



Beirut/Mt Lebanon Shelter Working Group – Minutes of Meeting

Purpose of Meeting	Beirut/Mt Lebanon Shelter Working Group		
Meeting Location	UNHCR Mount Lebanon FO – Sodeco Square, Block E, 9 th floor	Meeting Date	18 March 2014
Chair persons	Hani Chatila (Assistant WASH Officer) Chatila@unhcr.org Alain SAYAH (Shelter Associate) Sayah@unhcr.org	Meeting Time	10:00 am
Minutes by	Alain SAYAH (Shelter Associate) sayah@unhcr.org	Meeting Duration	1h 30min

Review of last meeting's action points

Action	By who	Progress
N/A	N/A	N/A

Review of current situation

- The number of Syrian refugees in Beirut and Mount-Lebanon reached around 255,000 individuals between registered and awaiting registration. 25.6 % of registered refugees in Lebanon are based in Beirut and Mount-Lebanon. Baabda still has the highest numbers of refugees in Mount-Lebanon.

Actor summary updates:

NRC:

- NRC is working closely with Save the Children as they both are looking at expanding to Mount Lebanon.
- NRC has secured funds to intervene in rehabilitation of 200 HH. Intervention modality and location are yet to be clarified as assessments have been initiated. Project has deadline set for July 2014.
- NRC is to coordinate with actors in Mt Lebanon alongside to Shelter sector at field level.

Action point: NRC to update sector on assessment findings, modality and location of intervention.



PU-AMI:

- Starting January of 2014, Beirut base is overlooking operation in Beirut and Mt Lebanon and not Saïda base. As such, Beirut base spent the first 3 months building teams, assessing areas of intervention and procuring necessary Shelter/WASH items.

UN-Habitat:

- New Regional Technical Office (RTO) in Aley district is under study, meetings with several Municipalities are ongoing. Habitat to pilot rehabilitation referral system. By which CS, individual HH and plots of land are assessed and screened for further intervention by actors in Mt Leb.

URDA:

- Has rented an unfinished building in Aramoun (Aley district) having the capacity of housing 40HH. Rent is for 2 years. Rehabilitation of the CS has halted due to lack of funds. URDA is coordinating with sector in hopes other actors can complete rehabilitation based on sector standards. URDA currently has secured funds for CS management.

Action point: Joint CHF-URDA assessment of Aramoun CS. Findings and way forward to be shared with sector.

CHF:

- Has finalized BOQs for 154 HHs (96 individual HH and 60 HH in CS). Implementation is pending approval and funding of donor.

ACTED:

- Has identified around 10 CS and BOQ are being finalized pending approval of UNHCR. CS are located in Metn, Keserwane and Jbiel districts.
- ECHO project: Distribution of 600 SOKs and rehabilitation of 600 sanitation facilities. Co funding by UNHCR to ensure that 600 HH receive holistic WASH/Shelter intervention.

Updates on mapping of informal settlements

- The mapping team of PU-AMI has been trained by Medair and the smartphones used for mapping are available.
- 3 Informal settlements have been mapped and all identified IS will be mapped by the end of the week.

Action point: All actors in Mount Lebanon are encouraged to refer any new IS identified to PU-AMI.

Action point: PU-AMI to share draft of IS map

Harmonized rehabilitation BOQ

- A harmonized BOQ draft was shared with all actors; the BOQ will serve as a norm for the rehabilitation processes in order to ensure unified approach throughout Beirut/Mt Lebanon.
- Actors support unified approach.
- BOQ will be shared for actors to review as BOQ is to be validated by next WG before it is forwarded to steering committee for final approval.

Action point: Alain to share BOQ with actors

Action point: Actors to review BOQ and share comments prior to next WG



Activity Info (AI) reporting

- All actors were encouraged to submit their activity updates through AI. It is through timely and proper AI inputs that donors will accept to reduce their reporting requirements.
- For all actors who did not attend the training they were all invited to the training held on Wednesday 19th of March 2014.
- It was clarified that AI does not replace monthly narrative reports for UNHCR implementing partners as Programme Unit is yet to validate.

AOB

- The idea of Co-Lead of the Shelter sector WG was discussed and the idea of the rotation between the actors every 3 months was also put on the table.
- NEXT MEETING: 15th of April 2014

Action point: To finalize discussion on co-lead of WG during next WG

Agencies who attended this meeting

ACTED, CHF, NRC, PU-AMI, SIF, UN-Habitat, UNHCR and URDA

To do list:

Action	By who	By when
NRC to update sector on assessment findings, modality and location of intervention	Niel and Lara	Next WG
Joint CHF-URDA assessment of Aramoun CS. Findings and way forward to be shared with sector.	Talal and Hani (URDA)	Next WG
All actors in Mount Lebanon are encouraged to refer any new IS identified to PU-AMI.	All actors	Ongoing
PU-AMI to share draft of IS map	Mohamad	Next WG
Alain to share BOQ with actors	Alain	Before next WG
Actors to review BOQ and share comments prior to next WG	All actors	Before next WG
To finalize discussion on co-lead of WG during next WG	All actors	Next WG