

INTER AGENCY MEETING - Minutes – 7 June 2013 – Beirut

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

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	Introduction
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introducing new colleagues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Dr. Patterson Njogu, Senior Public Health Officer will be leading the health sector with WHO ✓ Francesca Coloni, Senior Regional Wash Officer - Figures this week: Total refugees 509,152 of which 434,079 registered and 75,073 awaiting registration
2.	Security Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - Security situation in Lebanon is becoming more volatile and unpredictable. - Driven by external factors, ongoing conflict in Syria and recent Hezbollah participation in Al Qusayr Battle - 2 major areas of concern: Tripoli and Northern Bekaa (Hermel, Baalbek, and villages close to border) - 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. - Incidence of a rocket attack on Bekaa area close to the border by the Syrian Regime or opposition. - Staff may need Personal Protective Equipment when on field visits and the use of armoured vehicles are being considered. <p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Security update will be integrated in every IA meeting ✓ Agencies are advised to always check security situation with UN security focal points ✓ Agencies advised to bypass Tripoli while going or coming from the North and be familiar with alternative roads. ✓ Agencies to send their feedback related to security issues affecting their operations ✓ Agencies must be alert considering safety of their teams and people they are serving.
3.	RRP5 Update

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of RRP5 is taking place on 7 June in Geneva with the SHARP - 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. - 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 - It is important to agree on priorities of interventions between MoSA and partners and not duplicate efforts - RRP5 is not only a plan but also a tool to help monitoring and follow up on the response - Last intervention is to benefit host communities in the form of community support projects. Similar interventions are also included in all sectors. <p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Technical donor briefing: 12 June ✓ Prime Minister and UN High Commissioner for Refugees: 18 June
4.	Informal Tented Settlements (ITS) Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is an inter-sectoral response between WASH and Shelter due to urgent needs - ITS information matrix will be finalized and shared with all sectors - There is a need to extend the action plan to include all other sectors since there are many cross-cutting activities in ITS - 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. - 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. - 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. - Government approval is needed before attempting to structure or relocate any ITS. - - Aim of the assessment is to map activities happening in ITS and to know who's doing what. - Issues related to sectors should be handled within the sectors, no special task force to be formed for ITS <p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Request for MoSA to look at the concept not that has been put for ITS, making sure that policy issues are reflected partners. ✓ 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. ✓ All agencies must receive the action plans and the assessments to strengthen the coordination effort and maintain the cross-sectoral response ✓ Inter-sectoral meeting next week on tented settlements to know what's done so far and map and share info with all partners. ✓ 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. ✓ Partners are encouraged to submit their concept notes regarding potential transit sites. Format can

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

Attachment

Document	Location
Presentation	UNHCR : http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=2226