



Child Protection in Emergencies Working Group Lebanon Meeting Minutes

Date : 13 January 2015, 10:10am-11:30
Location : UNHCR, Lea Building, 1st floor conference room

Participants : 22 participants, 18 organizations:
Abaad, Care, DRC, ICRC, Intersos, IOM, IRC, Mercy Corps, MoSA, NRC,
SeraphimGlobal, SCI, UNHCR, Unicef, UNRWA, URDA, WCH, and WVI, plus SGBV
Task Force Coordinator, CPiE Sector Coordinator

Revised Agenda

1. Review of last meeting: action points and minutes
2. Registration update
3. Border regulations update
4. LCRP CPiE Results Framework: responsibilities, host community support, and AI roll-out
5. CPMS: global reviews and contextualization exercise
6. CPiEWG admin: review of 2014, planning 2015
7. AOB

1. Review of last meeting: action points and minutes

- Minutes from 12 December 2014 meeting endorsed, pending any final inputs submitted to coordinator within next two days.
- Most action points begun or completed.
- **Action Point:** *Follow-up on outstanding action points from last meeting to continue until completed.*

2. Registration Update

- See slides for presentation and figures.
- UNHCR goal to keep waiting period below 30 days; vulnerable cases are fast-tracked.
- Data divided into two periods: before added border restrictions (Jan-Aug 2014) and after (Sept-Dec 2014).
 - Large drop in registration figures attributed to increased restrictions, accounting for total registered in 2014 being 30% less than projected. 2015 projections based on last three months of 2014.
- Correction on verification criteria #2: grace period for Lebanon is 2 months.
- Registration looks for *visible* specific needs – those that are easy to categorize on sight or through proof of documentation (ex. medical forms). Staff are trained to identify basics.
 - Think of these as a baseline - upon entry - but isn't enough follow-up. Ex. SC/AUM at registration may be reunited two weeks later with family, so number doesn't reflect total.
- **Action Points:**
 - *Members to discuss potential 'child protection' monthly thematic questionnaire, and what would focus and questions be (to provide to registration). Coordinator to follow-up with registration focal point.*
 - *Members to share with coordinator interest in registration as a regular meeting feature and what information/details would like presented on to have more trend/analysis.*

3. Border regulations update

- Coordinator provided update on entry regulations announced on 31 December and implemented 5 January.
- Syrians entering Lebanon to meet one of seven categories:
 - Tourism
 - Business
 - Student
 - Transit: air/sea
 - Medical treatment
 - Foreign embassy appointment
 - Sponsorship by Lebanese citizen
- Humanitarian exception to these seven cases, with draft criteria presented by MoSA at 9 January 2015 inter-agency meeting.

- UAM/SC, below age 16, with relatives confirmed in Lebanon.
- Elderly or disabled who need care, who have family confirmed in Lebanon.
- Extreme medical cases where life-saving treatment is needed that is not available/not available in a timely manner in Syria.
- People pursuing resettlement who have confirmed appointments/interviews with embassies in Lebanon.
- MoSA will be establishing offices at entry points to monitor these cases. Cases will be dealt with case-by-case, with ministerial decision.
- Situation is still very fluid and information evolving on criteria, their application, and finalization is pending. MoSA to provide more details at the next inter-agency (set for 6 February 2015).
- Concerns for child protection:
 - UAM/SC criterion should apply to all children under age-18.
 - UAM presenting at border (without family in Lebanon) should be allowed admittance?
 - Family reunification should be permitted for UAM/SC in Lebanon whose family are in Syria, in order to give access to parents coming from Syria to reunify with their children living in Lebanon
 - PRS children are included in these provisions (Palestinians included in all provisions).
- Some members raised that currently GSO does not admit minors without caregivers. No information from protection monitoring available on this point.
- Sector agreed to draft language for the child-specific points to share as/if needed to ensure correct and consistent language used by all.
- **Action Points:**
 - *Coordinator to continue to share information as available. Members same.*
 - *Coordinator to draft child-specific paragraph and share with members for review and agreement.*

4. LCRP CPiE Results Framework and AI roll-out: responsibilities, host community support

- LCRP CPiE results framework has been updated to reflect specific agencies in the responsibility column. Now has appealing agencies, but still need those who will report on different indicators into Activity Info for complete picture.
- **Action Points:**
 - *Coordinator to share framework. Members to fill-out reporting responsibilities column.*
 - *Coordinator to compile, finalize, and share with members.*
- Host-community tracking: UNDP-led initiative seeking to report to government the financial, in-kind, and systems-building support to Lebanese communities and institutions.
 - In 2014, child protection contribution focused on policy work and systems building with MoSA, and Lebanese children and caregivers participating in programmes as reported in Activity Info.
 - CP does much more. Question is how to capture it – funding for refurbishments and provision of utilities/rents, for staff and training, etc.. Discussion to continue next meeting.
 - Ideas include reporting refurbishment budgets; plans from UNICEF-MoSA proposal.
- **Action Points:**
 - *Members to consider in what ways cpie sector supports Lebanese communities and institutions, and how to capture/track this information. Discussion at next meeting.*
 - *Coordinator to liaise with UNDP/social cohesion coordinator on 2015 plans for initiative.*
- AI Roll-out: CP-specific session to be held Wednesday 21 January in the afternoon. Field sessions afterwards.
- General AI training being conducted by inter-agency IM teams. Can organize one for CP actors if needed in addition.
- **Action Points:**
 - *Coordinator to send out details of AI general training and CPiE training.*
 - *Members to convey if extra AI sessions needed; other tools and guidance needed.*

5. CPMS: global reviews and contextualization exercise

- Global review of three standards underway, including Standard 8 (Physical violence and other harmful practices) and Standard 14 (Justice for children). Coordinator shared details by email encouraging participation from interested organizations.
- Potential option for 2015 planning is to undertake a 'contextualization' exercise, where certain standards are selected by sector and expanded upon to define and adapt to Lebanon. Way to build sector capacities and knowledge in certain areas, such as community-based mechanisms. Members have expressed interest
- **Action Points:**
 - *Coordinator to share information on contextualization exercise by email.*
 - *Members to review and express if interested, and if willing to help organize.*

6. CPiEWG admin: review of 2014, planning 2015

- Agreed to change day/time of regular national CPiEWG meeting to second Tuesday of the month at 10am.
- Agreed to hold workshop day to review 2014 workplan and develop 2015 workplan based on LCRP framework. Tuesday 21 February identified as potential date.
- **Action Point:** *Coordinator to share more information on workshop once available.*

7. AOB

- NRC ICLA programme having 'birth registration month' in February and will be organizing many activities around this area. More details to follow as available.
- SGBV TF update: Information sharing protocol agreed to, and extended to include CP sector actors. SGBV TF will provide quarterly update with more information than in past (trends, percentages not numbers).
- **Action Point:** *Coordinator to share information from NRC on birth registration month once available.*

**Next Meeting: 10 February 2015 @ 10am
UNHCR Lea 1st floor conference room**