's joint WASH project is to be confirmed on JRP 2018-2020 for the WASH in schools component.
* Next meeting will be on Tuesday Feb. 6th 2018 10:00 – 12:00 at UNHCR - Irbid
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| **Participants:**UNHCR, CARE Int’l, ICMC, ACTED, MSF OCBA, ACF, LWF, TDH, IOCC, World Vision Japan, MSF France, WFP, IRC, Al Quds Collage, Mercy Corps, Shamal Start. |