



## II Quarter Progress Report (1<sup>st</sup> April- 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015)

### *UN Joint Support to the Jordan National Response to the Syria Crisis*

<b>Participating UN Organization (s):</b>	UNDP, UNWOMEN, UNFPA, UN-OCHA, UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO, ILO, UNRCO, UNOPS	<b>Managing Agency</b>	UNDP		
<b>Project Number:</b>	00093398				
<b>Project Title:</b>	UN Joint Support to the Jordan National Response to the Syria Crisis				
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<b>Funds Committed:</b>	US\$1,319,000	<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	100%		
<b>Funds Disbursed:</b>	US\$1,304,000	<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	98.8%		
<b>Expected Project Duration (months):</b>	12 MONTHS	<b>Forecast Final Date:</b>	31/12/2015	<b>Approved Timeline Extension(s) and New End Date:</b>	N.A.

The II Quarter Progress Report provides a holistic status update of undertaken, ongoing and planned activities within the project “UN Joint Support to the Jordan National Response to the Syria Crisis”. The report is comprised of the following components:

- Sections 1 through 4 provide an overview of the current project status including summary information, highlights, progress implementation summary (outputs, activity results, and milestones), and timeline;
- Sections 5 and 6 identify key challenges, risks, lessons learned and recommendations;
- Sections 7 through 9 elaborate next steps and provide a financial summary of project spending to date.

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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

CBO	Community Based Organization
CVA	Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment
HRCU	Humanitarian Relief Coordination Unit
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
ILO	International Labor Organization
JORISS	Jordan Response Information System for the Syria Crisis
JPD	Joint Program Document
JRPSC	Jordan Response Platform for the Syria Crisis
JRP	Jordan Response Plan
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MOPIC	Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PAP	Project Action Plan
SVA	Sector Vulnerability Assessment
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UN-OCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance
UNOPS	United Nations Office of Project Services
UN RC/HC	United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator
UN WOMEN	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
WHO	World Health Organization

## 1. Project Brief

With the Syria conflict in its fifth year, Jordan is hosting unprecedented numbers of Syrian nationals. Their number currently exceeds 1.4 million, including 630,000 registered refugees. Around 83 per cent of Syrian refugees have settled in urban areas, and the remaining 17 per cent live in camps. This number is expected to increase; the extent depending on the level of degradation of the social-economic-political situation in Syria.

Hosting displaced people, and accommodating their needs, has been putting critical pressure on the ability of the Jordanian social, economic, institutional and natural resources systems to cope. On one side, many Jordanians residing in the communities hosting Syrian refugees have been detrimentally affected in their livelihoods, opportunities, and rightful access to quality public services. On the other side, refugees have been living in harsh conditions with limited economic opportunities primarily linked to engagement by humanitarian agencies or informal trade.

The Government has taken a leadership role in seeking to mitigate the consequences of the crisis on Jordan by bringing existing refugee, resilience-strengthening and development responses to the Syria crisis in Jordan under one integrated planning and coordination framework: the Jordan Response Platform for the Syria Crisis (JRPSC).

The JRPSC, which is chaired by the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC), constitutes the strategic partnership mechanism between the Government, donors, UN agencies and NGOs for the preparation, implementation and monitoring of an integrated humanitarian and development response to the Syria crisis: the Jordan Response Plan for the Syria Crisis (JRP).

A dedicated JRPSC Secretariat has been established with the responsibility to ensure the operationalization of decisions taken by the Platform. The Secretariat works in close cooperation with the MOPIC Humanitarian Relief Coordination Unit (HRCU) and performs the following key functions:

- Policy advice and technical assistance to MOPIC in its functions as the chair of the JRPSC;
- Capacity development to MOPIC to lead the functioning of the JRPSC and its Task Forces;
- Technical assistance to MOPIC to (a) set-up an integrated information management system, which builds on existing systems; (b) set-up a monitoring and evaluation mechanism to improve aid tracking, accountability and coordination; and (c) establish a communication, reporting and advocacy mechanism to enhance public awareness on challenges, progresses and achievements in responding to the crisis.

