Supporting and Stabilizing Countries Receiving Refugees

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Jordan and the Syria Crisis

• The Syrian crisis is not merely a refugee issue, it is also a national resilience issue affecting virtually all sectors and influencing most aspects of life in Jordan.

• Capacity of Jordan to cope is at full stretch. The yearly fiscal impact is estimated at US$2.07 billion.
Jordan has pioneered the institutionalization of the response within a national framework:

- Jordan Response Platform for the Syria Crisis (JRPSC)
- JRPSC Sector Task Forces
- JRPSC Secretariat
JRPSC: A Strategic Partnership

- Jordan Response Platform for the Syria Crisis is the strategic partnership mechanism between the Government of Jordan, donors, UN agencies and NGOs for the development of an integrated refugee, resilience-strengthening and development response to the impact of the Syria crisis on Jordan.
• The Humanitarian Relief Coordination Unit (HRCU) has been assigned the responsibility within MOPIC to coordinate national efforts and responses.

• Active participation of all stakeholders:
  – Needs analysis
  – JRP formulation
  – Monitoring and Reporting
The 2015 Jordan Response Plan marked a strategic shift to a resilience based approach.

- It encompasses refugee, resilience and budget support components.

- Strong government leadership and ownership.
Regional Cooperation

• By comparison, regional cooperation and coordination in terms of crisis mitigation at the planning and operational level has been minimal.

• The 3RP should be a platform, not a plan, in order to avoid duplication and contradictions.
Looking Ahead

• We are facing a protracted crisis, emergency responses are not appropriate.

• Thanks to international supporters, thus far we have received around 12% of required funds for 2015.

• If the present trend continues, Jordan will be forced to make difficult decisions.
• Given the current context, we encourage the international community to consider the following:
  – International pledges and commitments should reflect the longer timeframe of the JRP 2016-2018.
  – Fair formula for responsibility sharing should be reached. i.e. for the resettling of refugees in third countries and the matching of funding needs of host countries.
- Application of Paris Declaration principles (effective targeting, efficiency and transparency).

- Provision of institutional support to Jordanian institutions (planning, policy analysis, aid coordination, M&R, etc.).
Thank You

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