



**Inter-Agency
Coordination**
Lebanon

Minutes of IA DONORS MEETING Beirut, 19 March 2015

Meeting Location	LEA -1 ST floor conference room	Meeting Time	10:00 A.M
Chair person	Kerstin Karlstrom Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator	Meeting Duration	1 h
Co-Chair person	Afke Bootsman – Inter-Sector Coordinator UNDP		
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Purpose of Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Status of GoL involvement with sectors2. Discussion on future plans3. AOB		

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	Status of GoL involvement with sectors
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ GoL policies and link with specific programmatic impact affecting refugees across different sectors▪ MOSA overall and sectoral leadership at national level and in the field, including information management▪ Donors were updated on ongoing discussions with GoL in the sectors/ their relationships with line ministries▪ See attached presentation
2.	Discussion on future plans
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Need to clarify involvement of GoL in field coordination of sectors▪ Access to free/cheaper service, such as health care, in Syria not available anymore due to closing of border▪ Refugees are involved in informal labour market, with increased risk of exploitation due to insecure legal status in Lebanon



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Outcome of inter-ministerial livelihoods consultation process led by MOSA is still ongoing; No updates have been shared yet about the outcomes and what the possible implications are on other sectors such as cash▪ Questions raised by donors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Municipalities / Unions of Municipalities are requesting information on refugees - it was noted that several municipalities are requesting data from LCRP partners on what projects are being implemented in their areas○ Lessons learned/ and the reason behind some sectors working better than others: It can be a combination of external actors and interests in specific areas/tracking resources within sectors○ Online education opportunities for Syrian refugees; discussions are taking place to have an online curriculum, issues re-limitation to access to online resources, funding materials were highlighted○ To address continuity of educational programmes (difference between the GoL circulaire and its implementation across public institutions)○ Youth unemployment - GoL has stressed the importance that employment of Syrian refugees should be in line with Lebanese rules and regulations. They also have announced that a refugee can't work as per the latest circular of GSO. Ministry of Labor has informed that they are cross-checking requests for a work permit by Syrian nationals with their possible registration in the UNHCR database.
3. AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ MOSA has invited to a donor meeting on the new Shelter Strategy on 24 March 2015 at 2:00 pm at MoSA▪ It was agreed to have thematic ad hoc Donors meetings based on requests.

Attachments

Document	Location
Presentation	http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=8448