In this context, the Joint Project Document (JPD) **UN Joint Support to the Jordan National Response to the Syria Crisis – Phase I** draws upon UN agencies' comparative advantages to ensure high-quality, timely and efficient delivery of support to the JRPSC and MOPIC, through the JRPSC Secretariat, with the overall objective of strengthening the capacity of the Government of Jordan to effectively respond to the impact of the Syria crisis on the country.

With reference to the overall objective, JPD specific objective is to strengthen MOPIC capacity to lead Government of Jordan's response to the Syria crisis through policy advice, strategic planning, aid coordination, monitoring and evaluation, information management and advocacy.

The JPD is expected to achieve these objectives through its embedded capacity development approach implemented gradually throughout the project period. This approach will help to ensure that, in line with the principles of national leadership and ownership, alignment, and harmonization adopted in the Paris Declaration, the response to the Syria crisis in Jordan is led by the government and all emergency, short, medium and longer-term interventions are integrated, sequenced and complemented. This implies for all partners to strive towards compatibility of systems developed to respond to the crisis with national systems and processes.

## 2. Project Highlights

Between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, the following progress has been achieved in close cooperation with the HRCU and other relevant MOPIC Departments:

- Continuous technical support and policy advice to MOPIC;
- US\$271.1 million has been successfully mobilized against the JRP, accounting for 11.8% of required needs;
- Mapping of donors' pledges and commitments against the JRP begun with initial data collected on eight donors;
- Set up and operationalization of the Jordan Response Information System for the Syria Crisis (JORISS), which includes 153 submitted projects as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015;
- Establishment of the Jordan Resilience Fund supported through policy and technical advisory services provided to MOPIC;
- Set up of a JRP Digital Atlas for the Syria crisis based on 4Ws project tracking and CVA data enabling the visualization of complex data to allow stakeholders to easily analyze information and identify gaps and priorities;
- More than 200 partners (UN, donors, NGOs and Government) working in the framework of the JRP on issues related to JRP project submission, approval and reporting provided with training and technical advisory services;
- 7<sup>th</sup> JRPSC meeting successfully organized with the participation of H.E. the Prime Minister and other six line ministries, including MOPIC;
- Coordination of the Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) elaboration, including support to the Task Forces for the preparation of their sector assessments;
- Around 200 news articles published mentioning specifically the Jordan Response Plan 2015;
- JRPSC website traffic has reached 8,375 unique visitors; 75,012 page views; 16,278 visits.

### 3. Project Implementation: Outputs, Activity Results, and Milestones

The below matrix outlines the progress achieved by the project in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter according to the outputs and activity results included in the project document. It is worth-noting that all progress has been made in close coordination and cooperation with the HRCU, with administrative support of UNDP Country Office and in consultation with the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator.

OUTPUTS	ACTIVITY RESULTS	PROGRESS	Prodoc Indicators
<b>1- Enhanced MOPIC's capacity to lead the response to the Syria crisis</b>	1.1 Capacity Development, policy advice and technical assistance provided to strengthen MOPIC's capacity on planning and crisis response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A draft concept note for the elaboration of a Sector Vulnerability Assessment (SVA) was prepared. The SVA seeks to assess the vulnerability of the crisis on water, education, health and municipal sectors.</li> <li>- SVA preliminary findings were produced and shared with relevant task forces to be used for the Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment (CVA).</li> <li>- Ad-hoc presentations on SVA sector results were made to education, health, municipal services and WASH TFs upon request.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JRPSC institut. arrangements endorsed</li> <li>• Integrated response plan developed</li> <li>• No. of policy advisory documents</li> <li>• No. of inter-Task Force meetings held</li> <li>• No. of Task Force meetings held</li> <li>• No. of JRPSC Platform meetings held</li> <li>• MOPIC/HRCU capacitated for crisis response</li> <li>• No. of civil servants trained</li> <li>• No. of experts deployed</li> <li>• Cross-cutting groups constituted</li> <li>• Cross-cutting issues reports</li> </ul>
	1.2 Policy and technical advisory services provided for the establishment and implementation of MOPIC's internal organization arrangements for an efficient response to the Syria crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A draft report with a suggested structure to strengthen MOPIC capacity response, including a detailed staffing job description and requirements, was prepared by an international consultant hired through the project.</li> <li>- A draft report analyzing key line ministries' capacity development needs in the framework of the JRP was prepared.</li> </ul>	

