



## AGENDA

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2. Evictions Update
3. Presentation on Periodic Reporting to the CRC & Lebanon upcoming submissions
4. Protection Update: Border regulations and admissions
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## Review Action Points

Action Point	Status
<b>Review of last meeting: action points and minutes</b>	
Follow-up on outstanding action points from last meeting to continue until completed (see table below).	Underway
Re-circulate info for child marriage CP-SGBV group for volunteers.	
<b>Presentation: Recommendations from street and working children workshop and the juvenile justice system</b>	
Findings and recommendations to be shared with members once finalized.	Not yet final
<b>MHPSS Task Force update</b>	
MHPSS action plan and meeting schedule to be shared with CPIE sector to share with members.	Just received and will circulate
<b>Presentation: NRC birth registration update</b>	
Coordinator to re-share report.	Circulated with minutes
<b>CPIE LCRP: AI roll-out &amp; reporting: 'What if.' exercise</b>	
Coordinator to share table with funding/activity information, members to assist drafting 'What ifs' by email.	
<b>Update: Case Management Technical Working Group</b>	
Coordinator to share minutes from last CM TWG.	Circulated with minutes



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### EVICTIONS

PROTECTION WORKING GROUP, BEIRUT  
25 FEB 2015

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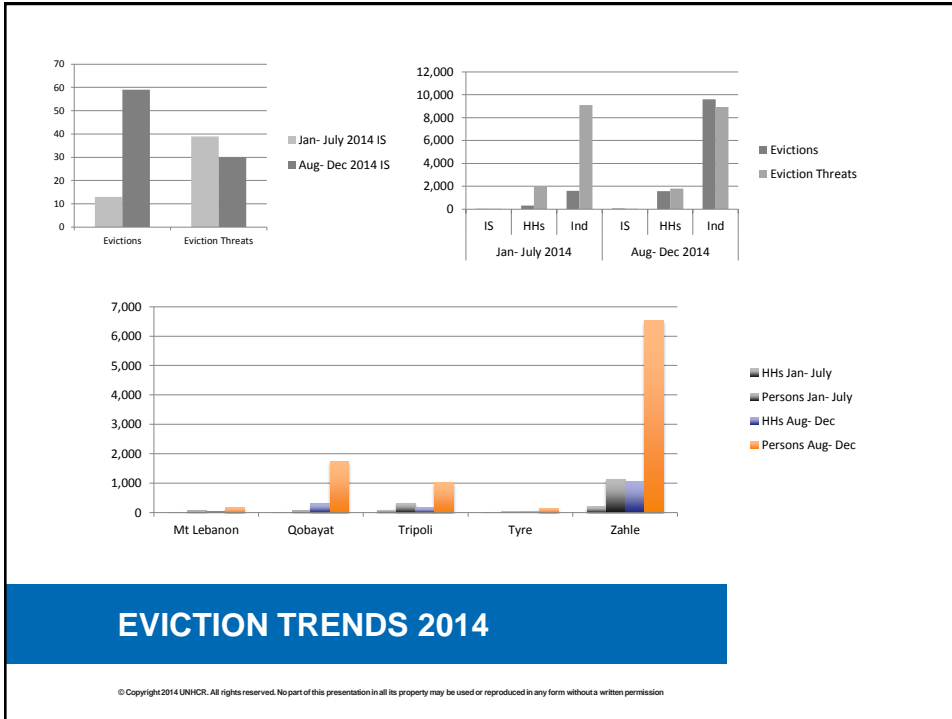
Overall Trends  
Situation in 2014  
Developments in 2015  
Response/ Interventions

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- Individual and Collective Evictions
- Increase of the number of informal settlements throughout 2014
- Change in eviction trends following events in Aarsal
- Significant increase in evictions between Aug- Dec 2014 (Peak in September 2014)
- Difficult to monitor and report on Individual evictions

## OVERALL TRENDS 2014

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Title of section

## Developments in Bekaa in 2015 Jan- 23 Feb

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- Eviction Notices given to 29 informal Settlements in Bekaa;
- Evictions taken place in 10 Settlements;
- 19 Settlements to be evicted;

