



Minutes of National Shelter WG Meeting

Meeting Location	MoSA Building 7 th floor	Meeting Date	21 April 2017
Chair persons	Mario Abou Zeid	Meeting Time	11:30 A.M
Lead	Mazen Riachi (MOSA)		
Co-Lead	Abdulrahman Abdelghani (UNHCR) Nico Hartz (UN-Habitat)	Meeting Duration	2.00 Hrs.
Minutes by	Oula Ibrahim		
Attendees (20)	MOSA, UNHCR, UN-Habitat, ECHO, SCI, PU-AMI, NRC, INTERSOS, ACF, UNDP, PCPM and ICRC		

Agenda

1. Updates from Field Coordinators
2. Update on Riyyak Eviction
3. Update on TTCs
4. Presentation 'Impact of Rehab Intervention under OFC period' (SCI)
5. Presentation 'Shelter GBV Guidelines'
6. AOB

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1. Updates from Field

South Area:

- ✓ ICRC contacted UNHCR in the south for coordination in Hasbaya and particularly in Shebaa area, where they are planning to enter the area for the first time and have some interventions in Shelter rehabilitation.
- ✓ ICRC are extending their efforts and coordinating at the moment with several agencies in the area such as NRC and CISP.
- ✓ UNHCR is encouraging ICRC to report on activity info for better coordination. UNHCR also discussed shelter SOPs and general standards/guidelines that are used by the sector to ensure a minimum level of harmonization with other shelter partners active in the South.

Bekaa Area:

2. Updates on Riyyak Eviction

A. NRC updates

- ✓ Initial assessment/ household level assessment will be carried out to assess the situation of families within the affected zones, the assessment will be done by protection teams, Shelter and Wash will also be involved.
- ✓ Shelter partners involved are: Medair, Save the Children
- ✓ Wash partners involved are: Medair, World Vision, NRC, Intersos
- ✓ Household level follow up will track people, verify and then carry out systems. There is system in place now that tracks both intention of movement and families that had moved, the assistance and confirmation of location.
- ✓ There are no clear figures from last night, an assumption that around 700- 800 families



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have moved

- ✓ A restriction with regard to response has been noticed, it was mainly targeting people who were intending to move. Humanitarian actors are facing serious challenges with municipalities, as they are not accepting refugees in their respective areas as well as restricting assistance. There has been limited cases of secondary displacement (only 1 case so far in Bar Elias)
- ✓ UNHCR with Shelter partners have been looking at number of formal sites, to date, none of them have been suitable or approved by municipalities.
- ✓ There are some contradictory reports saying that LAF had changed their mind on number of evictions, which is not the case. This information have been confirmed by LAF last night, all evictions have been issued/ remain in place, and Families are still expected to move outside areas of eviction.
- ✓ UNHCR contacted number of sites surrounding the eviction site, to assess if families are intending to move soon as eviction is spreading in the area
- ✓ An update will be shared on Friday 21st of April at 1:00 p.m. with all partners.

B. MoSA updates

- ✓ The issue of Riyyak eviction was discussed also recently during the Protection Working Group, as MoSA was following up on this issue since its beginning.
- ✓ MoSA is expecting more Emerging Evictions to be happening in Zahle and other areas. If this happens, thousands of individuals will be looking for new places to relocate
- ✓ MoSA proposed to have a proactive strategy rather than a reactive one, and not to wait until similar evictions come up suddenly for humanitarian actors to coordinate and to see how this matter can be approached.
- ✓ All sectors are asked by MoSA to be ready in terms of having the needed kits for assistance, retain potential support needed, resources, and staff in the field.
- ✓ On Thursday, April 20, a meeting was held between MoSA, LAF, and UNHCR to discuss the strategy to respond to such protection incidents. The main LAF argument given with regards to Riyyak eviction, was that Syrian refugees and Lebanese living within a specific parameter of the military air force base are both at risk.
- ✓ LAF have received a donation from the US Army, along with equipment and new airplanes and it is for this reason that the air force base will be used more frequently in the near future, and also in compliance with the artillery recommendations and regulations that the LAF have.
- ✓ As per LAF, also Lebanese families living in the area have been subject to eviction and have been asked to relocate.
- ✓ MoSA agreed with LAF to postpone the eviction deadline until most of the Syrian refugee families have been relocated.
- ✓ It was noticed that 5000 refugees have naturally relocated to other areas, this approach seems to be the most logic one, as LAF will most likely target sites where there is a big concentration of refugees living in the same area for security reasons.
- ✓ A general recommendation to improve Shelter assistance, to respond to sudden evictions. Shelter partners are still discussing with MoSA the best durable assistance to be provided to Syrians in terms of Shelter materials easy to be relocated and used again.
- ✓ Two lands in different locations have been found, one in Majdal Anjar, the other is in Anjar. There are objections still from both municipalities as they are still bargaining in order to get some benefits out of what is proposed. These kind of acts are not to be encouraged by humanitarian actors.
- ✓ Special attention to be given to the most vulnerable families.



