

## Minutes of the National Basic Assistance Meeting

<b>Meeting Location</b>	UNHCR, Leah building first floor	<b>Meeting Date</b>	15 January , 2016
<b>Chair persons</b>	Khalil Dagher (UNHCR)	<b>Meeting Time</b>	2:00 P.M
<b>Minutes by</b>	Malak Rahal	<b>Meeting Duration</b>	2.00 Hrs.
<b>List of agencies in attendance</b>	ANERA, ACF, ACTED, AUB, CIVIS MUNDI , Caritas Germany, CCP Japan, ICRC, CLMC, OXFAM, LRC, RI, , ECHO, SCI, Solidarites, SIF. LCC, MOSA, UNHCR, MCC, OCHA, UNRWA, World Vision.		

### Agenda:

- 1) Updates from the sector:
  - a. Households visits update
  - b. Winter support update (National)
  - c. Winter support update – Post Vladimir (Field: North and Bekaa)
- 2) Winter Gap Analysis (IM):
  - a. Data from winter assistance
  - b. Mapping of coverage
- 3) Update on S/MEB review
- 4) AOB

### **Discussion points**

#### **1) Updates from the sector:**

- a. Households visits update
  - No significant changes are noticed in the HHs visits from the last Interagency Basic Assistance meeting
  - The basic assistance sector aims to target 52 % of the registered Syrian refugees in 2016. This planning figure is based on VASyR 2015
  - The figures of the unreached HHs from the HHs visits aren't yet available
    - Suggestion : find a solution for the unreached HHs and discuss it in the next targeting Sub working group meeting
    - Collection of evidence is undertaken at field level
    - All figures will be share once available
- b. Winter support update (National) – Presentation Attached
  - Targeted population:257,250 HH (\$117.8M required)
  - WASH activities are also included in winter plans for contingencies: floor raising kits and extinguishers to mitigate flood and fire risks, graveling of high-traffic pathways and installation of drains
  - Progress to date in terms of cash assistance/ shelter weatherproofing was presented
  - Distributions of winter support items (core relief items, cards, shelter kits) are ongoing by different partners all over the country
  - Refugees are over-loaded with fuel vouchers - out of 10,000 families, 11,621 have received fuel vouchers (116 %)
    - Suggestion : redistribution of resources towards other activities (in kind for example)
  - UNICEF: finished the distribution of 40\$ top-up per child for the Syrian refugee children, on-going distribution is taking place for the Lebanese children
  - In 2015, the assistance through core relief items (CRI) has been minimized since multi-purpose cash assistance has been introduced – yet it is still being done based on needs
  - The CRI that are being reported on in Activity info are stoves, high thermal blankets, and clothing kits

- 2015/16 Vs. 2014/15 Winter Support Plans
  - ✓ Wider coverage – 75% of the most vulnerable cadastral to date+ other cold cadastral wider targeting criteria
  - ✓ Better Funding – 78% of \$95M. By MAR 2015 Vs. 76% of \$117M. By JAN 2016
  - ✓ Needs based planning – 257,000 families identified to be in need vs. 180,000 total cumulative reach in 2014/15
  - ✓ Faster responses – Cash transfer programs\*
- c. Winter support update – Post Vladimir (Field: North and Bekaa)
  - Mathilde De Riedmatten ( field officer – UNHCR Bekaa ) presented the winter support update ( presentation attached)
  - Vladimir storm wasn't very harsh in Bekaa compared to the previous storms
  - Tarek Al Haddad ( field associate – UNHCR Tripoli) presented the winter support update in North
  - Bekaa and North field offices are organizing meetings for mapping the winter assistance targets and a whats'up groups have been created for a better local coordination –
    - Agencies that are intervening in the winter response in Zahle or North should be part of the whats'up groups

## 2) Winter Gap Analysis (IM):

- a. Mapping of coverage
- IM presented the mapping of ongoing efforts and interventions with Lebanon most vulnerable cadastral and temperature map;
  - 1) The Most Vulnerable Localities in Lebanon with Seasonal Assistance Coverage: The coverage so far of the seasonal (winter) assistance as per the reporting in RAIS. The maps show the most vulnerable cadastral in which the assistance has been reached to 100 households and above
  - 2) The Most Vulnerable Localities in Lebanon with the 500m Elevation Contour Line and Temperature: The Geospatial analysis to determine and visualize the altitudes (above/below 500m) and temperature zones (<-5, -5-0, 0-5, 5-10, >10 in degree C) of the most vulnerable cadastral
- The table of 251 most vulnerable cadastral with latest number of refugees, their temperature and altitude zones and whether the winter assistance have reached to more than 100 HHs
- The same exercise will be done on a map showing the percentage of the registered displaced Syrians
  - Next step is to check the households that haven't been targeted for winter support and find alternative ways to assist them
- This winter support coverage map will be updated to become a gap map tool that would help with the winter interventions
- The data used to do this map is the HHs visits, ProGress and RAIS
  - Reminder to partners to report their achievements on Activity info since the data is being used to track gaps in many interventions
  - Agencies to suggest any improvement on Activity info and to inform Khalil Dagher on [dagherk@unhcr.org](mailto:dagherk@unhcr.org) and Jad Ghosn on [ghosn@unhcr.org](mailto:ghosn@unhcr.org) by end of next week ( 22 January 2016)
  - A one pager guidance on 2016 LCRP basic assistance activity info reporting database will be done and distributed to all partners
  - Reminder to partners to update their achievements on RAIS and their financial tracking on Activity Info

3) Update on S/MEB review

- Dalia Sbeih ( LCC)and on behalf of the newly formed committee briefed the WG on the revision process of the SMEB
- She underlined that the committee has no decision power but its function is to formulate recommendations on the methodology.
  - Sector leads to check the existing data and provide further recommendation on the S/MEB
  - A consultant will be recruited to conduct the study

4) AOB

- Include “UNHCR re-assessment of the case loads” as an agenda point in the next targeting SWG