Inter-Agency Coordination Lebanon

Lebanon Crisis Response Plan

Joint Technical Task Force

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Agenda

1. **LCRP 2023: Brief Update**
   - 2023 Results and Operating Context
   - LCRP Cross-Sectoral Prioritization Process

2. **2024 Response Planning:**
   - Introduction to the *Lebanon Response Plan*
   - Regional Planning Steers: *Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP)*
   - Discussion: Recommendations for the 2024 Response Planning Process

LCRP 2023: Brief Update

2023 Headlines on Operating Environment & Results

- **Basic Needs:** Sustained gap between SMEB and household income, with deterioration in LBP value and resulting price increases in 2023. **Food insecurity** across populations remains high (*IPC analysis ongoing*).
- **Food and Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance:** Has achieved scale-up in coverage across populations, but at *well below sector-recommended transfer values*. Sustained funding required for inclusive national grants schemes.
- **Nutrition:** While admission to malnutrition program is following an increasing trends, the funding outlook for nutrition response is poor. Partners achieving 80% recovery rate for supported cases of acute malnutrition among children under five.
- **Protection Context:** Increasing numbers of Lebanese approaching protection services (including disability services, GBV, CP, case management & ECA). Amongst displaced Syrians, widespread concerns caused by raids, deportations and restricted freedom of movement.
- **Informal settlements:** Poor funding outlook for shelter, water and desludging, while alternative approaches remain strained.
- **Winter:** Anticipation of a harsh winter, with gaps in preparedness measures (municipal, site and HH level). Risks related to wood-cutting as vulnerable people struggle (environmental implications / tensions risks).

ACUTE FOOD INSECURITY SITUATION: MAY - OCTOBER 2023

(Lebanese Residents, Syrian Refugees, Palestine Refugees in Lebanon, and Palestine Refugees from Syria)

1.4M

25% of the population analysed

People facing high acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above)

IN NEED OF URGENT ACTION

Phase 5	0 People in Catastrophe
Phase 4	112,000 People in Emergency
Phase 3	1,300,000 People in Crisis
Phase 2	2,534,000 People in Stressed
Phase 1	1,630,000 People in Food Security

2023 Headlines on Operating Environment & Results

- **Municipal Services:** Urgent calls by partners and government officials to tackle key tensions drivers including *solid waste management*. Noting inter-communal relations remain a concern: 34% cite negative relations, while 54% cite competition for services (UNDP/ARK survey). Sustained challenges to **maintain public water supply & wastewater services** persist (incl. energy, operating cost) – maintaining minimum level of services in 2022 possible only due to extensive external support to public institutions.

- **Public Schools** re-opening first shift in line with plans (October). 2022/23 saw around 110 teaching days for public schools, with summer schools also provided catch up for 30 days for total of 158,000 students.

- **Livelihood Support:** More than 8,000 MSMEs supported by end-Q2. Partners shifting towards business support (especially financial services provision to businesses), away from cash-for-work.

