Inter-Sector Meeting

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Opening Remarks

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Agenda

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1. Opening Remarks
2. Updates on Ein El Hilweh
3. Update from Education Sector on New School Year
4. 2024 “Lebanon Response Plan”
5. Winter Preparedness & Response
6. VASyR 2023 Preliminary Results
7. AoB:
    1. Gender and GBV – Trends and Mainstreaming Work
    2. Community-Based Protection Learning
    3. Q3 Reporting Timelines

Status of Action Points

Action Points	Status
Cross Sectoral Coordination - Solar **National ad-hoc session with UN agencies to have a coordinated conversation (UNDP to lead)**	• **The inter-active energy/solar dashboard is currently being finalized and is expected to be published before the end of October.** **UNDP will also be publishing a thematic brief on solarization, which includes an overview of interventions, guidance and recommendation before the end of the year**
Photo repository Sector Coordinators to encourage their sector working groups to actively contribute to the Inter-Agency Photo Repository. Standard email to be shared with Sector Coordinators from the Inter-Agency Coordination mailbox lebbeia@unhcr.org	• Completed
Environmental Marker • Endorse the environmental marker system • Document to be uploaded in IA Coordination Portal	• Completed • Completed • ETF will socialize the Environmental marker with key sectors over the coming months. The ETF will ensure the marker is mainstreamed in the forthcoming 2024 response framework
Cross-sectoral Prioritization Exercise • Sector coordination teams and mainstreaming focal points to finalize the prioritization exercise, while ensuring a narrow prioritization lens and a cross-sectoral focus.	• To be presented to JTF October; PPT shared back with ISWG

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Update on Ein El Hilweh

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Update from Education Sector on New School Year

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2024 Response Planning

2024 "Lebanon Response Plan"

Why?

- With continuing impact of *multiple crises* on vulnerabilities across populations in Lebanon, discussion between the 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.

Vision?

- **"***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.

When?

- Launching the LRP on January 1, 2024, ensures continued support for all vulnerable populations.

2024 "Lebanon Response Plan"

Linkages to other frameworks:

- The LRP, UNSDCF, and 3RF will mutually drive development, humanitarian, and peacebuilding efforts, addressing underlying drivers of needs and conflict.

- Coordination structures, including sectoral and sub-national, will continue to be adapted to national and local realities.

<u>Draft</u> 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*

- Proposed strategic objectives to be refined in consultation with stakeholders, aim to build upon LCRP and ERP goals while aligning with United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) priorities.

- Focus on developing a cross-sectoral results architecture with clear impact and outcome indicators.

2024 "Lebanon Response Plan"
Draft Timeline to develop the LRP

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 for 2024

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Planning workshop held across countries in September:

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 for 2024

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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 the 3RP beyond 2024:

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

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Winter Preparedness & Response

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Winter Preparedness & Response
Recap: Winter Season 2022-2023

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Site Improvements

Support to Municipalities

Cash Assistance

Shelter Kits

1,000

Core Relief Items

1,400

Temporary Relocation

149

Winter Preparedness & Response
Standard Support Package

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What is our capacity to deliver for 2024? Any different assistance modalities?

Level	Winter Preparedness	Winter Emergency Response
Household	• Distributing **winter cash assistance**. • Distributing **core relief items and food parcels**. • Providing **shelter weatherproofing** kits through distribution in informal settlements. • **Relocating** individuals to safer sites. • Engaging in community **communication** efforts. • Mapping **tension risks** and implementing mitigation measures. • Establishing communication channels with relevant authorities.	• Providing **shelter kits** to support damaged shelters or assist relocating households. • Distributing **floor-raising kit**s. • Distributing **in-kind food parcels**. • **Referring** individuals and families through IA channels, hotlines, and on-site assessments.
Site / Institutional	• Enhancing **site infrastructure** (addressing flood risk and access obstructions) specifically in Informal Settlements. • Providing **fuel to institutions**, including health centers and schools. • Support to **municipalities** on local infrastructure and emergency response.	

