

Minutes of Meeting Lebanon Response Plan Partners' Update Meeting

Meeting Location	Remotely Via Zoom	Meeting Date	8 Nov 2024
Chairperson(s)	Kristin Arthur, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNHCR) Elena Ferrari, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNDP) Kasper Engborg, Acting Deputy Head of OCHA (OCHA) Makiha Kimura, Head of Coordination (OCHA) Camilla Jelbart, Senior Response Advisor (RCO)	Meeting Time	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Minutes Prepared by	Jana Nasr, Senior Inter-Agency Coordination Assistant (UNHCR)	Meeting Duration	2.00 hrs.
Participants	270+ participants from the Government of Lebanon (GoL), UN Agencies, NGOs, and CSOs.		
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening Remarks 2. LRP Quarter 3 Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary from Sector Dashboards • Funding Results 3. LRP 2025 Planning 4. Winter Preparedness & Response 2024-2025 5. Emergency Response: Progress and Challenges 6. AoB: Inter-Agency Photo Repository 7. Closing Remarks 		

1. Opening Remarks

Kristin Arthur, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNHCR)
Elena Ferrari, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNDP)
Kasper Engborg, Acting Deputy Head of OCHA (OCHA)
Makiha Kimura, Head of Coordination (OCHA)
Camilla Jelbart, Senior Response Advisor (RCO)

In their opening remarks, the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) Co-Chairs welcomed the participants and presented the agenda.

2. LRP Quarter 3 Results

Summary from Sector Dashboards

Stephanie Laba, Inter-Agency Coordination Officer (UNHCR)

Stephanie Laba explained that a reduced version of the quarterly sector dashboards was developed this quarter, summarizing progress made by sector partners under the LRP for Q3 of 2024. The 'At a Glance' documents include reporting on populations reached versus targets set, funding, and key achievements. For each sector, a summary of the 'At a Glance' was presented. Details available in slides 6 to 15 of the presentation [here](#).

Funding Update











Raffi Kouzoujian, Assistant Information Management Officer (UNHCR)

Raffi Kouzoujian presented the Q3 2024 funding update:

- The funding update is developed by analyzing and consolidating the figures shared by the LRP partners through the Lebanon Aid Tracking System at the end of each quarter and includes a summary per sector.
- Funding received by the third quarter of 2024 amounts to approximately \$657 million, representing 24 per cent of the \$2.72 billion appeal.

- The carry over and multi-year funding amounts to \$315.4 million. Therefore, available funds by mid-year 2024 amount to a total of \$972.4 (received + carryover).
- Social Stability, Education, and Livelihoods are the *highest* funded sectors compared to the appeal, while Basic Assistance, Shelter, and Nutrition are the *lowest* funded sectors compared to the appeal.
- Funding trends from 2020 to 2024 are available on slides 19 and 20 [here](#).

Q3 Resources

- LRP Funding Update – Q3 2024: [HERE](#)
- LRP Sector Dashboards – Q3 2024:
 [Basic Assistance](#);  [Education](#);  [Food Security & Agriculture](#);  [Health](#);
 [Nutrition](#);  [Livelihoods](#);  [Protection](#);  [Shelter](#);  [Social Stability](#);  [WaSH](#).
- LRP Overview and Scope – Q3 2024: [HERE](#)

3. LRP 2025 Planning

Kristin Arthur, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNHCR)

Kristin Arthur discussed the goals for LRP 2025 Planning:

- The LRP is an integrated humanitarian and stabilization response plan co-led by the Government of Lebanon (GoL) and the UN, supported by international and national partners. It is a two-year response framework (2024-2025) with prioritized and evidence-based annual appeals.
- With the 2024 – 2025 LRP framework in place, the planning process for 2025 will be focused on adjusting the sector log frames and response plans in line with the overall strategy as well as Monitoring & Evaluation framework.
- Throughout the planning phase, sectors are expected to:
 - Actively participate in analysis workshops to inform the situation analysis;
 - Update/adjust sector strategy, in collaboration with national and field level;
 - Take stock of progress towards targets for 2024 and based on these results, revise log frames in line with the strategies and Monitoring and Evaluation framework;
 - Update planning figures and set realistic annual targets for 2025;
 - Ensure coherent and integrated approaches across the sector strategies;
 - Reflect sector contributions to the LRP strategic objectives.
- As the 2024 Flash Appeal concludes on 31 December, discussions on the way forward will take place at the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and ISCG levels. Details on the finalized timeline will be shared at a later stage.

4. Winter Preparedness and Response 2024-2025

Stephanie Laba, Inter-Agency Coordination Officer (UNHCR)

Stephanie Laba presented an overview of the 2024-2025 winter preparedness and response:

- The approach for winter preparedness and response is aligned with the LRP to create a holistic and proactive response to winter needs.
- This year, the scope has been expanded due to recent escalation of hostilities and displacement, prioritizing high-altitude and conflict-affected areas, and taking into account area-based considerations.
- As in previous years, partners will work with authorities to enhance proactive winter preparedness and ensure emergency response efforts.
- Key sectors include Basic Assistance, Shelter, WASH, Site Management and Coordination, and Social Stability.

