

# INTER AGENCY MEETING - Minutes – 7 June 2013 – Beirut

| Meeting                    |   |                         |            |
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| <b>Name</b>                | Inter-Agency meeting  | <b>Meeting Date</b>     | 7/06/2013  |
| <b>Meeting Location</b>    | ESCWA   | <b>Meeting Time</b>     | 10:00 a.m. |
| <b>Chair person</b>        | Mr. Felipe Camargo – Assistant Representative Coordination  | <b>Meeting Duration</b> | 2 hrs.     |
| <b>Minutes Prepared by</b> | Hiba Jardali  |                         |            |
| <b>Purpose of Meeting</b>  | 1. Update on RRP5<br>2. Update on Contingency Plan<br>3. Discussion on Information Management<br>4. Update on response to tented settlements<br>5. Update on the coordination structure |                         |            |

## Summary of discussions and action points

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Introduction</b>   |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introducing new colleagues:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Dr. Patterson Njogu, Senior Public Health Officer will be leading the health sector with WHO</li> <li>✓ Francesca Coloni, Senior Regional Wash Officer</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Figures this week: Total refugees 509,152 of which 434,079 registered and 75,073 awaiting registration</li> </ul>   |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Security Update</b>  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More proactive role by MoSA on security following up closely with Ministry of Interior on security matters, encouraging agencies to report any cases of violence, abuse, or threats</li> <li>- Security situation in Lebanon is becoming more volatile and unpredictable.</li> <li>- Driven by external factors, ongoing conflict in Syria and recent Hezbollah participation in Al Qusayr Battle</li> <li>- 2 major areas of concern: Tripoli and Northern Bekaa (Hermel, Baalbek, and villages close to border)</li> <li>- Last two weeks saw serious clashes between the neighbourhoods of Bab Al Tibbani (Sunni) and Jabal Mohsen (Alawite) that extended to the rest of Tripoli threatening humanitarian staff and refugees.</li> <li>- Incidence of a rocket attack on Bekaa area close to the border by the Syrian Regime or opposition.</li> <li>- Staff may need Personal Protective Equipment when on field visits and the use of armoured vehicles are being considered.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Security update will be integrated in every IA meeting</li> <li>✓ Agencies are advised to always check security situation with UN security focal points</li> <li>✓ Agencies advised to bypass Tripoli while going or coming from the North and be familiar with alternative roads.</li> <li>✓ Agencies to send their feedback related to security issues affecting their operations</li> <li>✓ Agencies must be alert considering safety of their teams and people they are serving.</li> </ul> |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>RRP5 Update</b>  |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Launch of RRP5 is taking place on 7 June in Geneva with the SHARP</li> <li>- UNHCR planning a technical briefing on 12 June at 3:00 pm for donor agencies and embassies for clarification on RRP5 before the presentation by UNHCR High Commissioner and Prime Minister on 18 June.</li> <li>- Total amount for Lebanon is US\$ 1.7 billion, which is the highest among the countries, including US\$ 450 million for government projects that will focus on host communities</li> <li>- It is important to agree on priorities of interventions between MoSA and partners and not duplicate efforts</li> <li>- RRP5 is not only a plan but also a tool to help monitoring and follow up on the response</li> <li>- Last intervention is to benefit host communities in the form of community support projects. Similar interventions are also included in all sectors.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Technical donor briefing: 12 June</li> <li>✓ Prime Minister and UN High Commissioner for Refugees: 18 June</li> </ul>   |
| 4. | <p><b>Informal Tented Settlements (ITS) Update</b></p>  |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is an inter-sectoral response between WASH and Shelter due to urgent needs</li> <li>- ITS information matrix will be finalized and shared with all sectors</li> <li>- There is a need to extend the action plan to include all other sectors since there are many cross-cutting activities in ITS</li> <li>- Information Management unit prepared an inter-sectorial assessment form to enable actors in the field undertake a quick assessment of ITS that goes beyond WASH and Shelter to include health, education, protection and NFIs.</li> <li>- As of today 270 tented settlements were assessed, 222 (75%) in Bekaa and 49 in the North. Total population of ITS is 40,000. 3,600 households (18,000 individual) have received some form of shelter assistance since last year.</li> <li>- Beginning of 2013, based on request from partners in the field, shelter and WASH groups were formed at the local level to coordinate activities on informal tented settlements.</li> <li>- Government approval is needed before attempting to structure or relocate any ITS.</li> <li>-</li> <li>- Aim of the assessment is to map activities happening in ITS and to know who's doing what.</li> <li>- Issues related to sectors should be handled within the sectors, no special task force to be formed for ITS</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Request for MoSA to look at the concept note that has been put for ITS, making sure that policy issues are reflected partners.</li> <li>✓ Partners working in shelter to provide updates to UNHCR shelter unit either online or by email, to be reflected in the public database available for everybody including donors.</li> <li>✓ All agencies must receive the action plans and the assessments to strengthen the coordination effort and maintain the cross-sectoral response</li> <li>✓ Inter-sectoral meeting next week on tented settlements to know what's done so far and map and share info with all partners.</li> <li>✓ Shelter and WASH team to call a meeting for key sectors to discuss and finalize the concept note and update of what has been done so far in ITS.</li> <li>✓ Partners are encouraged to submit their concept notes regarding potential transit sites. Format can</li> </ul> |

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|           | be obtained online or by contacting UNHCR shelter unit.  |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>Contingency Plan (CP) Update</b>  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meetings were done in all regions within Lebanon, draft of the plan to be issued by mid-June.</li> <li>- Important to draw on the government role in the CP, how to integrate services of security forces in emergencies in terms of security and logistics.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A Meeting will be done next week with Government representatives to validate the contingency plan</li> <li>✓ A small management team from different agencies to be created to monitor performance, compliance of preparedness actions</li> <li>✓ Action Coordination Structure Plan will go to UNCT for approval to take final decision and discuss it with the government</li> </ul> |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>Protection Update</b>   |
|           | <p><b>Action Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Caritas supported by UNHCR will have official presence in Almasnaa border starting next week with official approval from GSO</li> <li>✓ Next national PWG meeting on 19 June</li> <li>✓ Workshop to consolidate and draft national Protection Strategy on 26 June</li> <li>✓ NRC assessment of impact of legal status and documentation</li> </ul>   |
| <b>7.</b> | <b>Information Management (IM) Update</b>  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strengthening of IM capacity with strong support from UNICEF and OCHA</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Meeting next week for all IM team to track the developments and what is lacking in terms of mapping and to consolidate efforts to improve coordination</li> <li>✓ Live map on Syrian refugee response on the web portal showing emergency response in Lebanon to be shared with partners next week</li> <li>✓ Updated Information from organizations and sectors is always needed - Palestinian refugee camps in the map, and UNRWA installations</li> <li>✓ Health brochure will be shared with partners</li> </ul>   |
| <b>8.</b> | <b>Other Inputs</b>  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tensions in communities to be reported and identified by MoSA and UNDP</li> <li>- Coordination structure at the field and at the national level is in discussion</li> <li>- Anne-Marie Kerrigan-Deriché joined the coordination team</li> <li>- Profiling exercise: data collection to be finalized next week</li> <li>- Targeting happening within sector groups, in July e-vouchers will be piloted in some regions through experienced NGOs</li> <li>- Next meeting will be in one month</li> </ul>  |

**Attachment**

| Document     | Location  |
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| Presentation | UNHCR : <a href="http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=2226">http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=2226</a> |