

Minutes of Meeting Inter-Sector Coordination Group Meeting

Meeting Location	Remotely Via Zoom	Meeting Date	2 August 2024
Chairperson(s)	Sophia Glazunova, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNHCR) Yousra Taleb, Acting Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNDP) Jolly Shah, Head of Coordination (OCHA) Camilla Jelbart, Senior Response Advisor (RCO)	Meeting Time	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Minutes Prepared by	Jana Nasr, Senior Inter-Agency Coordination Assistant (UNHCR)	Meeting Duration	2.00 hrs.
Participants	Annex 1		
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening Remarks 2. Update on Escalation of Hostilities in South Lebanon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access Situation • Ongoing Response 3. Nationwide Preparedness and Sub-National Actions 4. Lebanon Response Plan Update 5. LRP 2024 Mid-Year Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding Update • Sector Results 6. AoB 7. Closing Remarks 		

1. Opening Remarks

Sophia Glazunova, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNHCR)
Yousra Taleb, Acting Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNDP)
Jolly Shah, Head of Coordination (OCHA)
Camilla Jelbart, Senior Response Advisor (RCO)

In their opening remarks, the LRP Co-Chairs welcomed the participants, presented the agenda, and highlighted that the meeting will address emergency preparedness and potential escalation of hostilities in south Lebanon.

2. Update on Escalation of Hostilities in South Lebanon

Access Situation

Fadel Saleh, Humanitarian Affairs Officer – Access & Civil-Military Coordination (OCHA)

Fadel Saleh discussed the current access situation within and beyond the 12 km Frontline Area:

- In January, the expectations were for a controlled conflict scenario with impacts focused within a 12-kilometer border zone and increasing high-value targets beyond that. By mid-July, 5 of the 7 original assumptions have held, they are outlined on slide 5 and 6 [here](#).
- Displacement projections are divided into two phases. Phase 1 estimates impact beyond the 12 km zone with no urban impact, while phase 2 estimates impact beyond the 12km with urban impact and exodus of civilians.
- Within the 12 km zone, safety concerns have led to self-imposed restrictions by humanitarian partners and supply chain disruptions have created shortages and price surges. Additionally, there are limited comprehensive assessments due to operational challenges and reliance on local information.

- Beyond the 12 km zone, constraints include door-to-door visits and phone assessments affected by local authorities and active parties. Operational adjustments involve relying on trusted contacts and modifying strategies for resuming household visits.
- The conflict might remain controlled with potential for more urban impact and higher displacement if the situation escalates further. The analysis is based on current trends and is subject to change.

Ongoing Response

Khouloud Mahdi, Humanitarian Affairs Officer (OCHA)

Khouloud Mahdi discussed pressing needs and reviewed capacities and gaps in the response:

- The estimated number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) is around 98,000, as provided by the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) and IOM. Currently, around 45 per cent of the estimated IDPs are enrolled in the intersectoral enrollment system.
- The enrollment system provides valuable information for sector coordinators to plan and target their activities more effectively.
- Challenges include:
 - Growing needs, especially among female-headed households and individuals with special needs.
 - Lack of privacy in shelters is increasing protection concerns and securing safe shelters remains a significant challenge, both for IDPs hosted by families and those in collective shelters.
 - Needs in collective shelters are continuous, and emerging services are additionally identified (maintenance in shelters, operational cost, etc.).
 - Competition over resources has caused tensions between IDPs and host communities in some areas.
- A review of sector capacities in the South, conducted after 10 months since October 2023, highlights that only 43,000 IDPs are registered in the enrollment system as of July 2024.
- Sectors such as Basic Assistance (BA) and Food Security and Agriculture (FSA), with limited funding, have developed targeted methodologies to support a portion of the enrolled IDPs.
- There are significant gaps in the response that need to be addressed through collective efforts, including expanding the enrollment system, mobilizing additional funds, and updating the People in Need (PIN) and targets.
- Current priorities involve finalizing the review of capacity to be shared with partners and local authorities, updating response gaps, and developing preparedness plans for South and Nabatieh in anticipation of a full-scale war, along with a Business Continuity Plan.
- Additionally, there is a need to inform DRM/DRR about the targeted methodology for the BA/FSA sectors and provide updates on the PiN/Target/Funding requirements exercise being led at the national level.

