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Meeting Name:	10 th Meeting of the Jordan Response Platform for the Syria Crisis (JRPSC)		
Date of Meeting:	1 February 2018	Time:	10:00-11:30
Minutes Prepared By:	JRPSC Secretariat	Location:	Al-Hussein Youth City, Amman
1. Summary			
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Jordan Response Plan (JRP) 2018-2020	Presentation and endorsement of the JRP2018-2020		
2. Topics presented and discussed			
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Opening Remarks by H.E. Imad Najib Fakhoury, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Imad Najib Fakhoury, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC) welcomed participants to the 10th meeting of the Jordan Response Platform for the Syria Crisis (JRPSC) and expressed his appreciation to all stakeholders for the continued support provided during the formulation of the JRP 2018-2020. • H.E asserted that MOPIC has taken bold steps to improve aid coordination, enhance transparency, and strengthen accountability as a means of increasing overall aid effectiveness to Jordan. This includes incorporating the recent policy decisions in JRP concerning livelihood and education, hence making the new JRP the only comprehensive Plan for the Syria Crisis in Jordan. • The JRP2018-2020 is a nationally-led resilience framework that integrates humanitarian and development support, and continues to the innovative and paradigm-shifting approach to crisis response adopted by the Government of Jordan, successfully streamlining a previously fragmented humanitarian and development assistance to crisis response. • H.E highlighted that the budget of 2018-2020 plan was reduced by around 110 million compared to the previous JRP. • H.E informed the audience that JORISS has been upgraded to include all funding received by implementing partners in 2017 thereby enhancing overall JRP transparency and data sharing. This information is publicly available through the JRPSC website. • The Minister announced that the record amount of USD 1.7 billion has been received from the international community against the JRP 2017. This corresponds to 65% of funding requirements. • H.E thanked donors for their generous financial support to JRP 2017-2019 noting however that JRP needs and requirements still outpace the financial support received. It is therefore important that the international community keeps sustaining and increasing its support to Jordan through the JRP2018-2020. • H.E. confirmed that the Government is open towards exploring opportunities to enhance the JRP. However, he added, the process to align and unify planning and budgeting processes should occur incrementally and further to internal and external government consultation. Furthermore, it will be essential to ensure that the existing coordination structure led by MOPIC with UN's technical support through the JRPSC Secretariat is not just maintained but further enhanced. 		

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**Statement by the UN
Resident and
Humanitarian
Coordinator, H.E.
Anders Pedersen**

- The UN RC/HC commended H.E. Fakhoury's speech, noting that the international community and the Government of Jordan both share the same goals and sense of priority.
- He highlighted that the JRP model has proven to be hugely successful in providing essential support to vulnerable refugee and Jordanian households, and reinforced state systems and services as appropriate.
- While referring to the new set of challenges presented in 2018 given the protracted displacement crisis, the UN RC/HC suggested a review of the workings of the JRP.
- In particular, he stressed that any new approach should more closely reflect the strategic and policy approaches presented in the Government of Jordan's Vision 2025 and the operational intent outlined in the Executive Development Plan.
- The UN RC/HC highlighted that assistance should look into ways to further utilize and reinforce national structures and services, including national civil society.
- He expressed his aspiration for a plan of action that looks at practical steps required to reconcile the various planning and budgeting processes behind a nationally led system.
- H.E. clarified that further harmonizing activities around a nationally owned planning and budgeting process will take time. Therefore the excellent work of the JRP will need to continue until we have identified and agreed on a more developmental mechanism through which to channel assistance.
- He expressed his hopes for the International community, UN agencies, NGO's to working closely with MoPIC and the Government of Jordan in order to refine the JRP.
- He added that Jordan has won the world's recognition for its humanitarian role and generosity in hosting refugees and providing safe spaces to them.
- He trusts that the upcoming Brussels conference in April 2018 will demonstrate the commitment to the pledges made to Jordan following the London Conference in 2016.