Current Situation in Bekaa	2015	
	Sites	Individuals
Evicted	6	2,766
Partially Evicted	4	
At Risk (Notified)	19	4,624
<b>Total Impacted</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7,390</b>

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## Response/ Interventions (General)

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- **Eviction Committees** are established in the field;
  - track incidents
  - conduct Vulnerability assessments
  - coordinate provision of assistance to the EVIs
- **Communication with Landlords and Municipalities**
- **Communities show resilience- alternative solutions identified.**
- **Beirut Level, meetings were held with CIMIC and LAF Military Intelligence**
- **Coordination with MOSA and MOIM in addressing evictions;**

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## Response to events in Bekaa 2015 (1)

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- **Vulnerability Assessments Conducted in the field;**
- **Inventory of available shelter alternatives is compiled**
- **(UNHCR/ DRC/ SC/NRC operate/ manage CS and SSUs)**
- **Current capacities sufficient for 154 households**
- **274 SU are available for short term housing of emergency cases (3 days only)- does not solve the problem**

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## Response to Events in Bekaa 2015 (2)

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### Ongoing activities:

- Site level assessments of border sites at risk;
- Referring extremely vulnerable households for onwards relocation to collective shelters;
- Conducting regular calls to sites in risk areas to monitor shifts in population;
- Integrating evictions into the Medair IAMP exercise to reflect population shifts and assess needs;

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## Conclusion


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- Understanding of the security concerns and imperatives,
- Extreme challenges in finding alternatives for all of those who have received eviction notices at such short notice.
- Most settlement residents are women and children. They have no resources and no means to find alternatives.
- Weather conditions are not favorable
- The expansion of existing informal settlements in the vicinity is not being allowed.
- UNHCR has the technical expertise and ability to move refugees quickly into alternative sites.
  - However, we need the government to identify and authorize these areas before proceeding;

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The Lebanese Republic  
Ministry of Social Affairs  
Higher Council for Childhood

## Reporting Process of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

National CPiEWG

**UNICEF, 10th of March, 2015**

**Rita Karam  
Secretary General of the  
Higher Council for Childhood**

## Higher Council for Childhood (HCC)

- The council was established in 1994 by virtue of the decision No 29/94 issued by the Council of Ministers. It is presided by the Minister of Social Affairs, the Director General of the Ministry as Vice President and it includes members from several ministries, non governmental organizations and international organizations are specialized in children issues.
- A multidisciplinary group including the Secretary General undertakes the coordination and implementation of action plans and national strategies.

## Higher Council for Childhood (cont)

- “HCC is the national framework for complementary work between non governmental organizations and the public sector as to child care and development in compliance with international conventions and especially, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and in collaboration with international organizations
- The Council seeks to implement the general principles of children rights in order to improve the situation of children in Lebanon and ensure their rights to survival, development and protection”.

## UNICEF' mandate among the CRC reporting process

- ✓ **UNICEF mission statement:** "UNICEF is guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child and strives to establish children's rights as enduring ethical principles and international standards of behaviour towards children."
- ✓ **Article 45 of the CRC** gives the specialized UN agencies, UNICEF, and other UN organs a special role in the implementation of the Convention and the reporting process
- ✓ Mrs. Abir Abi Khalil is the focal person from UNICEF



## Lebanon and CRC

### Convention on the Rights of the Child

- ❖ Signed 26 Jan 1990, Adopted in 14 May 1991

### Optional Protocols to the CRC

- ❖ Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict
  - ❖ Signed 11 Feb. 2002 not ratified
- ❖ Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
  - ❖ Ratified 8 Nov. 2004

## Lebanon and CRC

### The Committee on the rights of the Child

- ❖ Initial report 1994 (Concluding Observations 1996)
- ❖ Second report 2000 (2002)
- ❖ Third report 2005 (2006)
- ❖ Fourth report 2011
- ❖ Fifth report 2015