	<p>1.3 Policy and technical support provided to MOPIC to lead the elaboration and implementation of an efficient response plan in a participatory manner</p>	<p>- A number of guidance documents were prepared to facilitate NGO and UN's submission of JRP projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated Guidance note for project submission, approval and reporting;</li> <li>• Updated Step-by-Step Guide for Jordan Response Information System for the Syria Crisis (JORISS);</li> <li>• Updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).</li> </ul> <p>- A workshop for JRPSC Task Force members was organized to present the JRP 2016-18 process and clarify outstanding issues. Some 200 partners from the government, UN, donor and NGOs attended it.</p> <p>- Policy and technical advisory support provided to MOPIC/HRCU for the conceptualization and elaboration of the CVA and JRP 2016-18.</p>	
	<p>1.4 Technical support provided to MOPIC for aid coordination and mainstreaming of crosscutting issues, including gender equality</p>	<p>- Several policy and technical advisory documents on Syria-crisis related issues were produced for MOPIC officials, including talking points, briefing notes and background information.</p> <p>- Policy advice and technical support was provided to MOPIC in their efforts to strengthen international community's engagement with the Government on Syria-crisis related issues.</p>	



		<p>- Policy advisory support was regularly provided to the UNRC/HC to strengthen UN coordinated support to MOPIC.</p> <p>- Gender marker was adopted by JORISS reporting system, thereby ensuring the collection of gender-related data for all submitted projects.</p>	
<p><b>2. MOPIC'S information management is strengthened enabling tracking of donor commitments and implementing partners' interventions through a comprehensive information management system</b></p>	<p>2.1 Technical support provided to set up a transparent, project-tracking and gender sensitive aid coordination system able to track and report donor commitments and agency implementation against plan objectives</p>	<p>- The following advanced features added to JORISS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Search and Report launched, including unique interfaces and login developed for MOPIC, key partners, and public use;</li> <li>• 4W Activity Search and Report launched: 153 projects entered the system with a value of over US\$ 217 million;</li> <li>• Allows activity level search down to locality level and integrated with interactive map;</li> <li>• Includes unique interfaces and login developed for MOPIC, key partners, and public use;</li> <li>• User interface including Instructions, FAQs, selection of gender marker, and justification included in both Project Submission interface and Reporting Interface;</li> <li>• Two interactive maps linked to 4W activity search produced; over 15 maps developed for digital atlas; hundreds of automated reports produced from JORISS by MOPIC and external users.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOPIC aid coord. system operational;</li> <li>• Digital Atlas completed;</li> <li>• No. of projects tracked in project tracking (4W) system and USD value;</li> <li>• No. of maps and reports produced by information management system;</li> <li>• No. of donor contrib. reported in aid coordination system and USD value;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initial build of system and interface completed for Digital Atlas. Basic demographic, SVA results and example WASH and Education project data uploaded.</li> <li>- IASC Gender Indicator developed and launched in close collaboration with UN Women.</li> <li>- Mapping of donor commitments and pledges begun starting with eight major donors</li> <li>- Database of committed and pledged funds related to JRP 2015 established.</li> </ul>	
	2.2 Capacity development provided to strengthen MOPIC's information management and capacity to sustain the system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On the job training on JORISS was provided to MOPIC/HRCU, specifically on the use of project and 4W tracking search interface, automated reports, and interactive maps.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. MOPIC's M&amp;E capacity is strengthened, ensuring timely monitoring and evaluation of results</b>	3.1 Technical support to establish a quarterly monitoring and reporting tool that captures achievements and challenges with accurate up to date M&E data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitoring and Reporting interface for half year report revised and improved based on specifications provided for reporting on the first half of 2015. It includes the following four sections: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Information</li> <li>2. Challenges and Recommendations</li> <li>3. Gender Marker</li> <li>4. Activity Reporting</li> </ol> </li> <li>- Window reporting for all registered and approved JRP projects opens on 1 July to collect progress technical and financial data. Reporting system and guidelines were</li> </ul>	- N. of M&E report produced