3. Nationwide Preparedness and Sub-National Actions

Jolly Shah, Head of Coordination (OCHA)

Jolly Shah provided an overview of nationwide preparedness and sub-national actions:

Contingency Preparedness:

- National sectors have been asked to share topline priorities and prepositioning needs to respond to the 'uncontrolled conflict scenario' (250,000-1,000,000 displaced to all governorates) for the initial 2-4 weeks after massive displacement begins.
- The requested information includes: Activity/Item, Quantity, Duration, and Financial Requirement.

LRP Annex:

- The LRP Annex (overall PiN, sectoral PiN, sector targets, sector priorities, and funding requirements) needs to be updated with the current scenario (140,000 displaced + 149,162 remaining in 10km border).
- A working session will be held next week with sectors to finalize the review of the response by Thursday, 8 August 2024 COB ahead of the next Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) meeting where it will be presented.

Sub-National Preparedness Plan:

- The HCT asked the ISCG to support the development of a preparedness plan at the sub-national level for the uncontrolled conflict scenario, which could cause massive displacement, destruction of civilian infrastructure, and blockage of ports and airports.
- With upcoming meetings scheduled, these efforts are being combined with a review by sub-national ISCGs and key partners of business continuity planning in the event of a continued 'controlled conflict scenario' while the national-level HCT Contingency Plan developed earlier this year has already included the uncontrolled conflict scenario.

Action Point:

1. Sector Coordination Teams to share topline figures using the online form [HERE](#) by **Friday, 2 August 2024 at 3PM**.
2. OCHA to hold a bilateral discussion-working session with the sectors early next week (TBC) to finalize the LRP Annex review of the response by **Thursday, 8 August 2024 COB** (ahead of the next HCT meeting).
3. Sub-national ISCG to discuss the sub-national preparedness plan for the uncontrolled conflict scenario throughout the **August ISCG meetings**.

4. Lebanon Response Plan Update

Camilla Jelbart, Senior Response Advisor (RCO)

Camilla Jelbart provided an update on the status of the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP):

- An inter-ministerial meeting was convened to discuss the LRP, resulting in a decision to move forward. Comments from ministries are expected to be shared soon.
- The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has compiled comments from ministries, highlighting the key messages.
- A shorter 2-year Chapeau document is currently under revision. This document will include a detailed situation analysis, prioritization exercise, and will address PINS/targets/budgets, with completion anticipated in the autumn for the 2025 update.
- The 2024 'South Response' annex is being revised by sectors and will be integrated into a DRM-led meeting with sectors and ministries at the Serail in August.
- The LRP Steering Committee is scheduled for early September, with a senior-technical level preparatory meeting to be held in advance, depending on contextual factors.

5. LRP 2024 Mid-Year Results

Funding Update

Raffi Kouzoujian, Assistant Information Management Officer (UNHCR)

Raffi Kouzoujian presented the mid-year 2024 funding update:

- Funding received by the second quarter of 2024 amounts to approximately \$402.5 million, representing 15 per cent of the \$2.72 billion appeal.
- The carry over and multi-year funding amounts to \$267.7 million. Therefore, available funds by mid-year 2024 amount to a total of \$670.2 (received + carryover).

- Social Stability (50%), Education (42%), and Livelihoods (32%) are the *highest* funded sectors compared to the appeal.
- Shelter (6%), WaSH (9%), and Basic Assistance (11%) are the *lowest* funded sectors compared to the appeal.
- The Food Security and Agriculture sector has the most significant *increase* in funds received between Q1 and Q2 2024, followed by the Health sector.
- The Food Security and Agriculture sector has the most significant *decrease* in funds received between Q2 2023 and Q2 2024, followed by the Basic Assistance sector.
- Funding trends from 2020 to 2024 are available on slide 30 [here](#), sector funding compared to Q1 2024 is available on slide 32, and comparison to Q2 2023 is available on slide 33.