Winter Preparedness & Response
Challenges

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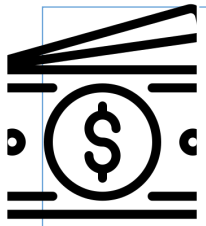
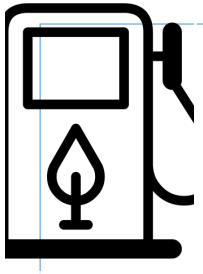


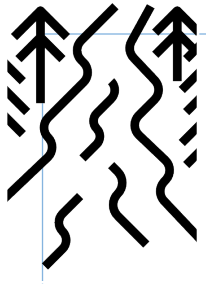
Funding Shortfall

Securing adequate funding remains a persistent challenge for winter preparedness efforts.



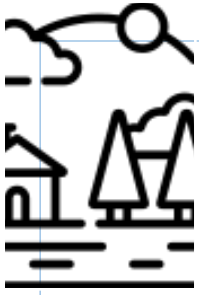
Resource Scarcity

Shortages of essential resources, particularly energy and fuel, create significant hurdles in ensuring winter readiness.



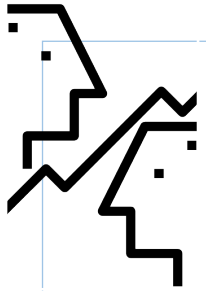
Infrastructure Damage

Damage to critical infrastructure, such as roads and river sides, poses a substantial obstacle to effective winter response.



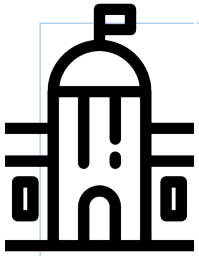
Access to Remote Areas

The ability to reach and provide assistance to remote and isolated regions during winter conditions remains a pressing challenge.



Protection Space

Balancing the need for protection space for vulnerable populations with managing social tensions presents complex challenges during the winter season



Municipality Capacity

The capacity of municipalities to efficiently respond to winter-related issues is a critical concern that needs addressing

Winter Preparedness & Response Recommendations

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- Ensure a clear understanding of the **overall nature of the winter response** and communicate to donors and response leadership on complementarity of actions.
- Prioritize **advance preparations**.
- Conduct regular **RNA Tool** training with simulations.
- Update the **Geosplit** on routine basis.
- Maintain and update **contingency stocks** in the field.
- Continue preemptive **distribution** of shelter weather proofing kit distribution, high thermal blankets and winter cash assistance.
- Harmonize **Post Distribution Monitoring** regionally.
- Automate **RNA reporting** for Emergency Focal Points.
- Increase support to **municipalities**.

Winter Preparedness & Response

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What is the current level of preparedness?

What are the anticipated challenges in ensuring effective emergency preparedness and response for the upcoming winter season?

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VASyR 2023

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Gender & GBV Trends & Mainstreaming

- Following ToT, trained **focal points to organize training sessions** for sector members – logistics and training support is provided by Inter-Agency.

- **Provide the FPs with up to 4 individual sessions** from October 2023 to May 2024. The purpose of the individual sessions is to:
  1. Consolidate the individual capacity building plan and provide support tailored to their needs.
  2. Follow up on the Gender Action Plan and Sector Tipsheet.

- **3 Group learning sessions** to discuss good practices, challenges, lessons learnt with all the focal points.

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Gender Space

- **Increased negative rhetoric** and limitations to freedoms of individuals resulting in programmatic challenges for gender and GBV programs.
- **Media attacks and threats on centers** providing reproductive health services and other recreational and PSS activities for women and girls.
- Community leaders and religious actors putting **pressure on organizations providing gender and GBV services** – as a result several activities are suspended or work through amended modalities.
- State actors requesting partners **not to use words 'gender' and 'GBV'**.
- The Gender Working Group together with the GBV WG working on a **position paper and advocacy messages** and strategy to engage with these actors.