- The total budget required for the winter response is estimated at \$83 million. Expansion efforts will cost \$50.9 million. The budget excludes operational fuel costs.
 - \$24.7 million reprioritized from the LRP budget.
 - \$9.2 million from the Flash Appeal (already costed).
 - \$17 million (additional) in new funding required.
- \$13 million worth of CRIs and approximately 30,000 shelter kits are available in stock while \$23 million are urgently needed for replenishment.
- Details on sectoral interventions are listed on slide 29 [here](#).
- Regional considerations include the following:
 - **North & Akkar:** High flood risk areas; focus on river cleaning, flood prevention, and winterization for informal settlements.
 - **Bekaa & Baalbek-El Hermel:** Severe winter conditions impacting accessibility; focus on prepositioned supplies and heating fuel for high-altitude areas.
 - **Beirut & Mount Lebanon:** Shelter shortages and displacement pressures; focus on winter-proofing and ensuring heating solutions.
 - **South & Nabatieh:** Limited access due to hostilities; focus on providing equipment for waste and stormwater management and heating provisions.
- Cross-sectoral considerations were made for Education (school readiness), Protection (focused on women and children), Health (cholera risk), Energy (fuel provision), and Conflict Sensitivity (addressing social tensions).
- Key challenges highlighted include funding shortfalls, infrastructure damage, limited partner capacity, fuel shortages, and the impacts of conflict which have hindered winter response scalability. There is a particular emphasis on capacity constraints in municipalities, civil defense, and the need for sustainable energy solutions. For further details, refer to slide 32 [here](#).
- Recommendations include advance preparations, coordination, focus on regional-specific needs, monitoring, maintaining an inclusive approach, and implementing conflict sensitive approaches. Further details available on slide 33 [here](#).
- A paper setting out an overview on Winter 2024-2025 Preparedness & Response is available [here](#).

5. Emergency Response: Progress and Challenges

Makiha Kimura, Head of Coordination (OCHA)

Makiha Kimura provided a series of updates on the emergency response:

- Key sector-level updates since 27 September 2024 are listed on slide 35 [here](#) from the following sectors: Basic Assistance, Food Security and Agriculture, Health, Education, Nutrition, Protection, WaSH, Shelter, and Site Coordination.
- The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) System-wide Scale Up Activation for Lebanon has been approved by the HCT for 6 months from October 2024 to March 2025, covering key areas such as humanitarian financing, response capacity, advocacy, and enabling systems.
- Emergency-related assessments and monitoring exercises include the following (further details available on slide 37 [here](#)):
 - **Emergency Rapid Needs Assessment (ERNA):** Multi-sector assessment targeting collective shelters to evaluate living conditions and service availability.
 - **Displacement Impact and Rapid Needs Assessment (DIRNA):** Neighborhood-level analysis of service access and IDP needs in conflict-affected areas.

- **Rapid Situation Monitoring:** Focus on affected areas' economic activities, such as markets and shop stock coverage.
- **Site Monitoring:** Regular tracking of sector minimum standards through site managers and focal points.
- The importance of accurate activity and financial reporting on [ActivityInfo](#) (for both regular LRP activities and the Flash Appeal) was reiterated to support coordinated efforts and transparency.
- An overview of the following Coordination Groups & Meetings is listed on slide 39 [here](#).
 - **Emergency Operations Committee (EoC) Meetings:** Held weekly and led by H.E. the Minister of Environment, with participation from key ministries and sector coordinators.
 - **ISCG Meetings at National and Sub-National levels:** Held every two weeks or monthly based on the region, involving sector coordinators and government representatives.
 - **LRP Partners Update Meetings:** Held monthly to coordinate efforts among LRP partners.

6. AoB: Inter-Agency Photo Repository

Jana Nasr, Senior Inter-Agency Coordination Assistant (UNHCR)

Jana Nasr thanked the LRP partners for their contributions to the Inter-Agency Photo Repository noting that the images they provided are being used in various LRP communication materials including presentations, dashboards, reports, and strategies:

- Key features of the tool include photos categorized by sector, with each image featuring captions, credits, and the option to add comments if needed.
- Bulk image uploads are possible, but images need to be numbered to match the captions.
- The repository is accessible through this [Collection Link](#) and a comprehensive [Guidance Note](#) with step-by-step instructions is available.
- Partners are encouraged to actively contribute to the Inter-Agency Photo Repository by regularly uploading images that showcase their organization's activities and achievements under their sector(s), while ensuring a diverse and comprehensive representation of the sectors' work, especially in the field, in line with the sector(s) strategy.

7. Closing Remarks

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Elena Ferrari, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNDP)

Kasper Engborg, Acting Deputy Head of OCHA (OCHA)

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In their closing remarks, the LRP Co-Chairs thanked the attendees for their participation. The next LRP Partners Update meeting is scheduled for 13 December 2024.