- ✓ Zahle municipality has issued a warning for all Syrians to evacuate (all Syrians) and is trying to push them to one specific location in southern Zahle, the argument for this, is that the presence of refugees is affecting the image of the area, and will basically affect tourism.

3. Updates on TTCs.

- A. TTC 1&2 Weatherproofing in informal settlements and substandard buildings
 - ✓ A meeting is due to be scheduled in the last week of April, and guidelines are expected to be finalized by mid-May.
- B. TTC3 on Rehabilitation /Upgrading of substandard buildings
 - ✓ Rehab is making progress
 - ✓ A meeting was held last week
 - ✓ Hopefully, a draft is expected to be ready in the next couple of weeks
- C. TTC 4 Rehab Common Areas
 - ✓ TTC4 held its last meeting on Tuesday April 18th where attending members reviewed the final draft of the guidelines which now should be shared with the Core Group members for endorsement.
- D. TTC 5 on Fire Preparedness and Response
 - ✓ First Draft document of TTC guidelines on Fire's Preparedness and Response has been shared with TTC members, although a huge challenge has occurred in terms of getting inputs from TTC members.
 - ✓ The second meeting will be happening within the next 10 days
 - ✓ Final draft will be ready to be shared by the end of May

4. Presentation "Impact of Rehab Intervention under OFC period" by SCI

- ✓ Several shelter partners are implementing different shelter programmes and interventions to respond to the huge need created by the Syrian crisis in Lebanon
- ✓ SCI with other shelter partners are operating in Beqaa and Akkar mainly and implementing shelter rehabilitation program within an exchange of 12 months OFC (occupancy free of charge) period with an average household conditional cash bill of 1500 USD\$ of secure tenure and a rental negotiated with the landlord who is getting the money to do the rehabilitation work and give the Syrian family a free rent agreement for 12 months period.
- ✓ During the past year, it was noticed that this kind of intervention – rental reduction- has helped the families assisted in reducing their expenditures.
- ✓ Donors (ex. UNHCR, ECHO, DFID) and humanitarian actors within the shelter group wanted to know more on the impact of this kind of intervention on broader level, and wanted to know how this activity impact the behavior's change of the family on other pillars such as Status of HH, coping mechanisms, Food security, health... for that, SCI has partnered with AUB (the American University Of Beirut) to analyze the baseline assessment that SCI conducts prior to the rehabilitation intervention as well as assessing the family at the end line once again after the intervention, to observe changes in the coping mechanisms.
- ✓ SCI is using the coping strategy index to measure changes on short term (7 days) and long term (30 days) and analyze the impact of the intervention on Health, Protection and Stability.
- ✓ 316 HHs assisted (based on vulnerability scoring) under Rehab program have been assessed and examined. 64% of those families are not receiving Multi-Purpose Cash



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- ✓ The analysis gives statistically proved evidence based results that proves families assessed under Rehab intervention, managed to change their negative coping mechanisms (please refer to the presentation for more details).
- ✓ Partners in the meeting found the analysis very efficient, some partners expressed their willingness to use similar approaches to measure the impact of their interventions on the living conditions of the families targeted.

Link to the presentation: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=13366>

5. Presentation 'Shelter GBV Guidelines'

- ✓ Brief introduction on Gender Based Violence
- ✓ Guidelines for integrating GBV interventions in the Shelter Sector. Failure to consider GBV- related risks in shelter sector interventions can result in heightened GBV exposure for inhabitants
- ✓ Presentation of the toolkit as a general reference given that The shelter sector will be selecting certain tools as part of the contextualization exercise that should occur ahead of rolling out field level trainings.
- ✓ NRC has recommended a document shared by Care International that explains the importance of gender sensitivity integration in the shelter programming. Below is the link <http://insights.careinternational.org.uk/publications/gender-shelter-good-programming-guidelines>

6. AOB

- ✓ Next meeting on Friday the 19th May at 11:30 am