



High Level Meeting for a Renewed Resilience Commitment

16 April 2018,
Amman, Jordan

DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE

1. **Since 2011, the Syria crisis has taken its toll on millions of lives and livelihoods;** where death, displacement and destruction are so devastating that the country has plunged it into a four-decade development deficit. With over **five million refugees outside the country and over six million internally displaced** in Syria, seven years of protracted crisis have precipitated the largest displacement and protection crisis in modern history.
2. **The development trajectory of Syria's neighboring countries – in fact, their very stability – is under extreme stress,** where they continue to redouble their efforts not only for refugees, but also for the communities hosting them. International partners have increasingly offered policy leadership and financial resources to support responses inside Syria and its neighboring countries, complementing humanitarian imperatives with resilience-oriented development approaches and funding, and enabling the most vulnerable communities to cope with the crisis and mitigate long-term dependency on aid.
3. **Some progress has been made in recent years,** with multi-year humanitarian plans (3RP & HRP), funding, innovation and programmes in place, **but with the collective effort of the international community still falling short of the massive, and growing needs.** With nationally developed and nationally-owned plans in place, such as the Jordan Response Plan (JRP) and the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP), as well as in Turkey, Iraq and Egypt, multi-year partnerships and compacts are in place between governments hundreds of partners to deliver integrated and mutually-reinforcing interventions.
4. To meet the immediate challenge of on-going crisis, and the strengthen global resolve toward recovering impacted countries' development pathways, **reinvigorated commitments, advocacy, and partnerships for SDG-based and resilience-oriented responses are required.** Grand Bargain commitments, and New Ways of Working are put to the test in the how the international community responds to the Syria crisis.
5. The *Meeting for a Renewed Resilience Commitment* aims to **reinforce and reinvigorate a political commitment and a partnership model to increase responsiveness and effectiveness by planning and delivering together and supporting stronger resilience-based development in the countries neighbouring Syria.** It will bring regional and national advocacy messages on resilience and the crisis response to a wider audience. **The Meeting is expected to be a curtain raiser in the sub-region to the EU Brussels Conference (April 2018) on Syria regarding Resilience commitments.**
6. **Participants** will include regional representative on the 3RP and HRP constituencies and specific stakeholders from impacted countries (government, UN agencies and NGO organizations, civil society, private sector).

DRAFT AGENDA

MONDAY 16 APRIL 2018

- 9:00 – 9:45 am **Opening Session - Renewed Commitment for Resilience: Strengthening Response to the Syria Crisis in the 3RP**
- Opening remarks & Keynote Address
- Interventions by representatives of: European Union, UNDP, UNHCR, UN Resident Coordinator for Jordan and Government of Jordan
- 9:45 – 11:15am **Session 1: Expanding Resilience Partnerships**
1. Civil Society
 2. Jobs, economic opportunities, livelihoods including gender
 3. Innovation, Engaging the Private Sector
- Interventions by: UNDP, ILO, FAO, SIRF and DRC
- 11:15 – 11:30am **BREAK**
- 11:30 – 1:00pm **Session 2: Resilience in the Context of the Syria Crisis: Evidence and Lessons Learned**
1. Basic & Social Services (focus on education)
 2. Social protection in the context of the 3RP
- Interventions by representatives of: R/UNDG represented by UNDP/WFP and UNICEF
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **LUNCH BREAK**
- 2:00 – 3:30pm **Session 3: Renewed Commitment to Resilience – Key Messages for the Brussels II Conference on the Syria Crisis + Beyond: Implications and Needs on placing more emphasis on resilience-based development approaches to support reform while safeguarding the humanitarian dimension**
1. Policy options
 2. Developing Resilience Capacities
 3. More Resilient Systems - SDGs & expanding development outcomes in Crisis response
- Interventions by: UN Resident Coordinator for Turkey, RDPP and UN-Habitat
- 3:30 – 3:45pm **CLOSING (TBC)**