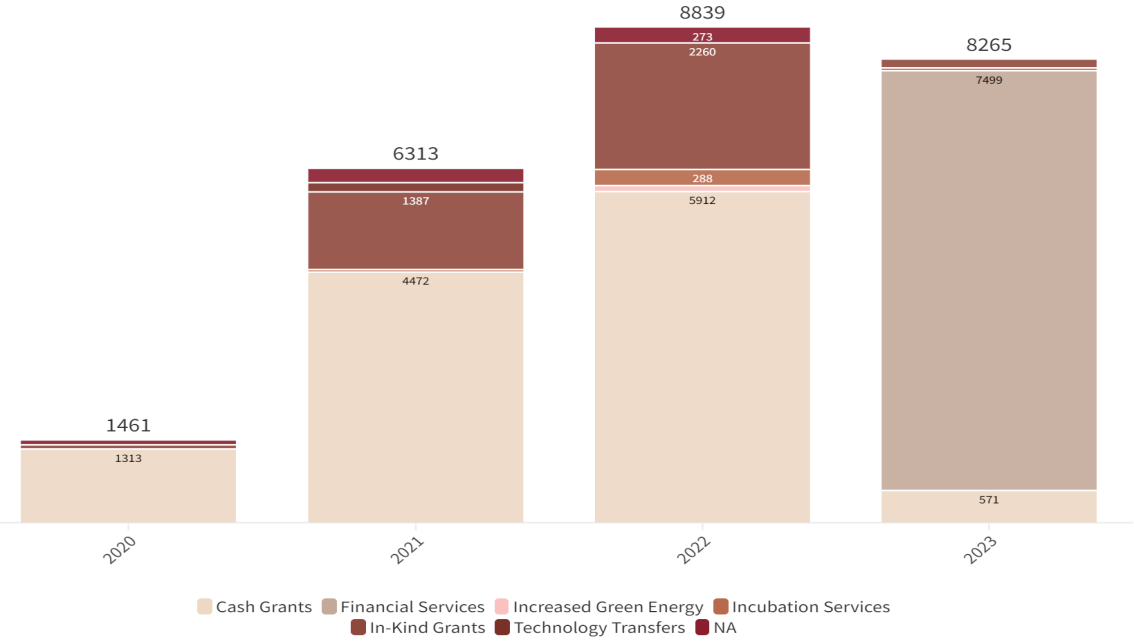

Chart: Support to MSMEs & Cooperatives

2023 Headlines on Operating Environment & Results

<u>Support to Lebanese</u> is being maintained in 2023 through public service provision and direct assistance given ongoing high level of need, for example:

- 882,000 Lebanese are receiving *regular* cash-based or in-kind **food assistance**
- 1.6m subsidized **primary healthcare consultations** provided by end Q2 - 57% to Lebanese
- **School enrolment -** 77% of the targeted 664,000 school-aged children (around 52% Lebanese), supported through assistance of total of 1,074 public schools through parent funding and school funds, and around 12,500 contractual teachers were supported by productivity allowance and salaries.
- **151 municipalities** supported for infrastructure, basic services and SWM) as of Q3 (strengthened funding compared to last year)

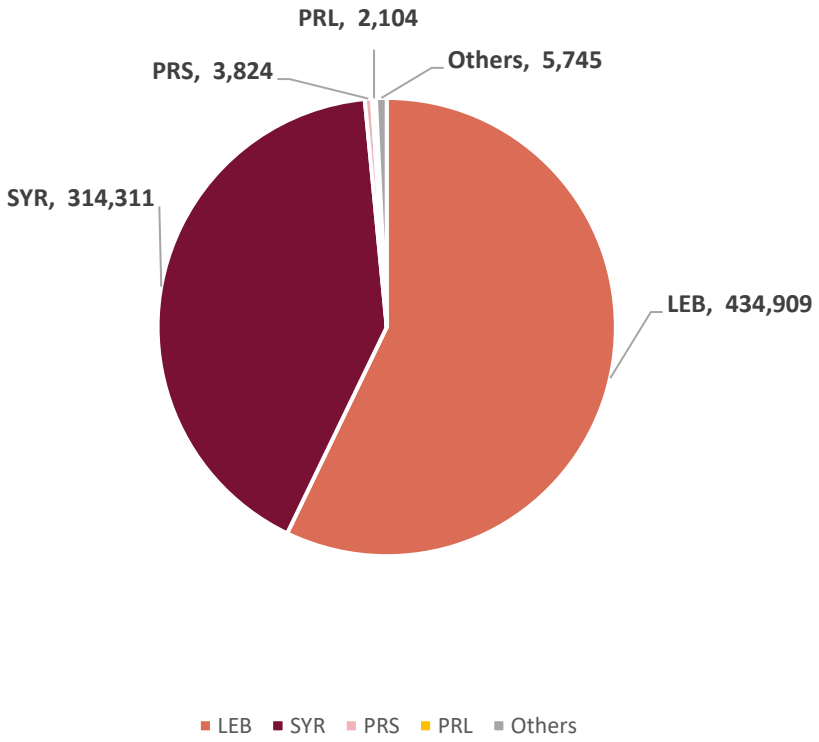

Chart: Subsidized PHC consultations, Q2-2023

LCRP Cross-Sectoral Prioritization Process

Informed by sectors' mid-year review of reporting and results, members of the Inter-Sector Working Group were asked to identify a set of 'elevated priorities' for the duration of 2023 against the following agreed criteria:

