



1. Mahali Community Innovation Lab by IRC

Mahali lab has been running for a year and a half, working on three different challenges. Mahali positions the affected population in the lead with creating solutions.

- Mahali is categorized in three different stages:
 - Define (extensive community outreach)
 - Design (intensive ten week design sprint, in which 2-3 teams are chosen)
 - Deploy (IRC connects them with an accelerated program. ShamaStart is an incubator)
- Challenges:
 - People cannot generate sufficient income to meet their basic needs.
 - People cannot access the humanitarian services
 - Children are not learning,

Access full presentation [here](#).

2. Information Management Update

IM requests support from sector coordinators to relay to partners and members of sectors the need to harmonize the reporting from April-June 2018. Communication with agencies is asked for the need of accuracy of information and paying attention to mid-year funding. IM noticed that different financial focal points are reporting on both FTS and ActivityInfo platforms with figures that do not corroborate with what was reported during the planning phase. Planning figures cannot be modified as they have already been reported to the Jordanian government, therefore, harmonization between both platforms is required.

3. ISWG Work Plan vs Status of Actions

- The current status of the Work Plan has been shared. Attention required for subjects, topics and areas of responsibility. Feedback required prior to JRP in order to know the status of actions taken as well as work on any issues that need to be addressed and/or revised. This is also a 1st step for the end of year report.
- Another document has been shared as a guidance for consultations that took place few months ago.
- Government of Jordan has asked for more Resilience activities and efforts from sectors for this pillar.

4. Inter-Agency Coordination & IM Unit Strategy

- The Unit's strategy is being revised in order to enhance work produced and will be shared.
- The Unit will be ready for any development and transitioning for a multi-task unit.
- Inter-Sector Associates are attending full time now.
- ISWG is being reinforced as well as presence and co-chairing the Humanitarian Partners Forum.
- Sector Gender Focal Point Network: Inter-Sector Associates are now being more engaged in gender issues in order to better support the coordinators in each sector as well as any gender related issues.

5. Reflection on issues needing high-level attention for HPF Intervention/from respective sectors

The Senior Livelihoods Coordinator was invited to the HPF in order to inform them about the status of the advocacy work for wider access of work permits and livelihoods opportunities for refugees. Topics briefed during HPF were:

- The International Labor Organization, Livelihoods Working Group/UNHCR and World Bank are sought for guidance for advocacy through JIF. Advocacy points include:
 - Continue to advocate for flexible/"portable" work permits in other sectors i.e. manufacturing and services.
 - One work permit that covers all the four (agriculture, construction, manufacturing, services) which would allow to move jobs easily across sectors.
 - MOI card as work permits.
- Follow up on regulations that restrict support to home-based, micro and small businesses.
 - Regulations on the registration and licensing of Jordanian HBB were successfully simplified (USAID LENS).
 - Cabinet decision to limit support to Jordanian/Syrian businesses affects a large number of NGOs and projects which have the resources and expertise to support Syrian micro/small and home-based businesses.
- JORISS approval:
 - The number of documents required for livelihoods projects to be approved is redundant; Agencies/NGOs have heavy requirements from line Ministries (Ministry of Labor); Approval times are long, thus leaving short time for implementation which is contrary to a the development approach livelihoods/employment-oriented projects require.

6. AOB

- Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB): MEB colleague approached sector leads May-June in order to check on the MEB progress. It is required to be completed prior to JRP phase, as it may help with budgeting questions during the planning phase. Population sample was shared at the end of June, and feedback is requested. Both reflect changes in vulnerabilities.
- UNHCR/JIF:
 - UNHCR and OCHA have been approached by the advisory board of JIF regarding the Jordan Humanitarian Fund for some concerns raised such as selection of priorities and the set-up of the technical committees.
 - A new way forward, improved guidance as well as additional selection criteria is being worked upon.
 - UNHCR met with OCHA New York colleagues in order to improve funds.

7. Action Points

Action Points	Responsible Person	Timeframe
Sectors are to communicate with agencies the need of harmonization of reporting and ActivityInfo and FTS platforms for [April-June]	Sector Chairs	July 30 th
Feedback from coordinators required on ISWG work plan	Sector Chairs	July 15 th
Suggestions on increasing projects in Resilience pillar	Sector Chairs	August 1 st

Share revised strategic plan with sector coordinators	Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator	End of July
Update MEB/population sample	Sector Chairs	MEB July 31 st Population July 15 th
MoM of JIF meeting with UNHCR and OCHA to be shared	Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator	August 5th

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9. Next Meeting

The next ISWG meeting will be held on Sunday, 5 August at 14:00 in UNHCR EMOPS room.