

The World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations High Commissioners for Refugees (UNHCR), and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) are pleased to invite you to the Brussels VI Conference on Supporting the Future of Syria and the region Side Event:

# Regional High Level Side Event on Social Protection across the Humanitarian-Development Nexus

## Background and session objective

The session is jointly organized by WFP, UNHCR, and UNICEF in the context of the Brussels VI Conference – Supporting the future of Syria and the region. The side event would build on the key issues covered by the recent Arab Ministerial Meeting on “The future of Social Protection in the Arab Region: building a vision for a post-COVID-19 reality” that took place on 30 November 2021. The Ministerial Declaration highlighted a commitment to enhance coverage of social protection programmes in the region to ensure no one is left behind with a particular focus on vulnerable groups, enhancing the shock-responsiveness of social protection systems, and improving financing, governance and coordination of social protection systems, including strengthening the link between national and international social protection actors.

This side event is an opportunity to share experiences from the region on effectively linking humanitarian responses to strengthening and building shock responsive national social protection systems. The event would bring together key regional social protection stakeholders including national government focal points, UN agencies, and partners to share lessons learned from different social protection programmes and work across the humanitarian-development nexus, from contexts including Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Each speaker will be asked to share a short statement, with an opportunity for subsequent questions

The event will be held via Zoom.

We look forward to your active participation in this event and kindly ask you to register ahead of the event by clicking on the link below:



### Event Registration

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Date:

**Thursday, 28 April 2022**

**Time: 10.00 – 11.30**

Amman / Baghdad /

Beirut / Damascus time

Kind regards,  
WFP, UNHCR, and UNICEF

#### Moderator

- Ms. Karen Peachey, Director, CALP Network

#### Panelists

- H.E. Mr. Ayman Riad Saeid Almuflih, Minister of Social Development, Jordan
- H.E. Dr. Hector Hajjar, Minister for Social Affairs, Lebanon
- H.E. Dr. Maher Hamed Johan, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning Federal,
- H.E. Ms. Zakia Sayed Salih, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Kurdistan Region of Iraq
- Mr. Imran Riza, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Syria