		<p>prepared and made available directly via email and JRPSC website.</p>	
	<p>3.2 Capacity development provided to support implementing partners on MOPIC's online reporting system</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A workshop for approx. 200 participants from the international and national community was organized to train interested stakeholders on issues related to project submission, tracking and reporting.</li> <li>- Draft FAQs on monitoring and reporting were prepared based on the workshop discussion.</li> <li>- Remote support has been provided regularly to all partners asking specific questions either by phone or by email about project submission and reporting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Enhanced MOPIC capacity for public outreach</b></p>	<p>4.1 Technical advisory services provided to enable MOPIC to launch a communication and advocacy strategy focusing on vulnerable Jordanians and Syrians, including women and children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support provided to MOPIC for its participation in high-level forums, conferences, and events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Economic Forum – Dead Sea</li> <li>• German-Arab Water Forum</li> <li>• Jordan Response Fund launch</li> <li>• UN Executive Board visit</li> <li>• Berlin Summer Dialogue</li> <li>• United Nations Economic and Social Council's Humanitarian Affairs Segment</li> <li>• Third International Conference on Financing for Development</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Increased MOPIC's visibility on Syria crisis related issues through high level advocacy and lobbying, media engagement and technical and advisory support, such as:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USD mobilized against the plan</li> <li>• Pledging conference for IRP held</li> <li>• No of regular updates and reports published</li> <li>• Public website traffic (No. of visitors to the website)</li> <li>• No of media reports</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to MOPIC’s participation in bilateral donor meetings; development of targeted talking points, sector updates, and detailed briefings;</li> <li>• Press releases, interview preparation for national and international outlets, etc. Also 6 unique media reports produced, each published in 2-4 outlets in ENG and AR; support for 3 interviews with international media (Fox, AP, CNBC);</li> <li>• Support to the PR Unit on social media use and engagement – specifically twitter and Facebook;</li> <li>• Replying to press enquiries.</li> </ul> <p>- Ongoing capacity strengthened through continuous sharing of communications best practices, and support for development of reference database on Syria crisis.</p>	
		<p>- Resource mobilization efforts supported against the JRP through Mid-Year update of resource mobilization strategy, and preparation of briefing materials on Jordan’s response to the Syria crisis and JRP for the Cabinet office as requested.</p> <p>- Draft proposal developed for 1-month campaign to highlight the achievements of the JRP 2015 through people-centered stories of change.</p>	

	<p>4.2 Technical support to provide regular progress updates by MOPIC, based on sector wide monitoring, reporting and data processing on funding gaps and geographical and programmatic imbalances, including on women targeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintenance of JRPSC website with updated content and information. As of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, website traffic has reached 8,375 unique visitors; 75,012 page views; 16,278 visits</li> <li>- Graphic design support for the production of two funding updates.</li> </ul>	
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#### 4. Implementation Timeline

	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
<b>OUTPUT 1: Enhanced MOPIC capacity to lead the response to the Syrian Crisis</b>													
Activity result 1.1: Capacity development, policy advice and technical assistance provided to strengthen MOPIC capacity on planning and crisis response													
Assessment of MOPIC's capacity on planning and crisis response	<b>Done</b>												
Preparation of capacity development plan	<b>On-going</b>						X	X	X				
Training to MOPIC staff and members of sector task forces on results based management in the context of the Syria crisis	<b>Continuous</b>						X	X	X	X	X	X	
Training to MOPIC staff and members of sector task forces on the link between humanitarian/refugee and resilience/development concepts in the context of the Syria crisis	<b>On-going</b>						X	X	X				
Support to MOPIC/HRCU in the design and implementation of a vulnerability and needs assessment analysis of JRP sectors affected by the Syria crisis	<b>On-going</b>						X						
Support to MOPIC in the design and carry on of a socio-economic study of Syrian refugees and host communities in Jordan	<b>Under preparation</b>						X	X	X	X	X		
Support to MOPIC/HRCU in the management and implementation of agreements and MoU signed with national and international stakeholders in relation to the Syria crisis	<b>Continuous</b>						X	X	X	X	X	X	