### National Implementation of the CRC - HCC

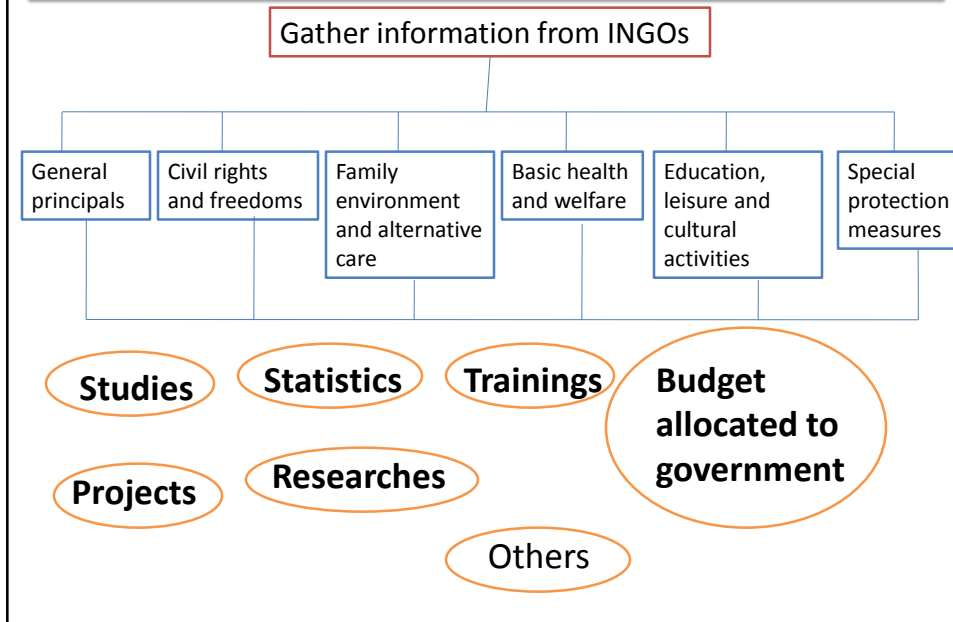
## Role of UNICEF among the Government of Lebanon

- Assist in the drafting of the state report through international technical expert and following CRC guidelines – responding to list of issues
- Support efforts to build the capacity of relevant government officials in child rights, and the CRC reporting process.
- Support Lebanon official Government delegations for the review of Lebanon report – media coverage
- Encourage national dialogue and participatory approach – child/youth participation
- Follow up recommendations and concluding observations.

## Progress of the CRC report

- UNICEF and HCC elaborated the TOR of the CRC consultant
- UNICEF recruited an CRC consultant to support the HCC team to prepare the CRC report named Mrs. NEVENA on september 2014
- On September 2014 HCC organized a meeting with Nevena and the board members of HCC with the presence of his Excellency the minister of social affairs Mr. Rachid Derbas
- On September 2014, she did a workshop for HCC team about the writing of indicators according to CRC Guidelines
- Nevena wrote severals indicators according the CRC articles
- On December 2014, HCC organized a meeting with Nevena and representatives from all ministries working with children to start gathering all information about children from 2005 – 2014
- On January – February 2015, desk review by HCC team and we organized a 2nd meeting with representatives of ministries to clarify the methodology of answering to the indicators and recommendations
- HCC team sent all the indicators to NGOs to start answering to the questions related to each articles according to their expertise.
- On March 2015, Nevena came back to Lebanon for one month, the first week of March, she did meetings with HCC team, and the 2nd week she will do Tripartite meeting HCC- Ministry X
- Meeting with INGOS and UN agencies to provide HCC' team all the information needed
- At the end of this month Nevena will meet HCC board members with the presence of his Excellency the minister of social affairs Mr. Rachid Derbas

## Programs and activities implemented by INGOs





## About all children without discrimination

**Deadline for receiving the information from INGOs and UN  
is on 31 of March 2015**



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## Prioritization

- If could 'pick' activities to prioritize for funding, which ones would we pick?
- See table.





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