



Minutes of Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting- 08 December 2017

Meeting Location	MoSA, 7 th floor	Meeting Time	10:00 A.M
Chair person	Mario abu Zeid – MOSA Carol Ann Sparks –UNHCR Margunn Indreboe - UNDP	Meeting Duration	2 hrs.
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Participating Organizations	NRC, UN-HABITAT, SHEILD, Heartland Alliance Intl, UNHCR, MOF, MEHE, UNDP, MoSA, UNICEF, ACTED, WFP, Balamand university, MoPH, LRC, CISP, LHIF, ECHO, SCI, Italian Cooperation, WHO, OCHA, Plan International, ADRA, UNRWA		

Summary of discussions and action points

Introduction

- This meeting was dedicated to the LCRP sectors' strategies for 2018.
- The full document will be ready for publishing and launching by early January 2018.
- The appeal will be launched in Geneva early next week as part of the global humanitarian overview.
- The LCRP appeal is part of the 3RP overall regional appeal that is submitted to the global launch.
- MoSA: keep the hard work in 2018 to better manage the resources, and work towards achieving better coordination to get better results.
- MoSA will call for a meeting in January 2018 to set a clear communication strategy towards targeting donors with specific messages in order to be able to receive more funds to meet the existing needs.

Fire in Ghazze- Beqaa

- A fire has erupted in informal settlements in Ghazze for unknown reasons, and destroyed a significant number of tents.
- Seven children were reported dead and around four persons injured.
- The response was coordinated by MoSA with support of UNHCR and the municipality.
- All the field coordination teams are working on reconstructing the settlement.
- A lot of effort will be made in 2018 to enhance the response of the Shelter sector, making sure practical standards are rightly implemented, and all organizations in the field are abiding by the coordination plan agreed upon between UN agencies, line ministries and MoSA.
- It was noted that some fire extinguishers distributed in the field, do not comply with the Shelter sector standards.
- The Shelter sector has a temporary technical committee dedicated to fire safe protection and prevention, led by Save the Children. Findings will be endorsed and published within the next upcoming two weeks

LCRP 2018 overview

- Last year, huge efforts were made to have a four years plan, thus four strategic objectives have been defined.
- The Strategic Objectives remain the same:
 - ☐ Ensure protection of vulnerable populations
 - ☐ Provide immediate assistance to vulnerable populations
 - ☐ Support service provision through national system
 - ☐ Reinforce Lebanon's economic, social and environmental stability



- In terms of donor's contribution and funding trends, since the beginning of the crisis, we have seen an increase in funding levels up until 2015.
- Funding shortage is assumed to continue in 2018, this requires sectors' coordinators to prioritize within the sector strategy what are the key activities and key results that need to be done/achieved.
- \$ 2.6 billion is the overall appeal, with 120 appealing partners.
- In terms of overall financial requirements by sector, Basic Assistance and Food security are the two sectors which have the highest financial appeal.
- In terms of Population in need, figures are still the same with slight increase in number of PRL (from 31,500 to 34,000 individuals)
- In terms of people targeted, slight changes have been made to the figures, whereas \$1.89 million are targeted for protection and direct assistance and \$2.24 million targeted for service delivery, economic recovery and social stability

Protection Sector

- \$172 million is the overall appeal for the Protection sector including GBV, and Child protection, with activities mainly falling under community based interventions.
- In terms of sector strategy, there will be no major shift in 2018 strategy compared to the previous year.
- The sector will be focusing on the main fundamental pillars of protection (residency, birth registration, durable solutions, tailored services for PWSN, community based interventions, stabilization...)
- Gaps: as per the latest figures from VaSyr 2017, the Protection sector has noticed a number of technical and practical gaps, and will try in 2018 to address those overlap and respond better to the emerging needs
- Work will emphasize in 2018 on working with communities that contribute to violence against targeted population, to ensure sustainability and bigger impact.

