

a. Background

Since the onset of the crisis in Syria and its spillover into Jordan, UNFPA has worked, through national and international partners, to provide sexual and reproductive health (SRHR) services and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention and response services both in the camps and in the communities most affected by the crisis. UNFPA's humanitarian response to the Syrian crisis includes: 1) Providing sexual and reproductive health services and promoting reproductive rights including family planning services, antenatal care, normal safe delivery, postnatal care, clinical management of rape (CMR), and counseling; 2) Gender-based violence prevention and response services; 3) Capacity building of the national actors to ensure the provision of quality services; 4) Provision of supplies, such as family planning commodities to the health service providers and provision of reproductive health kits; and 5) Working with adolescents and youth to raise awareness around SRHR and GBV in order for them to be able to make informed decisions, as well as increasing their capacity for active engagement in their communities.

Zaatari Camp

Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan is the world's largest camp for Syrian refugees, located 10 kilometers east of Mafraq. The camp is situated near Jordan's northern border with Syria and home to 87,786 (16 March 2021) Syrian refugees (). Zaatari camp youth comprises almost 20% of the whole camp population. By May 2020, more than 9,700 adolescent girls between the age of 10 to 19 are registered in the camp. There are various programs and services for adolescent girls run by the 45 organizations and agencies in the camp. However, there is an area of improvement "Out of the box" thinking to tackle social issues such as Child Marriage and Sexual Harassment. One of the major challenges in the camp is adolescent pregnancy as it represents almost 10% of the total deliveries recorded in the camp.

According to the Youth Task Force in Zaatari Camp chaired by UNFPA and co-chaired by NRC, there are more than 15 youth-focused centers and more than 50 youth-targeted services. Those services include adolescents girls programming such as awareness sessions, tiger program by Blumont, however, no space is adolescents-led. Available safe spaces are generally for women and led by older women, providing services for adolescents girls.

UNFPA Jordan in Zaatari camp

In the Zaatari camp, UNFPA has been present since the establishment of the camp, to date UNFPA supports different facilities as follows: 3 WGSS, 4 sexual and reproductive health clinics (including one maternal clinic) and 1 youth center. Since the inception of the Syrian crisis, UNFPA Jordan has undertaken a gradual process of scaling-up the integration of all programmes to comprehensively cover the needs of the vulnerable population with a set of core synergised goals

to reduce maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality, whilst strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Health (MoH) and other national and international partners by providing training workshops for service providers to help address the increased pressure and caseload on health facilities for sexual and reproductive health services. As the lead coordinator for sexual and reproductive health services in Jordan, UNFPA ensures that all of our implementing partners providing reproductive health information and services receive necessary training to provide quality information and services. UNFPA has also worked with its partners to identify information and training gaps and address them in a timely manner, whilst avoiding duplication in service provision.

In 2015, UNFPA partnered with Questscope and established the first youth-led center in the camp. The center "Space for Change" is fully managed and led by Syrian refugee youth with the supervision and support of Questscope staff. The process entailed intensive training programs for Syrian refugees on management skills, M&E, principles and theories of youth workers, peer education, SRHR, GBV, and many other skills to support youth managing the center and providing services in the camp. UNFPA is the chair of the Youth Task Force in Zaatari advocating for the compact for young people in humanitarian action agenda, with a focus on adolescents girls' active participation and engagement in shaping their lives, and commitment to build the capacity of youth and adolescents to achieve their full potential.

In doing so, community engagement and youth participation have proven critical for ensuring increased access to SRH and protection information and services for all people within the camp; the result of which was the establishment of UNFPA's "Community and Training Center" (CTC) during 2018. During 2018, the initial focus of the CTC was on establishing and equipping the center, which lasted longer than had been anticipated. As a result, UNFPA determined to undertake the direct implementation of CTC activities itself during 2019 towards provide a dedicated forum for enhancing the capacity of Service Providers operating in Za'atari Camp on topics related to UNFPA's mandate and work scope; use the CTC for social mobilisation for activities and campaigns centered on SRH & GBV and Youth; and To use the CTC for community outreach including engagement of youth on SRH and GBV issues.

In 2020 UNFPA reviewed the scope and use of the center to ensure a strategic approach to fill identified gaps in the camp. As highlighted by the Youth Task Force in Zaatari camp, although there are several safe spaces and community centers in the camp, there is a lack of spaces dedicated to adolescent girls, where the objective is transformational change with the girls in charge of running activities and identify and promote solutions for their main GBV and SRHR concerns. To this end, UNFPA is looking into dedicating part of the CTC compound space to adolescent girls led activities across UNFPA programme components: GBV, SRH and youth.

