

Inter-Agency Working Group Meeting – T5

Name	Inter-Agency Meeting	Meeting Date	Thursday 22 nd October 2015
Meeting Location	UNHCR North Sub-Office: Tripoli	Meeting Time	14.00h
Chair person	Monica Noro (UNHCR), Lama Srour (UNDP) Khaled Ossmane (MoSA)	Meeting Duration	1h
Minutes Prepared by	Funmi Osibona (UNHCR)		
Purpose of Meeting	Inter–Agency meeting		

1.	General Overview
<p>The overall situation across the North remains calm with no significant reports of eviction or search and arrest activities in refugees' locations.</p> <p>UNHCR and partners continue their close coordination with the local authorities through a meeting with the Governor in Akkar to facilitate the resolution of some challenges related to the shelter programme in Wadi Khaled. In addition, similar issues related to the shelter programme were also solved by a meeting with the Koura Mayor.</p> <p>The shelter sector has been asked to look into these issues when drafting SOPs for 2016 and communicate the process to municipalities to avoid any misunderstanding.</p>	
2.	WFP Update
<p>WFP informed the forum of the increase in food assistance from 50% of the planned value per beneficiary to 80% (USD21.6). E-cards loaded with USD13.5 at the beginning of the month were subsequently topped up with an additional USD8.1 yesterday, and beneficiaries were informed prior via SMS. Partners should note however, that the cap of five beneficiaries per household and the suspension of safety net assistance remain.</p>	
3.	Rapid Needs Assessment Update
<p>The inter-agency and various sector leads finalized the harmonization of the rapid needs assessment based on the system that Beirut has established to respond to large scale emergencies.</p> <p>A trial run of the Rapid Needs Assessment mechanism was conducted and highlighted a need to improve the communication flow between actors and the inter-agency. This will be addressed in the final revision of the mechanism.</p> <p>UNHCR Information Management Officer presented the final version of the geographical split and the mechanism for the trigger of the assessments. <u>The presentation is attached for ease of reference.</u></p> <p>Action: Partners were reminded to ensure that they update the emergency capacity roster, should their capacity to assist or conduct rapid needs assessments change.</p>	
4.	Winterisation Update
<p>UNHCR delivered a presentation on the latest plan for Winter. <u>Attached for ease of reference.</u> Any additional comments on the presentation should be sent to UNHCR.</p>	

Action: Partners wishing to assist vulnerable Lebanese families during the winter were asked to keep the Inter-Agency leads informed of requests to MOSA for beneficiary lists to enable proper coordination and reduce duplication, or eventually to channel these through respective sectors.

Given the fact that the participants would appreciate to receive regular updates re winter plan implementation, it would be relevant that each partners submit their contributions to Adrian Combrinck every Friday. These updates will then be compiled and shared with the Inter-Agency every Monday.

5. 2016 LCRP Plan Update

A revision of the LCRP is taking place at the national level. The revised plan including the results framework and sector response plan will be submitted to the joint technical task force tomorrow. The joint taskforce includes representatives from UN agencies, INGOs, local NGOs and Government. The final version of the 2016 LCRP plan will be presented the following week. So far, agencies and organizations have sent their appeals at the output level, indicating the sectors and outputs they intend to work under. In November this will be revised in greater detail and partners will be asked to identify which activities they will contribute based on the plan. Below are the LCRP updates by sector:

Livelihood and Social Stability: The main outcome and output level remain the same with the main target numbers based on last year's achievements and assumptions for next year's plan. The Livelihood plan moves away from cash for work for Syrians and gives greater focus on finding alternative forms of livelihood that are compliant with Lebanese law.

Shelter: The sector conducted a gap analysis last week, with the review of activities for 2015 and inputs for 2016. Inputs were collected and shared with Beirut. A log frame was developed and shared. Activities will remain the same with a target to assist vulnerable groups prioritizing severe economically vulnerable people and greater focus on medium to long-term assistance.

Protection: A gap analysis was undertaken at Beirut level with input from the field. Indicators have been simplified and the main objectives/activities for the most part will remain the same, but with a greater focus on community based protection.

WASH: Partners have expressed their desire to continue conducting WASH activities for next year, including new partners such as World Vision and Acted.

Health: Ministry of Public Health is taking the lead. So far discussions and consultations have been held at the field level and feedback has been sent to Beirut.

Basic Assistance: National WG shared the strategy with field offices. Sectors consulted organizations and provided feedback to Beirut today.

CSMC: The proposed activities are in line with the second objective of Protection which is to ensure that communities can contribute to the solutions of some basic problems. The two main outputs are to establish support to CSMC groups and the training and coaching of these groups. All agencies have contributed to this plan so far.

Child Protection: The main strategic objectives for next year's plan are to focus on community based approaches, case management and specialized services, community generated PSS, and targeting adolescents at risk.

6. SGBV Evaluation Report

UNHCR presented the main findings of the evaluation mission of the IASC (Inter-Agency Standing Committee) on SGBV mainstreaming, attached for ease of reference. The overall purpose of the evaluation was to determine the extent to which the humanitarian community has adhered to the minimum standards of the Guidelines for Gender-based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Settings: Focusing on SGBV prevention and response in the Syria crisis. The mission conducted field visits in the region (Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Northern Syria) in Lebanon, the Bekka and Akkar and met with authorities, local and international humanitarian organizations and women, girls, men and boys refugees and host communities. In Lebanon, the sectors they concentrated in were Health and Shelter.

As main conclusions, it was observed that a limited number of actors across sectors evaluated, use the GBV Guidelines in program assessment, design, development, implementation or evaluation; they were not familiar with the minimum standards of GBV prevention and response that constitute the responsibility of their respective sectors. Some sector representatives incorporated measures to address the risk of GBV for women and girls intuitively. Some partners assumed that the introduction of GBV-related minimum standards should be left to the “experts”.

The SGBV sector lead encouraged sectors to implement and follow up on the recommendations and reiterated the ongoing support to sector staff on meeting their responsibilities outlined in the Guidelines.

Next meeting:

- **Next meeting will be on Thursday 12th November at 14.00 hrs at UNHCR Office in Tripoli. Invitations will be sent accordingly.**

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