

## Social Cohesion Working Group Bekaa Meeting - Minutes

<b>Name</b>	Social Cohesion Working Group Bekaa	<b>Meeting Date</b>	March 5, 2014
<b>Meeting Location</b>	UNHCR Zahle	<b>Meeting Time</b>	11:00 pm
<b>Chair person</b>	Terra MacKinnon	<b>Meeting Duration</b>	1 Hour
<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>	Regular Monthly Meeting		

### Summary of discussions and action points

<b>1. Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-UNHCR/UNDP Updates</li> <li>-Partner Updates</li> <li>-Mapping community peacebuilding mechanisms</li> <li>-AOB</li> </ul>
<b>2. UNHCR/UNDP updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Activity Info indicators for social cohesion have changed:</b> they are now more CSP oriented, but give more detail as to sector of CSP intervention; more process oriented, including creation of mechanisms; capture the amount of funds invested in the community (not total project budget); categorizes 'change leaders' by type; and makes it possible to indicate at which level (municipality, union, cadestra, etc.) the work is being done. Indicators will be reviewed during RRP6 midterm review. Working group can influence further revisions at this time.</li> <li>• A <b>Bekaa CSP 2014 strategy</b> has been drafted based on the inputs of Livelihoods Working Group, Social Cohesion Working Group and key CSP Committee members. Draft will be shared for member feedback.</li> <li>• UNDP is undertaking <b>conflict mapping at the national level</b>. Some weaknesses have been identified with the chosen methodology: Syrians are less likely than Lebanese to report incidents to police, creating a bias in the data; no baseline for comparison; data collection only started in November, so relatively short timeline so far and too early to identify trends; and limited to police reporting, which is uneven, causing distortions in the data. UNDP is planning to bring in a research institute to conduct analysis in another way.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Partner updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major new developments.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Discussion key points</b>	<p><b>Formalizing qualitative data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNDP's overall conflict mapping could be strengthened if the information collected by partners through qualitative methods could also be taken into consideration. It would also be useful for group members to be able to share this information with each other. Group members discussed the various <u>methodologies being used to collect qualitative data</u> and ways in which it can be formalized and aggregated so that it can</li> </ul>

<p>be analysed. Search for Common Ground shared the details of their ‘conflict scan’ methodology, which includes a quarterly report summarizing outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed by group members to develop a <u>simplified quarterly reporting template</u>, in which the results of qualitative research can be summarized and shared. Group members commit to complete and share the report quarterly. UNDP offered to provide sample questions for FGDs that would help elicit conflict related issues. <i>Note: UNHCR is suggesting the UNHCR participatory assessment (PA) template for the quarterly reporting tool. This tool along with the full PA kit will be shared with the group along with the minutes.</i></li> <li>The <u>objectives of conflict mapping</u>: understand the impact of humanitarian/development programming; to track trends and mitigate negative impacts; inform programming decisions, possibly mitigating or avoiding conflict.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mapping mechanisms for peacebuilding</b></p> <p><u>DRC Zahle</u>: Joubjanine (community centre); Masnaa, Taalabaya, Kfarzabad (collective centre committees).  <u>DRC Baalbek</u>: Hermel (community centre/not operational); Baalbek (collective centre committee).  <u>UNDP</u>: Ghazze, El Marj, Mansoura, Joubjannine, Madjel Anjar, Saadnayel, Taalabaya (community peace committees).  <u>Search for Common Ground</u>: 4-5 community committees, locations TBD.  <u>LOST</u>: Baalbek, El Ain, Bednayel, Hermel (community centres); Baalbek (2 youth fellow groups); 16 villages in Baalbek (Unicef supported youth groups); 4 villages (Netherlands supported youth projects in schools); British Council funded project still under discussion and locations TBD.  <u>Al Majmoua</u>: Furzol (livelihoods centre); El Ain, Joubjanine, Chtaura, Baalbek (financial centres).  <i>Note: Require information from Oxfam, Mercy Corps, SCI, Beyond, and Sawa.</i></p> <p><b>Next meeting changes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNDP suggested <u>changing the time</u> of the Social Cohesion Working Group meeting to follow the Livelihoods Working Group meeting. Group members agreed to trial the new time next month. The next meeting will therefore be Tuesday April 1 at 3:30.</li> <li>It was raised that, as water scarcity is anticipated to be a driver of conflict in the summer months that the next Social Cohesion Working Group session should invite <u>WASH partners</u> to discuss how to deal with the issue.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Action points</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All partners to complete 5Ws/Activity Info inputs before next meeting.</li> <li>UNHCR to invite WASH partners to next session: special topic WASH and conflict.</li> <li>PA tool to be shared with members as proposed quarterly reporting tool.</li> <li>Summary of social cohesion/peacebuilding mechanism locations created and shared by UNHCR.</li> <li>Draft CSP 2014 strategy to be shared with group for feedback.</li> <li>National level inventory of assessments (part of Multi Sectoral Needs Assessment or MSNA) to be shared by UNDP when it is available.</li> </ul>