Sector Results

Camilla Jelbart, Senior Response Advisor (RCO) and Sector Coordination Teams

Camilla explained that mid-year sector results will be communicated to the LRP Steering Committee and all LRP Donors in meetings planned for late summer. Sectors that have not yet completed their reviews are encouraged to consult with their Working Groups to assess progress and achievements highlighted on slide 36 [here](#).

For each sector, a member of the sector coordination team presented details on achievements, challenges, and priorities for the second half of 2024 (*details available in the PowerPoint Presentation [here](#)*). Additionally, they highlighted specific support required from the Inter-Sector as well as collaboration across sectors:

Basic Assistance:

- Inter-sector and OCHA to communicate with south local authorities.
- Collaboration with the FS sector to establish the ECA approach in the south and at the border, including establishment of a common targeting approach.

Education:

- Support for various trainings.
- Cross-Sectoral Analysis and Collaboration.

Food Security & Agriculture:

- Coordinate with the governmental counterparts on the switching assistance from blanket to targeted (both for IDPs and border response).

Health:

- Cooperation between all sectors, particularly WaSH, in an effort to increase health services that are required and to benefit from all the resources that are available across sectors.

Livelihoods:

- Dissemination of the LH sector [cross-sectoral reporting guide](#).
- Working more with mainstreaming colleagues (PSEA and Protection) on better integrating session on PSEA in the activities, and enhancing outreach to persons with disabilities.

Nutrition:

- Support in presenting LIMA Survey results across coordination platforms.
- Advocate for the acceleration of the nutrition response in the country for all population group /organizing donor briefs on LIMA results and sector priorities.
- Support in organizing training on cross cutting thematic areas.

Protection:

- Advance on buy-in and approval of the GOL on the LRP and enhancing joint collaboration on the stabilization and humanitarian objectives with stronger leadership of governmental counterparts.

- Ensure further protection mainstreaming and critical trend analysis/ discussions in other sectors, including health, education, Social Stability sector to address cross-sectoral risks.
- Inter-sector to Roll out the key advocacy messages developed by the protection sector – bilateral meetings could be held with different sectors if needed for dissemination.

Shelter:

- Advocate for access to all areas and to ease the restrictions linked to administrative measures.
- Strengthen the local level coordination of cross-sectoral response to evictions between the Protection/ Shelter Sectors.
- Guidance on updating the preparedness plan linked to the South hostilities considering the latest events.
- Define an inter-sectoral operational accountability mechanism for collective sites.

Social Stability:

- Strengthen the referral pathway under youth empowerment across all LRP sectors incl. the Education sector, fostering mobilization of youths in community-based services and emergency response.

WaSH:

- WaSH in ISs Advocacy.
- IA to deal with accusations of ITS polluting the water Bodies (for example, Litani) holistically, noting a range of pollutants (i.e., setting ITS in a broader context backed with data).

Given the overview provided across sectors, participants were encouraged to:

- Examine cross-sectoral trends, focusing on year-on-year progress, the evolving policy environment, and the impact of funding gaps.
- Reflect on the human story, emphasizing how to articulate the challenges and achievements experienced by individuals in relation to the sectors' efforts.
- Review the observations from mainstreaming leads, considering the context, notable achievements, and existing gaps.

6. AoB

[Aida Orgocka, Research, Data, and Information Management Consultant \(UN Women\)](#)

Aida Orgocka highlighted the need to address gender-specific concerns in the contingency planning, emphasizing the importance of sex-disaggregated data and understanding the different impacts on women and girls.

7. Closing Remarks

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In their closing remarks, the LRP Co-Chairs thanked the attendees for their participation. The next ISCG meeting is scheduled for 6 September 2024.

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