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<p>Statement by H.E. Hani Al-Mulki, the Prime Minister of Jordan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E commended the partnership and support of all stakeholders in helping Jordan to shoulder the impact of the Syria Crisis and staying resilient• H.E stated that the situation in Syria and the refugee crisis have been globally recognized as the world’s worst humanitarian disaster since World War II, which poses an increasing threat on global security and economic growth.• H.E added that it will take years to rebuild Syria and for Syrians to resettle, and that since return is remote, Jordan will continue bearing the mounting costs of the crisis and the ever increasing challenges to the economic and social fabric in the country• H.E stated that a safe and dignified future for Syrian refugees tomorrow requires proportionate investment in the resilience of host countries today such as Jordan.• H.E asserted that Jordan remains committed to uphold its moral obligation towards Syrian refugees, bearing in mind that the international community must continue to sufficiently support Jordan as per the international principle of fair burden sharing.• H.E stated that Jordan has been pioneering a resilient-based approach as outlined in the roles of the response plan yet the fiscal situation remains very challenging.• H.E called to the international community on the sustained and increased support to the JRP for the year 2018, adding that it is critical to invest with sufficient resources in the Jordan model in order to strengthen the country’s capacity and resilience.• He concluded by highlighting that the Government of Jordan counts on the international cooperation’s support to make the JRP a successful planning and implementation tool.
<p>Presentation on the Jordan Response Plan 2018-2020 by Ms. Feda Gharaibeh, Director, Humanitarian Relief Coordination Unit, MoPIC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Gharaibeh outlined the objectives of the JRP, which include upscaling critical capacities local and regional authorities; mitigating pressures on Jordanian host communities; fostering resilience of service delivery systems; meeting the needs of both Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians; expanding employment opportunities; ensuring access to education for all Syrian children; and supporting the government’s budget as it copes with additional burdens.• Ms. Gharaibeh reiterates the inclusive approach of the JRP18-20, outlining its 12 sectoral responses and the results of the Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment on which they were based.• Ms. Gharaibeh then outlines the funding requirements per year and per component (refugee vs. resilience support) of the JRP, stating the plan’s implementing partners and management arrangements and providing an overview of the next steps.

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<p>International community's interventions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major donors to Jordan, such as Canada, EU, France, Germany, Japan, UK and USA took the floor to express their support to the JRP 2018 and their satisfaction with the achievements made by Jordan and its partners through the JRP in 2017. • The importance of strengthening national and local capacities was also emphasized, including those of the Jordanian civil society. • The international community stressed the importance of enhancing the resilience component of the response along with the humanitarian aid to refugees. In particular, it was suggested to work towards 'connecting the dots' between crisis management, resilience and economic development. • The international community expressed overall agreement with the level of funding announced by H.E. Fakhoury in his speech (USD 1.7 billion). • It was also highlighted that the forthcoming Brussels Conference will be an important occasion for the Government of Jordan to showcase the achievements made within the JRP. Effective communication will therefore be essential to achieve this purpose.
<p>Line Ministries' interventions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister of Education thanked the donors and UN agencies for their continuous support and highlighted the importance and effectiveness of working closely with the international community. • The Minister of Social Development expressed the importance of enhancing national systems and to attain long term development needs along with the short-term humanitarian support.
<p>Closing Statement by H.E. Imad Najib Fakhoury, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E stressed that the Government of Jordan will continue to work towards the objective of responding to the Syria Crisis in a transparent and sustainable manner within the aid effectiveness principles of national ownership, mutual accountability and harmonization. • H.E expressed his appreciation for the international community's generous support to help Jordan mitigate the impact of the crisis. • H.E expressed his expectations from the international community to sustain grant support to the JRP at an increasing level as well as providing sufficient concessionary funding to cover Jordan's financing gaps. • H.E. Fakhoury declared the endorsement of the JRP 2018-2020 by the Platform and announced the closing of the meeting.