

Interagency Coordination Meeting - Minutes

Meeting			
Name	IA coordination meeting	Meeting Date	5 May
Meeting Location	UNHCR Zahle Office	Meeting Time	1:00 pm
Co-Chairs	Hussein Salem (MOSA) - Maeve Murphy (UNHCR) – George Akl (UNDP)	Meeting Duration	1 hour
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Purpose of Meeting	Coordination		

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	General Sector Updates
	<p>Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 417,288 registered as of 30 April. - On-going discussions are happening at the Beirut inter-agency level regarding the government's decision on the non-registration of refugees arriving to Lebanon after January 5th. Almost 1,471 individuals have been registered and it was requested that they be deregistered. - Advocacy on the issue is focusing on how this would affect refugees in terms of assistance and this point has been addressed during the discussions. More information will be shared when decisions are clearer. - Deregistration with accompanied counselling has commenced in UNHCR offices. <p>Evictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were no major changes at the border although a slight crossing reduction was noticed by the border team. - It is under discussion that the municipality of Jdita might agree to extend the eviction notice of 7 settlements from the end of April to the end of May. The guarantee that the eviction will be suspended is still pending a final discussion with the Mayor. - The Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) eviction notices continue, reaching 62 sites and impacting around 6,422 individuals. Vulnerability assessments continue to be conducted by UNHCR and partners. - The Mayor of Barelias has expressed his refusal of organizations implementing projects in the area. The issue was referred to UNDP and other agencies, and for the time being, it was discussed that it would be favourable to drop-in before working in the area in order to safeguard the relationship with the Mayor. The main point raised by the Mayor of Barelias was addressing the road infrastructure (asphalt) and road network of the area. As UNDP does not conduct this sort of road rehabilitation, it was called for the support of partners that can. <p>Working with Municipalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the MRR process, MOSA will distribute the action plans for the 27 municipalities under its directorate. Organizations are encouraged to ask to see action plans/MRRs when visiting municipalities in order to avoid duplication. - UNICEF has 14 on-going infrastructure projects to support different municipalities including Arsal and Qab Elias. 2 water network projects in Joub Jannine and Majdel Anjar are expected to be finished in May. - Greater efforts to be put into documenting what each organization does for municipalities and into reporting activity information in the Bekaa. <p>Information sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOSA, together with UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP and 5 government ministries will undergo their first meeting to review the coordination mechanism for the WASH sector at the central level. - MOSA has increased social development centres (SDCs) where Syrian patients are provided with free



medication, echography for pregnant women and USD 2 consultations. NGOs can coordinate with MOSA in order to avoid healthcare duplication and consider supporting the SDCs.

- Dashboards from January to March, in addition to changes in the operational environment will be sent out this week.
- Another round of WFP VASYR assessments is scheduled to start in 2 weeks.
- The office of the RC/HC will be releasing a report on coordination through an independent review panel, one key theme of which is how to bridge the gap between Beirut and the field offices along with improving inter-sector coordination.
- The ERF/OCHA is announcing soon a new round of call for proposals. Sector leads are encouraged to contact the sector leads in Beirut to share priorities for funding.
- The inter-agency IMWG has developed 2W and 3W to be used at the field to improve the coordination and to share them with public institutions such as governors/union of municipalities/mayors etc.
- The LCRP Roadshow report will be made available soon *[it has been made available in the meantime to the IA co-chairs]*.
- The government has asked to undergo a legal study on how the recent statement on work permits in agriculture links to the actual labour laws and regulations. This study will be handed over to the crisis unit of the government through MOSA.
- Coordination with public institutions in different parts of the country is taking place to reach out to sectors and see the various practices they undergo and if any lessons learnt can be implemented across different areas in an effort to improve consistency.

Social Stability

- Agencies are encouraged to share their inputs to the recently added Social Stability section in the monthly inter-agency update.
- Different methods of information sharing are to be discussed (IA meetings can focus on specific issues that are happening or on the work of 3-4 agencies/sectors). Suggestions are encouraged

WFP 2015 targeting approach

- The situation for May is that the E-cards amount has been reduced from USD 27 to USD 19 due to funding.
- The validation exercise was finalised and partners invite refugees to contact the WFP hotline in case they encounter cases that have not been validated. The validation activity did not take place in Aarsal.
- May is the first month of the assistance reduction; 2,700 individuals in the Bekaa will be discontinued from WFP food assistance. Further reductions will follow in the coming months.

Basic Assistance

- The second session of the new basic assistance working group took place last week and it was an initial discussion of what the terms of reference could be in relation to the distribution of core relief items, cash assistance as well as support to vulnerable Lebanese communities.
- 10,800 households have been visited to date under the household profiling exercise that includes 17 organizations conducting up to 22,000 household assessments for different purposes such as food and cash.
- It was advised that RAIS should be checked by organizations prior to conducting a household visit.

Education

- The final distribution of school-in-a-box, school supplies and bags for both shifts is scheduled for this week.
- The monitoring of first shift schools is almost coming to an end; it focused on assessing any possible protection related concerns and referring them to the appropriate units.
- The additional funding from UNICEF to cover the second shift transportation fees will be implemented this week.
- The Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) was able to reach 3,245 students and UNHCR is advocating to expand the timeframe to an additional day.

Shelter

- Medair presented on the IAMP13 and the presentation is attached for easy reference



	AOB - Next IA meeting on June 2 nd .			
2.	Agreed Action Points :			
	Issue	Deadline	Responsible	Comment
	Medair and Protection Unit to cross-reference and further communicate regarding IAMP	-	UNHCR/Medair	