

Working Group on Social Stability and Livelihoods– 16 July 2018 – UNHCR-Zahle

Name	Working Group on Social Stability and Livelihoods	Meeting Date	16.07.2018
Meeting Location	UNHCR –Zahle	Meeting Time	10:00
Co-Chair Person	Hussein Salem- MOSA Mohammad Saleh- UNDP Paul Sawaya -UNHCR	Meeting Duration	1.5 Hours
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Agenda:

- Introduction
- MOSA / UNHCR updates on evictions
- IM new Mailing List System
- LH Referral system and National updates
- WhatsApp Survey Presentation (Qaraoun and Bar Elias)
- AOB;

1	Welcome and Introduction
	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.
2	Updates from MoSA and UNHCR on evictions and returnees:
	<p><u>UNHCR:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of 1st January, an estimation of 22,650 individuals affected by eviction including 12655 from Riyak eviction. • As of 2nd Quarter 2018, 11 new cases of evictions recorded (6 landlords, 5 LAF) with an estimate of 26 % decrease in evictions rate. • Social Stability coordinator enquired about the possibility to have an additional source of information for eviction cases. As per UNHCR comments, Activity Info is new source of information that updates on a quarterly basis the number of evictions and numbers. • Returnees: There are some political initiatives by Hezbollah and Free patriotic

	<p>movement that aim to encourage refugees to return to Syria. Several centres are opened by the 2 political parties to register refugees willing to return to Syria. This step lead to number of Syrian families to move to Central Bekaa.</p> <p><u>MOSA:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 10 sites stand by, the governor is not accepting to establish new sites, unless there is an approval, MOSA is trying to find a new procedure with MOIM. •
3	LH and Social Stability Mailing List
	<p>A new Mailing List system established by UNHCR Inter-Agency presented at the Working Group. The aim of this mailing list is to allow interested organization members to subscribe to the contact list in order to receive email and updates from the Inter-Agency and sector Leads.</p> <p>CONTACTHUB : http://contacthub.azurewebsites.net/subscription.aspx</p> <p>Once the partners are subscribed to the inter-agency they are allowed to select other sector and area of interest.</p>
4	LH Referral System and National Sector Updates:
	<p>❖ National Sector Updates:</p> <p><u>On-going Activities:</u></p> <p>A) Joint Protection-LH-SGBV-CP Core groups meeting-follow up on recommendations (ongoing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Referral System-from other sectors to LH (under final approval) ▪ Glossary for LH sector (approved) <p>(B) National Recommendations on financial incentives for VTs (shared)</p> <p>(C) Roundtable on Private Sector Engagement-follow up on recommendations (ongoing)</p> <p>(D) Joint meeting with CP unit (pilot combined programming for 2019)-Discussion ongoing.</p> <p><u>On-hold \ postponed:</u></p> <p>(A) SMEs additional Meetings-Postponed due to changes in the government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identification of challenges (Finalized) <p>(B) LH-FS Dashboard-Postponed, new coordinator now on board</p> <p>(C) Ad hoc meeting between Value Chains Practitioners (to be held end of July/August).</p>

Future actions:

- (A) Follow-up on Decent Work Workshop Recommendations
- (B) Graduation/Transition Approach: explore opportunities with FSS and BA coordinators.

❖ **LH Referral System (presentation attached)**

- Referral mechanism, as soon as it will be finalized, to be presented to the Protection/SGBV/CP actors. **Livelihoods**
- Identify 5 key socio-economic questions to be added in the Protection Partners' Assessment Form to pre-screen beneficiaries for referral– **Livelihoods with support from Protection**
- Brief the potential beneficiaries on the benefits/opportunities that may arise from being engaged in LH activities (awareness raising sessions/management of expectations)- Protection

LH Actors Duties:

- Secure a Quota for referred beneficiaries in their projects.
- Make sure the cases referred respond to the criteria for targeting of beneficiaries for the LH sector and give feedback to the agency within 10 days.