- Identified results make an essential contribution to the LCRP strategic objectives / impact statements
- Will incur significant negative consequences if not supported
- Contribute to addressing protection threats and/or social tensions
- Are feasible and cost effective

At the Inter-Sector level, sectors came together to assess whether the identified priorities are:

- Coherent, furthering potential for cross-sectoral collaboration
- Anything major missing
- Overall check: to ensure package of services maintains integrity of the LCRP (humanitarian + stabilization) at reduced level of funding and contribute to necessary results at individual, household, community and institutional levels

LCRP Cross-Sectoral Prioritization Process

Priorities identified under LCRP's 6 *impact statements*

Ensure protection of vulnerable populations

1 **Safe and protective environment**

Provide immediate assistance to vulnerable populations

2 **Immediate humanitarian needs met**

Support service provision through national systems

3 **Equitable access to basic services**

Reinforce Lebanon's economic, social and environmental stability

4 **Mitigated deterioration in economic conditions**

5 **Strengthened social stability**

6 **Mitigated environmental impact**

Discussion

Based on results, gaps and operating environment, any key cross-sectoral steers from the JTF for elements to safeguard within the 2024 response?

2024 Response Planning: Lebanon Response Plan

2024-25 Response Planning: Lebanon Response Plan

Why?

- With continuing impact of *multiple crises* on vulnerabilities across populations in Lebanon, discussion between the Resident Coordinator/ Humanitarian Coordinator (RC/HC), Prime Minister and other stakeholders has focused on a 2024 "***Lebanon Response Plan" (LRP)*** to be developed through a common needs/situation analysis and response planning process, to address agreed strategic objectives.
- ***"****Transform the response in Lebanon to ensure coherence and 'address humanitarian needs in a way that is moving towards stability'"*

How?

- The LRP seeks to provide a pathway for a coherent, efficient, and accountable nexus response.
- It is envisaged that the plan will encompass interventions previously coordinated under the Lebanon Crisis response Plan (LCRP) and the Emergency Response Plan (ERP), through streamlined governance and coordination arrangements.
- Draft strategic objectives:
  - *SO1: Enhance protection of vulnerable populations*
  - *SO2: Provide immediate humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations to ensure their critical needs are met*
  - *SO3: Support service provision through national systems (including national rapid response capacity)*
  - *SO4: Reinforce Lebanon's economic, social and environmental stability*

2024-25 Response Planning: Lebanon Response Plan
Draft Timeline

October

- Thematic consultation including on results architecture, mainstreaming cross-cutting issues, localization and role of NGOs
- Planning kick-off workshop with sectors (end Oct)
- Sub-national needs analysis workshop (end Oct)

November

- National joint needs analysis workshops
- Development of sector strategies (national & sub-national consultation)
- Initial submission for Global Humanitarian Overview (LRP / 3RP)

December

- Sector strategies finalized by sector leads
- Partner appeal Expression of Interest
- LRP governance body engaged to discuss and endorse overall framework

3RP: Strategic Steers to Inform Planning

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Role and Relevance of the *Regional Refugee & Resilience Plan (3RP)*:

- Recognition that the 3RP, as a regional integrated framework, continues to foster collaboration among diverse partners.
- Partners - and donors - value the 3RP as a resource mobilization instrument.
- Adaptability and flexibility to country settings (noting further divergence in contexts / country chapters).

2024 Planning:

- Elevate focus on sectoral/cross-sectoral prioritization, given growing funding constraints.
- Retain needs-based funding appeals, while incorporating prioritization into the planning process.

3RP: Strategic Steers

Partnership and Resource Mobilization:

- Need to strengthen donor partnership in 2024. Likely 3RP launch in early 2024 and follow-up in donor capitals.
- Emphasis on diversifying funding sources, including non-traditional donors, IFIs, and the private sector.
- 3RP will remain in the Global Humanitarian Overview in 2024.

Future of 3RP beyond 2024:

- Focus on how to further align with for example the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs).

Discussion

Based on the concept for the 'Lebanon Response Plan' and 3RP planning steers, any key elements to focus on within 2024 response planning in Lebanon?

Thank You

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