

INTER AGENCY MEETING - Minute – March 15, 2013 – Beirut

Meeting			
Name	Inter-Agency meeting	Meeting Date	15/03/2013
Meeting Location	Movenpick	Meeting Time	8:30 a.m.
Chair person	Mr. Felipe Camargo – Assistant Representative Coordination	Meeting Duration	2 hrs.
Minutes Prepared by	Malak Rahal		
Purpose of Meeting	HC's presentation Provide updated information on the situation of refugees in Lebanon, discuss priority needs and response		

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	UNHCR High Commissioner : Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives of the visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raising awareness concerning the Syrian situation. - Deepening the relationship with the governments - Preserve the protection space and keep the borders open. • Designing and implementing of a campaign in the last 2 weeks, starting by a big media action dedicated to the 1 Million refugees. • Gratitude to UN agencies and NGOs for the strong campaigns, media reports and their impact on the awareness of the situation. • A push is necessary to make sure that the governments, parliaments and public opinion, have a stronger understanding of Syria's situation; as not only a humanitarian crisis but a risk for global and economic stability. • Important to convince members of the European parliament and governments that the crises needs to be funded beyond humanitarian budgets. • Threats to Lebanese stability due to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The numbers of the refugees compared with the local population. - Political situation is fragile. • RRP5: UNHCR is making a huge investment as it is spending the money it doesn't have and maybe won't have. • Recognize the importance of including the host communities in the services provided. • Express gratitude to the government and people of Lebanon for their humanitarian response. • Encourage efforts to set up a crisis cell to ensure a strategic vision, appropriate response and contingency planning. • Express full commitment to support the work of the government and animate the international community to do more.
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	<p>Action Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Need to prioritize the interventions for RRP5 / Sector ✓ Core protection and lifesaving assistance are to be at the heart of this prioritization.
2.	<p>General update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brief summary of steps taken for the preparation of the RRP5 and a reminder of key aspects for consideration such as host-communities, life-saving and protection. • Security situation inside Syria remains a serious concern. Reportedly, Aleppo will be again under a serious situation as rebels are planning to take the city. <p>Action Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide a clear planning figure by the end of the week based on the analysis of the vulnerability criteria
3.	<p>Sectors Update – Protection</p> <p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Need to develop and include peace-building projects in overcrowded areas. ✓ Scale up Psycho-social support to children; as it is considered a life-saving priority. ✓ Release and circulate the final report on the child protection Inter-Agency Needs assessment by Friday 22nd of March. ✓ Roll-out of SOPs and validation of referral pathways is starting next week in Bekaa and all the sub-locations in the coming weeks. ✓ Work intra sectorial to avoid duplication as health actors are providing psycho-social support and many have recruited psychologists for children. ✓ Ministry of Interior will try to put some pressure on municipalities to allow Syrians to settle. ✓ Peace-building : MoSA will include in the RRP5 a basket of NFIs for the host communities ✓ SGBV-training should be well coordinated with MoSA; since it is recruiting 52 social workers.
	<p>Sectors Update – Shelter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gov. is working with UNHCR and other UN agencies to continue rehabilitation of the collective shelters. • Ministry of Public affairs will contract big contractors to accelerate the job of rehabilitation of the buildings that have been identified. • MoSA is thinking of the Transit site but there are some political issues involved.

	<p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Establish interaction between the sector and department of public infrastructure and possible deployment of staff in the field that will focus on the shelter. ✓ Partners to keep sector coordinators informed of their progress (on what has been done and what needs to be done) ; to prevent delay ✓ One of the priority of 2013 is to scale up the number of collective centers (centers managed through partners and protection to ensure adequate level of assistance) ✓ Update Shelter needs in Bekaa to respond to changing needs. ✓ Quality improvement through joining missions between shelter and wash ✓ Send the first draft of the GPS mapping of Bekaa on the known tented settlements.
	<p>Sectors Update – Wash</p>
	<p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Challenges in terms of lack of space to construct water points in the tented settlements. ✓ Rough analysis on wash needs was done; figures to be shared soon. ✓ Partners to provide relevant information for the Sector dashboard / sector
	<p>Sectors Update – Health</p>
	<p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Important to respond to the needs of chronic medical conditions ✓ Need additional resources for better coordination with partners ✓ Come up with alternatives in terms of complementarity for Secondary and Tertiary Health Care.
	<p>Sectors Update – Education</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced attendance & participation of children in schools • 70,000 children registered in public schools • UNDP conducting peace-building exercise and 18 schools are involved
	<p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Generalize the second shift of formal and informal education to the whole country ✓ Challenges of this sector with RRP5
	<p>Sectors Update - NFI</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of the year : NFI costs reflected might get over 100 Million \$
	<p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Get to a final decision on the NFI items for the registered population ✓ Finalize the standardized kit for “new comers” ✓ Put a methodology and a time frame to NFI distribution ✓ Urgent decision on the value and content of the vouchers for unregistered population

	WFP – update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Mrs. Ekram El-Huni from WFP • Food Vouchers distributed to 207,000 refugees • 1500 families “ new comers “ were assisted • Food assistance will start next week in south , expected to reach 20,000 refugees • Establish “new comers” food program next week • Map out geographically the gaps • Food security sector meeting will take place every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month
	Action Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The government Stresses on the use of locally produced NFIs
4.	Next meeting on Friday March 29th at 10:00 A.M in ESCWA.

Attachments

Document	Location
Presentation	http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=1658