

Protection Working Group Meeting - Minutes

Meeting							
Name	Protection Working Group	Meeting Date	30 October 2013				
Meeting Location	Beirut	Meeting Time	14:00-16:00				
Chair person	Charlotte Ridung	Meeting Duration	2 hours				
Minutes Prepared by	Charlotte Ridung						
Purpose of Meeting	Monthly PWG meeting						

Participants: UNHCR (chair), MOSA, CARE, Handicap International/Help Age, Heartland Alliance, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Mercy Corps, OCHA, OHCHR, Oxfam, UNRWA, World Vision International (WVI), World Rehabilitation Fund (WRF).

Summary of discussions and action points

1. General Sector Updates

A. Introduction/Administrative Matters

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B. Inter-Agency Reporting

Palestine Refugees from Syria Update (UNRWA)

- 49,000 PRS recorded by UNRWA by end October 2013
- Issues related to access to territory for PRS to Lebanon continues to be an issue of concern.
- UNRWA implements disability pilot project in Saida under the title 'Special People, Special Focus (SPSF).
 The project aims to mainstream disability programming into UNRWA's services. The project is developing internal and external coordination mechanisms, a disability database and developing capacity of UNRWA front line staff for detection and referral s to specialized service providers. Some infrastructure developments of UNRWA services such as inclusive schools are on going

C. Child Protection Update

- Code of Conduct training for CPiEWG members undertaken
- The CPiEWG Strategy has been completed
- A survey on street children will be conducted.
- Psycho social support (PSS) provided to 150,000 children to-date.
- IRC will roll out coaching in individual child protection case management
- Training on child protection issues for UNHCR staff is planned
- Fast-tracking of high-risk child protection cases in line with minimum standards
- MOSA brought up issues related to birth registration: Syrian children born in Syria but not registered at birth and Syrian children born in Lebanon either in hospitals or outside a hospital environment

- D. SGBV Update
- The GBV Information Management System (GBVIMS) protocol has been completed and endorsed.
- The 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women will take place between 24 November and 10 December. A media round-table is foreseen in that respect.
- RRP6 gaps with the SGBV framework: legal representation, family law (child custody, divorce), psychosocial support, TOTs lacking for child survivors of SGBV in line with 2012 global guidelines
- Official launch of SGBV SOPs in English and Arabic, 1 pager for frontline workers in five (5) governorates launched
- Community brochures on prevention of SGBV, SGBV hotlines and health centres developed
- Clinical Management of Rape (CMR) training undertaken in Saida.

E. Situation / Operational Updates

Registration & Access to Territory

- A total of 802,253 Syrian refugees of whom 717,631 registered and 84,622 awaiting registration
- Significant decrease in appointments requested during Eid Al Adha. Resumption soon after except for Bekaa
- Countrywide waiting period: 39 days
- 80 % of 1,000,000 projected Syrian refugees for 2013 registered and scheduled
- Mobile registration to Wali Khaled completed in September for 122 households
- Mass information on benefits of registration
- Bussing of refugees in Mount Lebanon initiated
- Registration leaflet updated
- Training of registration teams country-wide

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General summary of border developments

UNHCR sample survey period 23 Sep to 18 Oct 2013

- 24 persons denied entry
- Nationality and Gender:
- Syrian 10% female/50% male
- PRS 12 % female and 28% male
- Reasons for arrival: Family visit, work, security concerns, renewal of documents, joining family, transit.
- Place of stay: family (60%), friends (7%), not Lebanon (7%)

Legal, Documentation & Security

- Regularization:
- Freedom of Movement:
- Security from Violence:

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Basic Needs & Community Empowerment

UNHCR Community Services made a presentation on Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) issues (see attached PPP), including on older persons and persons with disabilities. A WG on Disability and Older Persons has been established outside the coordination structure with TORs, Action Plan etc. There is a need to discuss how to mainstream and link up across all sectors issues related to older persons and persons with disabilities.

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New impairments are not fully covered in the current response.

3.	Agreed Action Points :				
	Issue	Deadline	Responsible	Comment	
	Concerted efforts to send in monthly 5Ws on time	End of month	Members at national level		

Attachments

Document	Location
PWG Meeting 30 October 2013 Power Point Presentation	
Presentation: Age, Gender and Diversity: Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities	