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Sulaymaniyah Food Security Cluster Meeting - Agenda

1. Welcome/introduction
2. Review of last meeting’s action points
3. Update on last bi-weekly distribution achievements.
4. Gaps, stocks and challenges
5. AoB

1. Review of last meeting’s action points

- WFP and WVI attended protection cluster in order to explain the assessment process and targetting criteria in Arbat Refugee Camp.

- Coordination has been held and arranged between Child Hotline and BCF regarding the list of the vulnerable families that are shared with BCF.

2. Bi-weekly update on distributions

- WFP & UNHCR's comprehensive joint assessment implemented by Statistics Department has started; a total of 220 families will be assessed, 80 of those families are incamp refugees. The assessment has been conducted and finished for the incamp refugee families and will start for out of camp families, the results of the assessment will most likely come out at the end of October.

- WFP’s pilot resilience project for 100 incamp Syrian Refugees started on July 18th. The aim of the project is to raise their language and digital skills, in order to help them with finding jobs and having better opportunities. The training is being conducted in AUIS. The ongoing project is a pilot being exercised in Sulaymaniyah, it’s success will determine future implcations of the project for IDPS or other refugees. At the end of the project a ceremony will be held in AUIS on 31st august.

- WFP’s MMT assistance modality has commenced in Ashti and Arbat IDP camps, with their two partners WVI and AsiaHawala.WFP is currently providing assistance to 5 camps; Barznja,Qoratu and Tazade are still being assisted through In-Kind assistance modality; rations are distributed as per family size; families consisting of 7 members will receive one full ration, while families with 8 members or more will receive double rations.

- BCF distributed 700 rations to host community families in Qaladze and it’s sub-districts Halsho & Zharawa. The distribution took place on July 18th

- WFP/WVI e-voucher assistance for refugees has been completed, out of the targetted 1163 families, 1146 received assistance, which is 5,082 individuals. 22 new cases have been recorded, 16 of which
were included through complaint feedbacks and the others through protection cluster. Complaint desk have registered 354 complaints in July.

- ICRC’s MMT (multipurpose cash) assistance in collaboration with AsiaHawala has been completed in Rania district. The assistance is for host community families, IDPs and Refugees. Assistance is being distributed as per family size; a family of two members will receive IQD260,000 and from there on for each member added to a family, IQD30,000 will be added to the assistance.

- WFP/CDO in-kind distribution assistance for July has been completed, a total of 756 families have received their assistance. Families with 8 members or more received double full rations.

- KEDO the local NGO attended the food cluster for the first time recently, aiming to establish communications and coordination with WFP and cluster members. KEDO aims to conduct a vulnerability assessment for host community families and are willing to establish a professional approach through food cluster to their future plans.

- MOMD have shown the will to cover any gaps in WFP assistance within the IDP camps for the time being as there will be families that are not going to be able to receive WFP assistance in August due to technical issues until they are included in WFP’s CBT assistance.

- IKL is distributing hot meals in Tazade IDP camp; the hot meals are being provided three times a day and for one month’s period. However, hot meals are non recommended unless they are being distributed by UN partners under UN supervision. JCC has confirmed the approval of hot meal distribution under direct supervision of Department of Health staff on a daily basis.

- REACH the local NGO’s cash assistance for Syrian Refugees will be delayed this month due to the extension of their assessment process until they reach their target of 700 assessed families.

- JCC requested members to provide information on plans of their next three months, in order to have a better sense of coordination and insight. JCC to formally request the plan from OCHA and OCHA will distribute among the clusters.

- MODM addressed and emphasized the issue of host community vulnerable families. There are very vulnerable families in the districts of Garmyan, Cham chamal, Arbat, Said Sadiq and Qaradax, as well as Sulaymaniyah City center and asked cluster members to provide any available support to those families.

**Action points**

- JCC to formally request the plan from OCHA and OCHA will distribute among the clusters.
- WFP to share the list of the 33 vulnerable families received from Child Hotline with MoDM.
- WFP to share the list of WFP beneficiaries that will not receive assistance this cycle with MoDM in order to be covered.

**AoB**

- Halabja JCC has addressed a renewal request for the distribution site. BCF asked for a formal request regarding the matter so that they follow up and see if they can support the renewal process budget.

- ActivityInfo training manual has been shared with FSC members, and the importance of reporting on ActivityInfo was emphasized and explained to the members.