

**OUTLINE OF FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS (FGDS) ON BIRTH REGISTRATION
IN KAWEGORSK, DARASHAKRAN, QUSHTAPA AND BASIRMA REFUGEE CAMPS**

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Organizers: UNHCR Protection and Community Services, INTERSOS Community Services team, NRC, QANDIL Legal team

Objectives: To obtain a better understanding on the obstacles or challenges creating unnecessary delays or hindering refugee families from registering their newborn children in urban areas/in refugee camps. To increase refugees' awareness about birth registration process and relevant procedures implemented in KR-I.

Target population: Refugee women in different stages of pregnancy (both registered at the camp-based PHC and those, identified through community but not registered at the PHC); members of Refugee Council working on women issues and awareness raising campaigns, members of camp-based Women Council. Total population planned to be reached through these campaigns is approximately 430 persons.

(Tentative) SCHEDULE OF FGDS:

Location & Venue	Date & Time	Target group	Moderator(s):
Kawegorsk camp NRC Women Centre	19 April, 10:00-11:30 A.M.	20 pregnant refugee women+5 members of Refugee Council	-Mohammed Ghafour (UNHCR) -Ali Al-Saedi (UNHCR)
	19 April, 11:45-13:15 P.M.	30 pregnant refugee women + 4 members of Women Committee	-TBC (Intersos/KWG) -TBC (Lawyer/Qandil)
	19 April, 13:30-15:00	15 pregnant refugee women+ 3 members of Refugee Council	
	20 April, 10:00-11:30 A.M.	30 pregnant refugee women+ 3 members of Refugee Council	-Irina Isomova (UNHCR) -Ali Al-Saedi (UNHCR)

	20 April, 12:00-13:30 P.M.	30 pregnant refugee women+ 6 members of Women Committee	-TBC (Intersos/KwG) -TBC (Lawyer/Qandil)
Darashakran camp UNHCR Registration centre	26 April, 10:00-11:30 A.M.	20 pregnant refugee women+4 members of Refugee Council	-Mohammed Ghafour (UNHCR) -Delgash Aziz (UNHCR) -TBC (Intersos/DRN)
	26 April, 11:45-13:15 P.M.	20 pregnant refugee women + 4 members of Women Committee	-TBC (Lawyer/Qandil)
	26 April, 13:30-15:00 P.M.	15 pregnant refugee women+ 5 members of Refugee Council	
	27 April, 10:00-11:30 A.M.	18 pregnant refugee women+ 3 members of Refugee Council	-Irina Isomova (UNHCR) -Delgash Aziz (UNHCR) -TBC (Intersos/DRN)
	27 April, 12:00-13:30 P.M.	17 pregnant refugee women+ 6 members of Women Committee	-TBC (Lawyer/Qandil)
Qushtapa	TBC	TBC	-Wael Ibrahim (UNHCR) -Jwan Yaseen (UNHCR) -TBC (Intersos/DRN) -TBC (Lawyer/Qandil)
Basirma	TBC	TBC	-Wael Ibrahim (UNHCR)

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Tips for moderators:

- Please note that the FGD should be free-flowing. Ideally, participants comments will stimulate and influence the thinking and sharing of others (Some people even find themselves changing their thoughts and opinions during the group).
- Remember that a focus group is not a debate group therapy; a conflict resolution session; a problem solving session; an opportunity to collaborate; a promotional opportunity or an educational session.
- Focus group participants won't have a chance to see the questions they are being asked. So, to make sure they understand and can fully respond to the questions posed, questions should be: (1) Short and to the point; (2) Focused on one dimension each; (3) Unambiguously worded; (4) Open-ended or sentence completion types ; (5) Non-threatening or embarrassing; (6) Worded in a way that they cannot be answered with a simple "yes" or "no" answer (use "why" and "how" instead).
- Start with engagement questions: introduce participants to and make them comfortable with the topic of discussion 2. Pose exploration questions: get to the meat of the discussion 3. Ask exit question: check to see if anything was missed in the discussion.
- The focus group moderator has a responsibility to adequately cover all prepared questions within the time allotted. S/he also has a responsibility to get all participants to talk and fully explain their answers. Some helpful probes include: "Can you talk about that more?" "Help me understand what you mean" "Can you give an example?"
- In order for all participants' comments to be understandable and useful, they must be boiled down to essential information using a systematic and verifiable process. When analyzing the data, compile and systematize the answers you received in course of the FGD into categories, which would help you identify the key gaps that need to be addressed during the awareness raising part.
- Below is the **FGD Questionnaire** containing specific questions, that were developed based on the results of the protection monitoring at the community level. These questions are aimed at deepening understanding about the level of awareness amongst the population of concern:

✓ *Why do you think it's important of having your child registered and documented by authorities in Kurdistan?*

- ✓ *Are you aware that your newborn child needs to be registered with UNHCR to be added on your asylum-seeker certificate?*
- ✓ *How often do you contact PHC doctor (gynecologist) for medical checks?*
- ✓ *Were you referred to advanced medical checks/recommended a hospital in Erbil?*
- ✓ *What are the pros and cons of undertaking medical checks/follow-ups and delivering baby in the hospital in Erbil as opposed to delivery in the camp?*
- ✓ *In your family, who will be assisting you with facilitating access to birth registration?*
- ✓ *Are you aware that UNHCR is providing legal services that include legal advice and facilitation of birth documentation?*
- ✓ *If you have previously given birth in Kurdistan region of Iraq or elsewhere outside Syria, what was your experience with registering your child with relevant authorities?*
- ✓ *Are you aware of instances where your fellow refugee women encountered difficulties with registering their new born child in Kurdistan region of Iraq?*
- ✓ *What are the steps to register your newborn child and obtain a birth certificate in Kurdistan region of Iraq?*

Analysis and reporting on observations obtained through FGD: Upon completion of exercise, UNHCR Protection/CS team leader should collect feedback from moderators and compile a report on the FGD sessions, highlighting the key concerns identified at the Q&A stage with regard to birth registration and information that has been disseminated during the sessions.