Activity 1.2 Policy and technical advisory services provided for the establishment and implementation of MOPIC internal organizational arrangements for an efficient response to the Syrian crisis							
Review of relevant documents and studies	<b>Done</b>						
Preparation of a consolidated document with recommendations for the establishment of MOPIC organizational structure for efficient response to the Syria crisis	<b>Done</b>						
Support to MOPIC in the implementation of agreed recommendations	<b>On-going</b>	X	X	X			
Training to newly appointed staff on issues related to Jordan's response to the Syria crisis	<b>Planned</b>				X	X	X
Activity 1.3: Policy and technical support provided to MOPIC to lead the elaboration and implementation of an efficient response plan in a participatory manner							
Preparation of guidelines on JRP 2015 implementation	<b>Done</b>						
Training to MOPIC staff and task forces' members on the purposes, processes, norms, standards and guiding principles for planning, monitoring and evaluation within the JRP context	<b>Done</b>						
Technical support to HRCU/MOPIC in the streamline of the JRP project approval process	<b>Done</b>						
Technical support to Task Forces for the follow up to JRP 2015 sectoral implementation	<b>Continuous</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
Technical assistance and policy advice to MOPIC for the preparation of a new Jordan Response Plan	<b>On-going</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X

Activity 1.4: Technical support provided to MOPIC for aid coordination and mainstreaming of cross cutting issues, especially gender							
Technical support and policy advice to MOPIC in its function as chair of the Jordan Response Platform for the Syria Crisis (JRPSC)	Continuous	X	X	X	X	X	X
Technical support and guidance to Task Force Chairs and Secretariats on aid coordination and mainstreaming of cross cutting issues	Continuous	X	X	X	X	X	X
Technical support and policy advice to MOPIC in strengthening partnership with key stakeholders, such UN, NGOs and donors	Continuous	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>OUTPUT: 2 MOPIC's information management is strengthened enabling tracking of donor commitments and implementing partners' interventions through a comprehensive information management system</b>							
Activity 2.1: Technical support provided to set up a transparent, project-tracking and gender sensitive aid coordination system able to track and report donor commitments and agency implementation against plan objectives							
Policy and technical support to JRPSC, MOPIC, line ministries, and task forces on information management, geographic information systems (GIS), and aid coordination	Continuous	X	X	X	X	X	X
Support the technical design, development, and implementation of database and online access for JRP project approval process and monitoring and evaluation system	Done						



Regularly collect and update information for 4W project tracking system, donor financial tracking system, and resource library	<b>Continuous</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
Produce regular aid flow and project implementation reports against JRP via GIS mappings and interactive charts and maps on website	<b>Continuous</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Activity 2.2: Capacity development provided to strengthen MOPIC's information management and capacity to sustain the system</b>							
Overall assessment of MOPIC Information Management resources and capacity completed	<b>On-going</b>	X	X				
Staff identified and training plan elaborated and approved based on overall assessment	<b>On-going</b>	X	X	X	X		
Training plan implemented, targeting men and women MOPIC staff	<b>Planned</b>				X	X	X
<b>OUTPUT 3: MOPIC's M&amp;E capacity is strengthened ensuring timely monitor and evaluation of results</b>							
<b>Activity 3.1: A comprehensive gender-sensitive M&amp;E strategy in place, with ensuring procedures and systems</b>							
Design of a comprehensive M&E strategy, framework, and processes for the JRP	<b>Done</b>						
Development of online data entry and reporting system for monitoring and evaluation	<b>Done</b>						
Provide technical support to all Task Forces to monitor and evaluate their sector objectives, including through the setting up of simple and value-adding monitoring strategies, trainings, and tools	<b>On-going</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X