Shelter Sector

- The Shelter sector has five major outputs, with increase of population targeted for this year compared to the previous one (assisted only the population registered with UNHCR)
- \$129.5 million is the overall appeal for the sector.
- The sector is also assisting and targeting vulnerable Lebanese aside Syrian refugees for this year as well as PRL, and PRS.
- Impact will be increased by incorporating "the area based approach" in 2018 coordinated with other sectors.
- Promotion of cooperation with national NGOs is a critical key result the sector aims to achieve in 2018
- MoSA is creating a central forum for all the studies done by the sector, studies to be compiled and re-directed to stakeholders for their potential future actions.
- MoSA is looking to pilot and find the best way forward to proceed with the cross sectoral activity of neighborhood approach and how to best communicate it between sectors

Social Stability

- Budget slightly decreased compared to last year
- Changes were made in terms of budget distribution within the sector, where a huge bulk of it will go to the support to municipalities in 2018
- In terms of strategy and in light of the M&E review of the LCRP, the sector will have three outcomes for 2018 instead of one, with separate outputs, strategic positioning on youth programming and targeting.
- Since the sector has conducted several surveys in 2017, this has encouraged the sector to refine its targeting based on information available particularly in stabilization.
- Gaps: key gaps remain in areas of municipal support and solid waste management

Livelihoods

- Slight increase in appeal to reflect increased capacity and results
- Increase in job creation will result in an increase in impact and results desired

Water Sector

- \$250 million is the total appeal of the sector, with three outputs targeting around \$3.7 million individuals in need
- Sector strategy: slight changes will be incorporated for 2018 that consists in emphasizing on safe treatment and disposal of wastewater, with implementation of approved national solutions for cost efficient servicing of informal settlements.
- Gaps: no overlaps yet identified, but gaps increasing mainly around funding shortage and its implications

Energy Sector

- Overall budget for 2018 is around \$99 million targeting around 1.1 million vulnerable beneficiaries
- Budget reduced for 2018 compared to previous year
- Sector's strategy is aligned with national water sector plans
- Improvement the response mainly in informal settlements will be a main focus in 2018
- Prioritization is still a challenge for the upcoming year
- Gaps: increasing

Food security

- Total population to be targeted: 920,000 individuals (PRS, Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese).
- Slight increase in budget and number of partners for 2018.
- The sector will target schools, SDCs, Ministry of Agriculture offices centers, and technical vocational schools.
- The sector will have a dual track approach for 2018, integration of livelihood support with provision of life saving food assistance.
- Roll-out of GBV workshop to be conducted in February.
- Gaps: support to agriculture livelihoods remain challenging.

Health

- Outcomes remain the same for 2018
- Sector's overall budget is around \$296 million, targeting the total of 1.5 million persons
- LCRP 2018 partners' combined financial appeal is of \$197.5 million
- Gaps: many partners did not appeal to donors through LCRP for funds to address identified needs (same gap existed in 2017)

Education

- Overall budget is \$366 million, targeting around 458 000 individuals
- Sector strategy: Continuation of RACE 2, implementation and roll out of child protection policy in public schools
- In January, the sector will be launching the 2nd round of call for expression for actors interested to work in the Education sector
- Funding gaps: 47%

Basic Assistance

- Overall sector budget of \$542 million, with \$396 million as partners' financial appeal under the BA sector
- Population targeted is 1.35 million (through regular cash programme and winter assistance for Syrians,

	<p>through NPTP for vulnerable Lebanese, in addition to PRS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sector strategy: additional activities to be conducted such as profiling, monitoring, conducting studies and assessments to understand the profile of HHs, their vulnerability, as well as unpacking the contribution of the sector in pilot graduation programmes, all in alignment with existing national policies and systems. - Funding reported as secured for 2018 by end of November 2017 is about \$62 million. - Gaps: limited funding with increasing needs and an observable decline in the economic vulnerability.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MoSA started the preparation of a National Social Protection policy that will be the main frame to test the cash-based graduation approach. Contribution of partners to be discussed at later stage. - Joint effort done by MEHE and MoSA for the standardization of vocational trainings under the TVET programme. - MEHE is working on a standardization process for vocational trainings under TVET programme in cooperation with MoSA- to be launched in January 2018. The process will focus on having clear mandates for implementation and standardized curriculums of trainings. - MoSA is also working with MoPH on standardization approach in regards to the national network of primary healthcare centers. A Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between both ministries soon. - UN-Habitat and UNICEF are working jointly on neighborhood approach profiling vulnerable urban areas. Coordination is ongoing with MoSA.

Link to the presentation: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=14852>