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Community-Based Protection Learning

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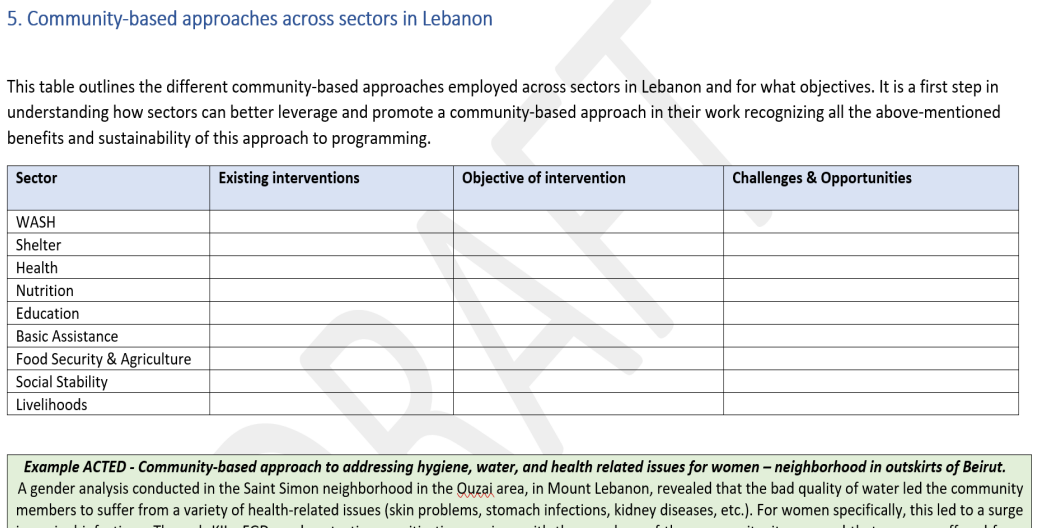
- **6 July: Community-based Learning event** was held reviewing sectoral guidance on community-based protection interventions and approaches
- **Guidelines on Community-based Protection** was drafted: non-protection sector chapter 5 includes a mapping of good practices for community-based interventions in other humanitarian sectors
- **By 20 October:** Sectors will be requested to provide a list of activities and good practice interventions
- **27 October**: planned meeting with other sectors on community-based interventions



5. Community-based approaches across sectors in Lebanon

This table outlines the different community-based approaches employed across sectors in Lebanon and for what objectives. It is a first step in understanding how sectors can better leverage and promote a community-based approach in their work recognizing all the above-mentioned benefits and sustainability of this approach to programming.

Sector	Existing interventions	Objective of intervention	Challenges & Opportunities
WASH			
Shelter			
Health			
Nutrition			
Education			
Basic Assistance			
Food Security & Agriculture			
Social Stability			
Livelihoods			

Example ACTED - Community-based approach to addressing hygiene, water, and health related issues for women – neighborhood in outskirts of Beirut.
A gender analysis conducted in the Saint Simon neighborhood in the Quzai area, in Mount Lebanon, revealed that the bad quality of water led the community members to suffer from a variety of health-related issues (skin problems, stomach infections, kidney diseases, etc.). For women specifically, this led to a surge

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Q3 Reporting Timelines

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- **Referral reporting:** 08th of every month. For October, Monday the 09th.
- **Financial tracking:** 18 October 2023

  Sector Coordinators to:
  - Follow up with partners.
  - Verify data

- **Q3 Sector Dashboards:** 18 October 2023

Revision and validation steps	Deadline
IA updates templates and shares them with the Sector Coordinators	29 September 2023
Sectors Coordinators submit the Q3 dashboard narrative	18 Oct 2023
IA reviews and provides feedback and comments	23 Oct 2023
Sector Coordinators incorporate feedback and comments, highlighting specific issues as needed and re-send the narrative to IA for final approval	20 Oct 2023
Sector IMs prepare the final version of the dashboard and send it to IA for final clearance	27 Oct 2023
Final review by IA (including design and data) and publishing by sector coordinators	3 Nov 2023

Thank you

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