



## Child Protection sub-working Group Meeting minutes

13.02.2018

**Agencies Present: UNICEF, INTERSOS, TDH.L, NCFA, IMC, ICMC, MECI, CVT, IFH, SC, Plan, ECHO, IRJ, UNHCR, RTP, Mercy Without Limits, Warchild UK, UPP, IRC, ARDD, IOCC and PUAMI**

### Agenda:

- Updates from Task forces and urban coordination focal point
- Update Presentation on Makani
- Update from Sector Gender Focal Point - Gender analysis presentation (by SGFP)
- INTERSOS/TDH/Save The Children Consortium
- TDH assessments findings
- Brief on the study on "Standards of the Best Interests of the Child in accordance with National Legislation, Shariah Law and International Standards" – *Rescheduled into next meeting due to lack of time*
- AoB

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Point	Responsible Agency
<p><b>Members updates from task forces and Coordination groups</b></p>	<p><b>Zaatari:</b></p> <p>The CPSGBV Work plan is about to be finalized. Still waiting the national level chairs approval. Training plan will be developed on monthly basis for the member of the group</p> <p>CP sector Gap analysis will be implemented by the end of February and results should be shared by the end of March</p> <p><b>Azraq:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most site activities for children are ongoing normally. Due to a number of recent reallocations from V5 to V2 of the camp, UNICEF have converted one Makani center into a school to consume the increase in number of school children in V2. This is being done while keeping the caravan structure of the Makani Center in order to use it again as a Child-Friendly Space in the future. In the meantime, the V2 school is undergoing an expansion project.</li> <li>• Azraq PWG is now discussing parenting skills activities that are being implemented in the camp, with plans to assess coverage and avoid duplication of services.</li> </ul>	<p>Circulate an email to CP SWG members to volunteer to be a focal point for mentioned</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR and IRC are expediting BID processing for children at the Azraq Reception Area to ensure solutions are found for all unaccompanied children in a timely and appropriate manner. Formalization for separated children is ongoing as normal with MOSD.</li>   <li>• In January 2018, UNHCR identified 18 early marriage cases and provided 17 with BIAs and initiated case management as per the principle of the Best Interest of the Child.</li>   <li>• Since the expiry of exemption slots for civil documentation late fines in December, UNHCR Azraq Protection Unit has worked to prioritize cases to meet the civil registry representative at the camps before they exceed the allotted one month period for birth registration. The civil registry representative visited Azraq Camp 4 times and EJC one time. As a result, 179 birth certificates were issued in Azraq Camp. In addition, 14 birth certificates were issued for EJC. In February, Azraq Camp has received new slots for exemptions from late birth registration fees to be used in 2018.</li>   <li>• EJC coordination updates: UNHCR has coordinated with TDH at EJC to take over any pending protection cases that are in the camp following the handover of Makani Centers to the UAE RCS earlier this month. UNHCR has already conducted an assessment of all pending cases and case management is ongoing. Other issues currently raised by UNHCR at EJC include education for married</li> </ul>	sectors and urban coordination groups.	
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	<p>and divorced children under 18, whereby the camp school is refusing enrollment of the children and UNHCR is working closely on the issue to identify cases that are then raised to the attention of UNICEF and Save the Children.</p> <p><b>Cross Sector Linkages:</b> Following the meeting the was conducted between CP SWG coordinators with Livelihood, SGBV and Education coordinators that aims to prioritise Inter-Sector coordination linkages with the sector and the need to functionalize it efficiently in 2018. One of the main starting point that was agreed in the meeting to assign focal points that will participate effectively in ensuring the linkages and cooperation between the sectors is functional. Sector coordinators requested from members to nominate a focal point and alternate from the members that attend those meetings. It was agreed to circulate an email to members calling for volunteers to be focal points in those sectors.</p> <p><b>Focal points in urban coordination:</b> Sector coordinators requested from members to nominate a focal point and alternate from the members that attend urban coordination meetings to be a link between those coordination groups and CP SWG</p>		
Update Presentation on Makani	UNICEF continues to support Makani centres across camps and host communities in Jordan nationwide. UNICEF Makani centres provide three key services to girls and boys in Jordan – child protection services, learning support services, and lifeskills. In 2018, UNICEF has shifted for the first time to direct implementation of Makani in Azraq and Zaatari camps. Lessons		

	<p>learned and best practices will be shared more broadly following roll-out of direct implementation. Another change in 2018 is that all Makani centres will include early childhood development programming for both children and parents.</p>		
<p>Protection Gender Analysis Presentation - Sector Gender Focal Point - Gender analysis presentation (by SGFP)</p>	<p>Protection Sector gender focal points gave a brief presentation on the developed Protection Sector Gender Analysis that was conducted by the Sector's Gender Focal Points (SGBV, CP and Protection), aims to assess the gender dimensions of the protection needs and challenges facing Syrian refugees in Jordan. It found that women and children comprise approximately 80% of Jordan's Syrian refugee population, while children alone account for around half of the total refugee population (51.5%). This demographic phenomenon, known as the 'youth bulge', highlights the need to target children and youth and incorporate their participation in protection programming. The analysis found numerous underlying factors that create and exacerbate protection risks - namely the unequal distribution of power in society; Poverty and the inability to meet basic needs; barriers to accessing legal and civil documentation, and ongoing tensions between Syrian refugees and Jordanian host communities. In addition, an array of key specific vulnerabilities were found affecting women, men, boys and girls. The full analysis and key recommendations can be read in the full report or executive summary that will soon be shared, or by directly contacting <a href="mailto:swan@icmc.net">swan@icmc.net</a></p>	<p>Gender Analysis to be shared with CP SWG members. Final report to be finalized and endorsed and then to be uploaded on UNHCR data portal and shared with CP SWG members.</p>	
<p>TDH assessments findings</p>	<p>Save the Children Consortium Chief of Party gave a presentation on the consurtuim project (with TDHL and INTERSOS) "Enabling</p>	<p>Presentation to be shared</p>	

	<p>Access to Educational Pathways and Safer Learning Environments”. The project aims To enable vulnerable, hard-to-reach, out-of-school children (OoSC) across Jordan to access certified educational pathways suitable to their needs and interests.</p> <p>This will be done taking on a two-pronged approach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Directly working with OoSC and their families and addressing their specific barriers through dedicated services</li> <li>b) Working to build the capacity of public schools so that they function as protective, child friendly environment, to encourage retention.</li> </ol> <p>A brief summary was given on project coverage, target beneficiaries, vendibility criteria and case management methodology</p> <p>Expected results from the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Result 1: Hard to reach, vulnerable, out-of-school boys and girls benefit from dedicated case management and community engagement to facilitate their enrolment in formal, or certified non-formal education.</li> <li>• Result 2: Children enrolled in school are benefitting from child friendly safe and protective learning environment, conducive to retention</li> </ul>	with CP SWG members.	
<b>AoB</b>	<b>N.A</b>		

**Next Meeting: 13 March 2018, 0900-1100 am, at UNHCR**

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