

## Interagency Working Group Meeting - Tripoli

<b>Name</b>	Interagency Meeting	<b>Meeting Date</b>	11 February 2015
<b>Meeting Location</b>	UNHCR Sub-Office Tripoli	<b>Meeting Time</b>	14.00
<b>Chair person</b>	Khaled Osman (MOSA) - Abdullah Muhieddin (UNDP) - Monica Noro (UNHCR)	<b>Meeting Duration</b>	2h 00m
<b>Minutes Prepared by</b>	Elias Shalhoub		
<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>	Inter-agency meeting		

<b>1.</b>	<b>Security</b>
UNDSS updated participants on the current security situation in North Lebanon.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Update from MOSA on Border Crossing</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The GSO will continue assessing cases coming from Syria for tourism, education, health assistance, etc... However, cases coming to Lebanon for refugee status will have to be cleared by MOSA's Minister, on Beirut level.</li> <li>MOSA will organize an internal training in Beirut, to enable their staff to evaluate "humanitarian admission exceptions" for all cases.</li> <li>MOSA is still working on the list of criteria for the "humanitarian admission exceptions". Meanwhile, if any of MOSA's partners receive similar cases at the border, referrals can be done either to MOSA North or to MOSA Beirut.</li> <li>As of next month, MOSA will start having a presence at Masnaa legal entry point (Bekaa).</li> <li><b>Recommendation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Border cases that fall under "humanitarian exceptions" should be referred either to MOSA North (Khaled) or to MOSA Beirut (Aimee).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Extreme Weather Conditions and Winterization Update</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An assessment form for extreme weather effects was shared with all the partners.</li> <li>Distribution of blankets and mattresses will come for vulnerable Lebanese by the end of the week (13<sup>th</sup> Feb) and beginning of next week (16<sup>th</sup> Feb).</li> <li>Partners' field teams are undertaking assessment of areas on a regular basis, during and after extreme weather occurrences. Damages, specifically to electric cables, are primarily being caused by strong winds.</li> <li>UNHCR rub hall was damaged and waiting area moved. Thus, appointments were rescheduled to ensure that people do not have to wait in front of UNHCR Tripoli Registration Centre.</li> <li>UNHCR has available items in its stock in Beirut such as wood and plastic sheets. Partners can inform UNHCR in advance about their need. If possible, partners should arrange and cover the cost for transportation and warehousing.</li> <li>NRC brought up the issue of the shelter group. An inventory for shelter is needed and an assessment to know how many shelters would be needed in T5 and in Akkar. The inventory can be discussed in the Working Group and sector lead, and can be reviewed every 20 days or every week.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Presentation and discussion on "Authorities structures in Lebanon" (UNDP)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNDP explained about the structure of the municipal authorities in Lebanon (PPT attached).</li> <li>There is a difference between mapping on a cadastral level and municipality level, as one municipality can include several towns in more than one cadastral location.</li> <li>The confusion between cadastral and municipalities is more in rural areas than urban areas.</li> <li>Mokhtars are elected and have specific tasks.</li> <li>The decisions of the local government representatives should be always in line with the central government decisions.</li> <li>The Emergency Cell is on the Governor level, while the Security Cell is on a District level.</li> <li>As per the Lebanese law, a development office to support municipalities should exist. However, such office does not exist for all municipalities.</li> <li>Municipalities on the coastal line receive more assistance and support from the central government than the rural ones.</li> <li>Municipalities can federate under a union even if they do not fall under the same District (Casa).</li> <li>The only governmental department that can provide detailed geographical maps is the LAF Directorate of</li> </ul>	

Geographic Affairs.

**5. AOB**

**How to move forward on coordination with municipalities?**

- Based on UNDP MRR for Minieh and Deddeh, organizations working in these areas will meet on 04<sup>th</sup> of March. Meetings will be at 09h00 and 10h00 respectively.
- Organizations who expressed their interest to participate were: Oxfam, DRC and CISP for Deddeh; and DRC, SI, CISP, NRC, UNRWA and UNICEF for Minieh.
- Organizations can share any observed need for projects in these areas to complement with the MRR.
- An invitation will be out and the participation of any other interested organization will be welcomed.
- Based on the input of organizations of planned and ongoing initiative with municipalities, UNDP developed a map at national and area levels. This Map will be shared with the T5 Interagency mailing list to collect feedback and finalize it.

**Information Management: Who's doing what and where?**

- UNHCR showed the participants an example of the Google Earth Maps, as prepared based on internal information.
- The UNHCR IM will send around an activity sheet, with information captured from ActivityInfo and other sources. It is envisaged that partners check these forms and update their information and activities where necessary. Information will be updated from ActivityInfo at the end of each month and shared with partners.
- The file can potentially be send around to partners on a regular basis, containing basic information about SDC, Informal Settlements, Collective Shelters and partner activity.
- It can be used as an advocacy tool in meetings with donors, partners and government bodies.
- UNHCR Tripoli has established an IM Working Group, whose aim is to promote information sharing and dissemination amongst organisations working in T5.

**Next meetings:**

- **Wednesday 25 February at 14:00 at UNHCR Sub-Office Tripoli**

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