Produce regular monitoring and evaluation reports, dashboards, and interactive charts for publishing and sharing via the website	<b>Continuous</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Activity 3.2: Capacity development support provided to strengthen MOPIC's M&amp;E system</b>							
Overall assessment of MOPIC M&E resources and capacity completed	<b>Done</b>						
Staff identified and training plan elaborated and approved based on overall assessment	<b>On-going</b>		X	X	X		
Training plan implemented, targeting men and women MOPIC staff	<b>Planned</b>				X	X	X
<b>OUTPUT 4: Enhanced MOPIC capacity for public outreach</b>							
<b>Activity 4.1: Technical and advisory services to MOPIC to launch a communication and advocacy strategy for Jordan's response to the Syria crisis</b>							
Provide technical assistance and support to MOPIC on communications and advocacy activities related to the JRP and the Syria crisis, including through the preparation of background documentation and communication products to support the holding of workshops and donor meetings	<b>Continuous</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
Preparation of comprehensive communications strategy for the JRPSC (as per the new joint-programme structure) and JRP2015, working in close collaboration with MOPIC and UN	<b>On-going</b>	X	X	X	X	X	
Update existing website to reflect new JRPSC structure	<b>Done</b>						
Maintain JRPSC website as an online public information resource on Jordan's response to the Syria crisis through the regular publication of relevant information, reports, dashboards, success stories, etc.	<b>Done</b>						

Develop and publish human interest stories and general public multi-media communication products online and in national and international media	<b>Continuous</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
Activity 4.2: Technical support to provide regular progress updates based on sector wide monitoring report and data processing and mapping to the Platform and Task Forces, including information on funding gaps and geographical and programmatic imbalances							
Provide technical support to MOPIC to produce information products based on data processed from the IMO and M&E officer, including reporting maps and statistical reports.	<b>Continuous</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
Develop and publish regular progress reports and dashboards for the Platform and Task Forces.	<b>Continuous</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
Develop and maintain online dashboard for project funding and progress for JRP 2015	<b>Continuous</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X

## 5. Key Challenges and Risks

Description	Type	Date raised	Probability	Impact	Counter-measures	Status
Donor fatigue challenging resource mobilization efforts	Risk	Project formulation	Medium	High	Assess key donors' priority areas of support; Support the establish innovative financial mechanisms; Identify and liaise with non-conventional donors	Open
Some stakeholders' resistance to Jordan's integrated platform	Risk	Project formulation	Medium	Medium	Facilitate broad consultations among stakeholders at all levels to strengthen common understanding	Open
Lack of strong leadership from GOJ within some JRPSC Task Forces	Risk	Project formulation	Medium	Medium	Work closely with relevant line ministries' representatives to ensure Task Forces' adequate management	Open
Unstable political situation in the country	Risk	Project formulation	Very low	High	Follow up regularly on the political scene variances to measure and estimate positive and negative reflections alike on project progress	Open
Some stakeholders' unwillingness to provide MOPIC with requested information to monitor and report JRP2105 implementation	Risk	1 <sup>st</sup> quarterly report	Medium	Medium-High	Facilitate consultations between MOPIC and key stakeholders; Elaborate clear guidelines for project submission and reporting; Training on project submission and reporting procedures	Open
Limited coordination/ alignment of some stakeholders' initiatives with JRPSC's decisions.	Risk	1 <sup>st</sup> quarterly report	Medium	Medium-High	Work closely with UN RC/HC to mitigate risks of little UN coordination; Strengthen outreaching and communication efforts towards partners to ensure common understanding on relevant issues.	Open

## 6. Lessons Learned and Recommendations

The following highlight the lessons learned and recommendations:

- Support clear division of labour and responsibilities among line ministries, in addition to enhancing their capacities to lead their sector response.
- Maintain close cooperation with UN agencies as key partner in the preparation of JRP.
- Intensify outreach and communication efforts towards donors, UN agencies and NGOs in order to keep them involved and informed.
- Strengthen MOPIC and JRPSC Secretariat database of resilience and refugee information related to the Syria crisis and adopt unified and consistent figures and numbers.
- Intensify resource mobilization efforts around the JRP, including on budget support issues.
- Ensure that regional plans and initiatives adhere to national plans and strategies.
- Support MOPIC/HRCU in its mandate on Syria crisis related issues, provide it with the needed staff training, motivation and duly compensation of IMCC members and HRCU staff.
- Advocate to expedite delegating cabinet authority regarding project approvals to the Minister of Planning & International Cooperation.
- Strengthen adherence to the approval process by officially issuing it as a by-law or as an official decision.
- Continually update and upgrade JORISS functionality to support streamlined project approval, while also enforcing project submission through JORISS.
- Strengthen bilateral and regional cooperation.
- Involve local governments and communities in the preparation of the comprehensive vulnerability assessment.
- Support UN organizations to act as one UN.