Feedback System:

- Received: receiving agency indicated that referral has been received (in max 2 days)
- Eligible: confirmation from the receiving agency that they have taken action in response to the referral received. (max 10 days)
- Not eligible: referral was received, but no action was taken because of eligibility criteria. (max 10 days)

Follow-Up System:

Protection actors will be responsible to:

- Follow up with beneficiaries referred after the completion of the project to see if they benefitted from them, how, how their situation has changed, the sustainability of the referral, etc...
- Keep track of the referral made and identify whether they were successful/sustainable and why.

Livelihoods actors are asked to:

- Fill the Referral Case Reporting Template

5	<p>WhatsApp Survey Presentation: ‘Losing Control? Understanding the Life Worlds of Syrian refugees and host communities in Bar Elias and Qaraoun.</p>
	<p>The presentation explores the feasibility of using WhatsApp as an interactive survey tool and also provides a comprehensive social stability analysis of Qaraoun and Bar Elias based on the WhatsApp stories of host communities and refugees.</p> <p>Qaroun Sample:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop and FGDs in October 2017 • Survey in November/December 2017 • 242 people participated (Response rate: 17%) • 75% replied with a voice message • Nationality (87% Syrians, 13% Lebanese) • Gender (Men: 82%, Women: 18%) • All age groups represented (most between 30 and 40) • 50% were unemployed <p>Final Report can be accessed through : https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/63370</p> <p>Bar Elias Sample:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop and FGDs in January 2018 • Survey in February/March 2018 • 794 people participated (Response rate: 17%) • 89% replied with a voice message • Nationality (Syrians: 89%, Lebanese: 11%) • Gender (Men: 66%, Women: 33%) • Age Range from 17 to 71 (average age: 37) • 51% were unemployed <p>Final Report will be shared once finalized</p> <p>Please see the attached power point presentation in the email for additional information.</p> <p>Leila Ullrich, Social Stability Consultant at UNDP Leila.ullrich@undp.org</p>
6	<p>AOB</p>
	<p>New partners joining the WG presented their work which aims to inform other partners about areas, target and type of interventions.</p>

Entrepreneurial Development Foundation: covering 2 major components: business trainings and micro finance. Cash Grants are funded by USAID targeting only Lebanese.

NABAD: worked on a project which support municipalities affected by Rayyak Eviction: Enhancing social stability through Youth empowerment and dialogues. This project focused on mitigating the tensions between Lebanese and Syrian Refugee populations in the municipalities of Sara'in, Hawsh al-Rifka, Qsarnaba and Tamnin.

ANERA: Partnership with UNICEF on a Non-Formal education and Livelihoods that target Youth 14-24 Years.

70 % of the activities are completed, however, there is a possibility for referring cases.

WASH project in partnership with 3 municipalities in Bekaa.

Fair Trade Lebanon: Working with cooperatives, mainly women cooperatives and provide support through trainings, equipment.

Basmeh and Zeitoneh: B&Z with collaboration with Arab Code implementing vocational trainings. A Graduation Ceremony for the students of "Coding" course under Vocational Training Project was organized.

Near East Foundation: Implementing Livelihoods project in Bekaa, in addition, future planned SWM activities in 3-5 municipalities.

MOSA updates on WASH in West Beqaa:

Complaint from GhazzeH Municipality caused by the discharging sludge from ISs near the WW lift station of GhazzeH which is already not functioning well and which has added to existing extensive nuisance to the local population. MOIM to organize a meeting with the Qaem Maqam with organizations that have interventions in the area.

Majdal Anjar Water Issue: Several protests in Majdal Anjar took place due to shortage in the water supply. Bekaa water establishment will improve the collection of fees which will help in increase in water supply for the village in the future.

Field Visits:

Field coordinator in consultation with LH partners will organize some field visits for LH activities implemented in Bekaa. Lh partners that have ongoing activities can contact Field Coordinator if willing to host Field Visits.

Planned activities for LH actors shall be discussed in the upcoming SSLH WG.

Organizations present at the Livelihoods WG meeting: UNDP, UNHCR, MOSA, MOIM, World Vision, DRC, ACF, GVC, UNWFP, ICU, TDH, MSL, NRC, Near East Foundation, ICRC, Save the Children. NABAD, Basmeh & Zeitoneh, EDF, Fair Trade Lebanon, OXFAM.