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From Sarah Champion MP, Chair

Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP

Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

By email

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Dear Dominic,

Funding for refugees in Jordan

I have been contacted by His Excellency the Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Kingdom about funding for refugees in Jordan. He has advised me that there is a shortfall in funding and that assistance for 261,000 of the 520,000 refugees in Jordan could be curtailed by September if additional funding is not secured.

The Ambassador goes on to say that water and sanitation operations will also progressively cease, and, without additional donations, UNICEF will have to end all water and sanitation services by September.

The effect on refugees in camps and those living in Jordanian communities will be significant.

I have several questions for you about the current situation faced by refugees in Jordan:

- How much has the UK contributed to funding for refugees in each of the last five years, broken down by agency and type of service?
- What effect has the decision to reduce the UK's ODA spend to 0.5% GNI had on the funding available for refugees (a) in camps in Jordan and (b) hosted in Jordanian communities in the current year, and what effect will it have next year?
- What cuts, as an amount and a percentage, have been made to the UK's contributions to support for refugees in Jordan?
- Jordan does not appear on the list of countries to whom the UK will provide bilateral aid this financial year. In the absence of this assistance, how will the UK continue to support refugees in Jordan?

- Has the UK contributed everything it has pledged in respect of refugees in Jordan? And what gaps are there between pledges and contributions from other donors providing support?
- What steps, if any, are you planning to take to address the funding shortfall outlined in the Ambassador's letter to me?
- What discussions have you had with your Jordanian counterpart and what discussions has the Government had with the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Kingdom about funding for refugees in Jordan?

I enclose a copy of the Ambassador's letter. I intend to publish this letter and that of the Ambassador shortly and will publish your response when we receive it. It would be helpful to have your reply by 12 July.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S', enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

Sarah Champion MP,
Committee Chair