## 7. Next Steps

During next quarter (July-Sept 2015), the project will be focusing on providing support to MOPIC in the coordination of the JRP 2015 implementation and in the preparation of the Jordan Response Plan 2016-18.

Regarding the JRP 2015 implementation, the project will closely work with the HRCU to strengthen its capacity to monitor JRP2015 progress through JORISS. Also the project will continue updating its database through which building a digital atlas for the Syria crisis. Regarding the JRP 2016-18 preparation, the project will work on the elaboration of relevant documents to guide the preparation of the next plan. It will also work closely with the JRP Task Forces to ensure their timely submission of sector response. In this context, a 3-day workshop will be organized at the Dead Sea at the end of August. During the month of July and August, the project aims to finalize CVA, in order to provide MOPIC and other relevant stakeholders with a basis for prioritizing the needs of JRP sectors according to national standards, and a baseline for measuring change over time. In the meanwhile the Sector Vulnerability Analysis (SVA), which is a component of the CVA, will be enriched with new data and analysis to be used by Task Forces for their planning. In the medium-term, the SVA is expected to be expanded to all JRP sectors and not only the four currently under analysis. In September, a finale draft of the JRP 2016-18 is expected to be prepared based on submissions made by the sector TFs. The final draft will be reviewed by the JRPSc Secretariat and MOPIC before endorsement from the Government of Jordan.

The project will also begin the planning process for the holding of a pledging conference in November, while continuing to provide support to MOPIC in its resource mobilization against the JRP 2015. A 1-month advocacy campaign is planned during the month of September, which aims to highlight the achievements of the plan through people-centered stories of change. The timing of the campaign in September is intended to immediately precede the intensification of resource mobilization efforts by the GoJ for the JRP 2016-18 in the last quarter of 2015.

In terms of JORISS, its access will be expanded to include a unique interface for Donors that includes detailed access to projects and activities including submission status. The results of the gender indicator will also be made more widely available with the information being available as a search criteria and in automated reports. The digital atlas will be expanded to include the full JORISS 4W information and be ready for launch. MOPIC staff will be trained on digital atlas features and administration.

Finally, the JRPSC Secretariat will support the operationalization of the Jordan Resilience Fund (JRF), acting as JRF Secretariat.

## 8. Financial Status of the II Quarter

The financial status of the project (in USD) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30 June 2015 is the following:

Project Outputs	2015 Budget	Expenditures (Commitment+ Disbursement)	Total %
1. Enhanced MOPIC capacity to lead the response to the Syria crisis	582,184.76	245,174.89	42,1%
2. MOPIC's information management capacity is strengthened	153,706.84	61,246	39,8%
3. MOPIC's M&E capacity is strengthened	82,319.65	18,124.21	22%
4. Enhanced MOPIC capacity for public outreach	100,824	10,318.39	10,2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>919,035.25</b>	<b>334,863.49</b>	<b>36,4%</b>

## 9. Cumulative Project Financial Summary

The financial status of the project (in USD) as of June 30<sup>th</sup> is the following:

Project Outputs	2015 Budget	Expenditures		Total %
		Commitment	Disbursement	
1. Enhanced MOPIC capacity to lead the response to the Syria crisis	582,184.76	172,374.75	234,089.18	69.8%
2. MOPIC's information management capacity is strengthened	153,706.84	28,500	74,749.15	67.2%
3. MOPIC's M&E capacity is strengthened	82,319.65	4,980	18,607.61	28.7
4. Enhanced MOPIC capacity for public outreach	100,824	0	17,082.18	17%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>919,035.25</b>	<b>205,854.75</b>	<b>344,528.12</b>	<b>59.9%</b>