

## Working Group on Social Stability and Livelihoods– 15 May 2018 – DRC Livelihoods Centre-Zahle

<b>Name</b>	Working Group on Social Stability and Livelihoods	<b>Meeting Date</b>	15.05.2018
<b>Meeting Location</b>	DRC Livelihoods Centre	<b>Meeting Time</b>	10:00
<b>Co-Chair Person</b>	Hussein Salem-MOSA Mohammad Saleh-UNDP Paul Sawaya -UNHCR	<b>Meeting Duration</b>	2 Hours
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### Agenda:

- Introduction
- MOSA / UNHCR update on evictions
- SSLH 3W Map updates and presentation
- Presentation by central level Information Management on IM tools
- Conflict Sensitivity and Social Stability Mainstreaming Survey
- DRC Livelihood Activities presentation
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<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
	Partners are welcomed to the SSLH Working Group which is focused on offering the latest sector updates, presentations and future action points that aims to enhance projects implementation and coordination.
<b>2</b>	<b>Updates from MoSA and UNHCR on evictions.</b>
	<p><u>Aanjar:</u> 3 sites (51281-01-017, 042 &amp; 045) located in Aanjar received verbal eviction notices from the municipality on March 2, 2018 in order to evict. The municipality suggested 5 sites for relocation – the 5 sites are located in rural area, away from Aanjar close to Deir Zanoun, but under the jurisdiction of the municipality of Anjar. In addition to that, some tenants of the impacted sites reported that they have some tensions with the clans of the suggested relocation sites.</p> <p><u>Taanayel:</u> Site 51227-01-005: 215 individuals – 55 HHs – 40 tents received a verbal eviction notice form the guarantor of the land. MoSA was following up on the case and identified a new spot located in Barr Elias.</p> <p><u>Dalhamiyet:</u></p> <p>Reason of the eviction notice: tenants relocated recently to the site without getting the needed approvals to construct the tents. Governor office as requested by MoSA – Landlord</p>

and shawish reported that they didn't receive any feedback from the Governor office.

Saadnayel:

At least 7 sites located within the cadastral of Saadnayel were requested by the municipality officials to push back the tents that are located close to road.

Barr Elias:

4 sites received verbal eviction notices from the LAF intelligence. All the tenants remain in their sites and no one left.

- Several evictions task forces took place in the last month to follow up on the eviction cases. Discussion with the new governor took place to discuss the new system he is suggesting for re-locating the new ITS sites to be approved. The new system is as follows :
  - a) MOSA coordinator send a request to MOSA minister
  - b) Once it's approved by the minister in person, the letter is sent to the Governor.
  - c) Governor approves the new ITS site.
- UNHCR confirmed visits to families evicted from Zahle neighbourhoods and is trying to establish dialogue discussions to understand the mains reasons for leaving the city.

MOSA identified several sites

**3 SSLH 3W Map updates and presentation**

**Livelihoods 3W Map.**

- 3W map for livelihood activities were presented during the working group.
- Several partners implementing livelihood activities identified ( 12 Partners)
- The majority of activities are implemented under the following outputs :
  - a) Output 1.1: series of technical and financial support to MSME sector to enable growth and job creation.
  - b) Output 1.3: Job creation in vulnerable areas through labour investments in public infrastructure and environmental assets.
  - c) Output 2.1: Technical support to vulnerable people in marketable skills provided.
  - d) Output: 2.2: career guidance, job matching and apprentice/ internship schemes offered to job seekers.
- West Bekaa: There is an increase in LH implementing partners in El Marj, whereas there is limited number of partners in other West Bekaa vulnerable cadastre.
- Zahle: increase in LH partners in Zahle, fourzol, saadnayel, majdal anjar and taalabaya.
- Baalbek-hermel: Partners have reported in only 3 areas but the number of interventions is higher.(Aarsal, El Ain, and Baalbek)
- Presentation showing the gaps in areas of intervention in Zahle, West Bekaa, Rashaya and Baalbek-Hermel presented.
- GVC: mentioned that training for their employees on activity info with LOST took place, expected to start reporting.
- Some partners are not shown on the map as they haven't reported their activities on activity info, neither 3W table.
- Action point: Show on the 3W map planned interventions so to better coordinate between partners.