B. New proposed action: Adolescent Girls Empowerment Led Programme (AGEL)

In line with the CPD and the new Girl Asset Framework approach, and based on our experience with the adolescent girls programme under Girl Shine- UNFPA Jordan is seeking to partner with an organization to implement an Adolescent girl led intervention as follow:

Adolescent girls Empowerment Led Programme Theory of change: The theory of change behind the Adolescent Girls Empowerment Led Programme (AGEL) posited that adolescent girls are empowered by building their social, health, and economic assets that they can then draw on to reduce vulnerabilities and expand opportunities. In the long term, they will then increase their likelihood of completing school, and reducing risks of child marriages, unintended pregnancies, and other possibly detrimental outcomes.

AGEL objectives:

1. To build the economic, social and health assets of disadvantaged adolescent girls and mentor young women in Zaatari Camp through leading activities in a safe space, over a period of 12 months;.
2. To equip group of mentors with leadership and management skills to run the center and their lives;
3. To propose innovative solutions to address main socio-health issues identified by the girls in the programme (for example child marriage or sexual harassment)
4. To improve referrals to the specialized GBV and SRH services in the camps and accessibility for adolescent girls
5. To propose innovative solutions to enhance adolescence utilization of contraception through a rights-based approach.

“Safe space” girls’ clubs (SS-only), which included health and financial education, and life skills training with a focus on SRH and GBV during weekly girls group meetings led by young women mentors from the community. The mentors will be formed to lead activities and receive a compensation package as IBV.

A specialized partner will have the responsibility of building the capacity of the mentors and coaching them in their role. The center daily management will be the responsibility of the girls, for the management and running cost of the safe space and security it will be within the current management responsibilities. As we are working with mostly below 18 we need to have a clear emphasis on safe guardianship, and allocated strategy for parents engagement.

The work on the center will be including two main components. The first is management, and the second is technical support.

Management of the center

The center will be managed by the selected partner including all related running costs and day to day management of the center. This includes: running including water, electricity (fuel for generator), salary of CWs and security guards. Such as maintaining infrastructure, security of the center, logistics, coordination with camp management, securing approval for the project by MOSD, and other relevant tasks. Spaces dedicated to the AGEL initiative will be at exclusive use of this project to ensure accessibility, safety and security of the girls. A committee by the adolescents girls should be formulated at the start of the project to provide needed inputs and support for the management of the center.

The technical support

The technical aspect will be led by the selected partner. The main role of the technical partner is to:

1. Initiate a clear selection process for a core group of adolescents girls in the camp that is representative of all geographical areas in the camp, and the different backgrounds and vulnerabilities in coordination with UNFPA partners in the camp mainly IFH and Questscope, and in collaboration and coordination with the Youth Task Force.
2. Develop and provide comprehensive capacity building for the selected core team of adolescents to equip them with needed skills to manage and run the center
3. Provide comprehensive training of trainers module on (Girls Shine) training for a group of mentors (IBV's) who will provide the training for young adolescents girls in the camp
4. Propose interventions that addresses the economic empowerment aspect as part of the program
5. Engage with adolescents parents by providing specialized sessions on AYSRHR
6. Support community and parents engagement in the camp by creating a parents committee that will guide and support the project
7. Support adolescents girls led initiatives in the center by the provision of seed funding for their ideas related to healthy lifestyles, GBV and SRHR with focus on contraception for adolescents and youth
8. Document the process of establishing the center, with a clear reflection on lessons learned and good practices.

The specialized selected partner will be responsible for procuring needed materials for the girls activities according to their requests and plan and to document the initiative. Moreover, the partner has the responsibility to have a plan B for remote activities in case another lockdown occurs, this might include providing tablets or ITC/mobile credit support to girls to continue remote activities.

A baseline and endline assessment are expected to measure the impact on the girls assets.

Current Structure of the space:

Currently, the CTC includes one SRH clinic. The CTC space has a total number of available 5 caravans: 3 big caravans: 2 designed for conducting training sessions, equipped with a data show, and one caravan that includes 2 separate rooms, one big caravan for meetings, and one small caravan currently used as an office. The space for the AGEL initiative (3 big caravans) will be at exclusive use for the girls considering the below:

Safe space structural considerations¹:

Inside structure: • A spacious activity room with the capacity to accommodate approximately 15-20 people; • A private room for provision of case management and individual counselling services that will be provided by IFH on demand and on monthly basis; • A day care area for children accompanying young mothers; and • A structure that is accessible for women and girls with disabilities.

¹ According to Girl Shine Minimum Standards for safe space

Outside structure or area: • Should enhance the existing structure and have a privacy fence or wall to ensure privacy and safety. Discuss with girls how enclosed the space should be. • Should allow for outdoor activities or socialization.

The Human Resource and Organizational Structure

AGEL coordinator will be selected partner staff responsible for monitoring and reporting and field coordination.

The AGEL coordinator will liaise with the UNFPA camp coordinator for daily management issues. The coordinator will ensure the execution of workplan according to the objectives and activities as submitted by the specialized partner. The coordinator will have monthly catch up with the UNFPA thematic focal points.