	<p><b><u>Social Stability 3W Map :</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3W map for social stability presented.</li> <li>• The information was derived from the 3W table that was filled by the partners and activity info.</li> <li>• The majority partners activities are implemented under the following outputs : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Output 1.1: Increased municipal services based on participatory process delivered.</li> <li>b) Output 1.2: Provision of integrated solid waste management services.</li> <li>c) Output 2.1: Capacity development support provided to municipalities and local actors for dialogue and conflict prevention.</li> <li>d) Output 2.2: Youth enabled to positively engage and participate in their communities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A Presentation showed the area gaps of intervention and reporting in all Bekaa.</p>
	<p><b>Presentation by central level Information Management on IM tools</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of IM tools was presented by UNDP IM officer.</li> <li>• The aim of the IM tools is provide partners with resources for future programme design.</li> <li>• <b>Assessment Registry:</b> <a href="http://lebanonfactbook.azurewebsites.net/assessmentregistry/">http://lebanonfactbook.azurewebsites.net/assessmentregistry/</a></li> <li>• It shows the past and on-going assessments that took place in Lebanon; it can be used as a reference for future project design.</li> <li>• <b>Sponge Base:</b> <a href="http://lebanonfactbook.azurewebsites.net/spongebase/">http://lebanonfactbook.azurewebsites.net/spongebase/</a></li> </ul> <p>A feature that shows partners type of interventions, areas. It is divided into layers where it can track the partners' main activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Factbook:</b> <a href="http://lebanonfactbook.azurewebsites.net/">http://lebanonfactbook.azurewebsites.net/</a></li> <li>• Facts and figures about the Syria refugee response in Lebanon.</li> </ul> <p>See the link for more details : <a href="http://data.unhcr.org/lebanon/">http://data.unhcr.org/lebanon/</a></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Conflict Sensitivity and Social Stability Mainstreaming Survey Presentation</b></p>
	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To asses practices and needs of LCRP partners across sectors on social stability and conflict sensitivity</p> <p><b>Survey Response :</b> 83 respondents from different sectors responded to the survey.</p> <p><b>The key findings :</b> there is an increase in number of partners reporting that they conducted their own conflict analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-Assessed knowledge of conflict issues have showed that the lower knowledge base is particularly acute for partners with no involvement with the social stability sector.</li> <li>• The majority of respondents believe that there programme contribute to the social stability especially projects related to Health, shelter and protection.</li> </ul> <p><b>Issues affecting partners programming :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficulties in finding Lebanese nationals willing to take part in joint activities with Syrian refugees.</li> <li>• Tensions in communities due to unclear communication for the selection criteria for basic</li> </ul>

	<p>assistance project.</p> <p><b>Needs :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific training on Conflict Sensitivity in programme design.</li> <li>• Do No Harm and mediation and resolution skills while designing new programmes.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Steps :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation at Inter-Agency to put conflict-sensitivity on the agenda and present options to partners.</li> <li>• More trainings on conflict sensitivity</li> <li>• At Core Group level, discuss how to best collect/disseminate lessons learnt &amp; success stories, and whether to align with Protection on their mainstreaming process.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>DRC Livelihood Activities presentation :</b>
	<p>DRC presented their LH activities in Bekaa.  2 Livelihoods centre, one in Baalbek and another one in Zahle. Currently they do only operate in Zahle Livelihoods Centre.  3 Main Livelihood projects :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) LEADERS : finished</li> <li>b) Danida E : Life/soft skills and vocational training in addition to cash for work</li> <li>c) Danida F: Business development support and cash grants.</li> </ul> <p>DRC has planned to implement labour intensive interventions in Arsal.</p> <p>National Livelihoods sector Coordinator suggested monitor/track number of beneficiaries that found an employment with the contractors they have worked for during the implementation of Labour Intensive Programmes.  Brainstorm on the possibility to put a tracking system in place</p> <p>Tensions are rising in Arsal over competition for jobs. Syrian accept to work for much lower wages and this may contribute in the long term to fuel tensions between the host and refugees communities, due to the overall lack of job opportunities in the region.  On the other side, it was mentioned that some organizations were not able to find Lebanese beneficiaries in Arsal, (not more than 25 % Lebanese accepted to work in construction). This is mainly due to the fact that Lebanese are not willing to work in the street and is related to socio-cultural reasons</p>

**Organizations present at the Livelihoods WG meeting:** UNDP, UNHCR, MOSA, World Vision, DRC, NABAD, ACF, GVC, UNWFP , ICU, International Alert, climbaid, TDH, MSL, NRC, GHIRAS.