

## Minutes of Meeting

### Meeting on Sectoral Data & Needs Assessments between HC a.i. & Sectors

<b>Meeting Location</b>	Hybrid: MS Teams & ESCWA 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room	<b>Meeting Date</b>	25 Apr 2025
<b>Chairperson(s)</b>	Matthew Hollingworth, <i>Acting</i> Humanitarian Coordinator (WFP) Kristen Knutson, Head of Office (OCHA)	<b>Meeting Time</b>	09:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
<b>Minutes Prepared by</b>	Stephanie Laba, Inter-Agency Coordination Officer (UNHCR)	<b>Meeting Duration</b>	1.5 hrs.
<b>Participants</b>	<a href="#">Annex 1</a>		
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening Presentation</li> <li>2. Discussion with Sectors</li> <li>3. Closing Remarks</li> </ol>		

## 1. Opening Presentation

Jamil Al Khoury, AAWG Co-Chair (UNICEF)

In their opening presentation, the AAWG presented key findings from the Sector Survey (per sector) and overall brief on data sources (including surveys) – see PPT slides for details.

### Action Points:

1. AAWG to develop/share a table that captures all key assessments by provides information for each on (i) geographical coverage, (ii) population group coverage, (iii) date(s) of data availability.
2. Sectors reminded to update and promote the LASER online tool.
3. LVAP focal points to revert with timeline for completion and availability of data, once confirmed.

## 2. Discussions with Sectors

Sectors were asked to answer the following questions:

1. Does the sector have sufficient data for Lebanese, Palestine Refugees (PRL and PRS), and migrants for 2026 planning?
2. If not, is a new multi-sectoral assessment needed?
3. What data sources are needed (e.g., LENA, MSNA, LVAP, 332 localities, other)?

### Food Security and Agriculture (FSAC)

- **Sufficiency:** Yes – multiple data sources are ongoing or completed (VASyR, IPC, WFP mVAM, Market Functionality Index, conflict impact assessments).
- **New Assessment:** Not really needed as the Sector can rely on existing data sources (as well as the LVAP) – any additional assessment also risks causing confusion. However, the sector did note, later in the discussion, that they would and could use results from additional assessments in their analysis.
- **Recommendation:** Support LVAP rollout and timeline verification.

### Health

- **Sufficiency:** Partial – relying on MoPH/MoSA administrative data, which covers most vulnerable.

- **New Assessment:** Not needed, although welcome if conducted – emphasized the need for joint lesson-learning on how the VASyR is reliably conducted each year (compared with other assessments) to inform move toward having a unified annual assessment.
- **Recommendation:** Explore integration with MoPH/MoSA datasets; focus should be on working towards unified multi-sectoral assessment covering all population groups.

### WASH

- **Sufficiency:** No – lack of HH-level data on non-Syrians; lacks full picture of WASH infrastructure damage (system level). Recently completed Lebanon Recovery Assessment (LRA) may provide some data on infrastructure damage but needs to be checked.
- **New Assessment:** Yes – also flagged the need for an early autumn HH-level data collection to capture also water scarcity impacts.
- **Recommendation:** New multi-sectoral assessment or recovery assessments.

### Protection

- **Sufficiency:** Partial – VASyR covers Syrians; gaps exist for other population groups (including migrants) but sector may be able to manage with available data for 2026 response planning.
- **New Assessment:** Yes – supports harmonized approach to compare protection risks across populations.
- **Recommendation:** Rely on Protection Monitoring (PRT, IP); REACH-compiled database of past assessments and work on harmonization for next year. Does not recommend launching a new full national assessment which could be costly and may delay 2026 planning.

### GBV

- **Sufficiency:** Partial – GBV Safety Audit finalized; useful for 2026 planning. Welcomes multisectoral assessment if conducted.
- **New Assessment:** Yes – for mainstreaming GBV across multi-sector planning, particularly for Lebanese.
- **Recommendation:** GBV Safety Audit, GBVIMS, MSNA with GBV lens.

### Child Protection (CP)

- **Sufficiency:** Partially sufficient – relies on VASyR and thematic assessments (e.g. child labor, violent discipline), but lacks data for non-Syrian children.
- **New Assessment:** Not explicitly requested, but geographic gaps (especially in the South and Nabatieh) are a key concern.
- **Recommendation:** VASyR, thematic assessments, administrative data; need for improved coverage of PRL, PRS, and migrants.

### Basic Assistance

- **Sufficiency:** No – lacks household level data for other populations at district level, comparable to VASyR.
- **New Assessment:** Yes – urgent need for a multi-sectoral assessment that includes all cohorts. We need to capture new vulnerabilities post-conflict.
- **Preferred Sources:** Complement MoSA's ongoing data collection; align with MSNA, LVAP or similar.

### Livelihoods

- **Sufficiency:** No – needs updated socio-economic data although under the sector, recent rounds of assessments covering MSMEs have been conducted.
- **New Assessment:** No, if existing assessments are usable.
- **Preferred Sources:** Recent partner assessments, LVAP, and planned socio-economic surveys.

### Social Stability

- **Sufficiency:** No – needs updated geo-distribution data, especially in conflict-affected areas – this will also support the ongoing update of the 332 localities map.
- **New Assessment:** Yes – critical for municipal support and understanding disrupted infrastructure.
- **Recommendation:** Use 332 localities dataset; integrate mine action data into planning.

### Shelter

- **Sufficiency:** Partial – lacks data on live-out migrants and PRL outside camps specifically.
- **New Assessment:** Needed for gap areas.
- **Recommendation:** Build on what is available and prioritize service delivery.

### Education

- **Sufficiency:** Partial – relies on administrative and school-level data adequate for in-school children.
- **New Assessment:** Not urgent; rely on school-based and administrative data from MEHE.
- **Gaps:** Lack of data on out-of-school children; may require estimation.
- **Recommendation:** Rely on available data including MICS. Planning also for the Joint Education Needs Assessment (JENA) this year.

### Nutrition

- **Sufficiency:** Manageable – supported by IYCF rapid assessments and LIMA.
- **New Assessment:** MSNA welcome, but not critical.
- **Preferred Sources:** IYCF, proxy indicators, LIMA (if available).

### SMC / Site Management

- **Sufficiency:** No – IDPs and displacement impacts under documented.
- **New Assessment:** Yes – include IDPs as tagged group (allowing disaggregation by this cohort) and capture site-level data.
- **Preferred Sources:** Mobility tracking (short-term), multi-sector HH assessment for 2026.

## 3. Closing Remarks

The following were the key takeaways from the meeting:

- **Proposal Agreed:** The AAWG to launch a geographically targeted MSNA (trimmed, representative, tool harmonized with VaSyr) – rather than a full national MSNA (which is not realistic due to cost, timeline, and political/access barriers) – targeting key areas with IDPs and returnees, with data ready by October 2025.

- To avoid delays, consider using VASyR questionnaire (already reviewed by sectors) as starting point and contextualize as necessary while ensuring comparable data is collected. Number of questions should be limited to only those that are critical and useful for sector planning.
  - AAWG with the support of ISCG to prepare a budget, timeline and ToR for the light MSNA ahead of the HCT retreat on 5-6 May, where this can be discussed with donors.
  - Prioritize South, Nabatieh, Baalbek Hermel and Dahiye as the main conflict affected areas where there is not much data on needs of Lebanese, PRL and migrants.
  - **The ‘light’ MSNA will be developed by the AAWG, with the technical support of the IMWG (when required) and under the overall coordination of the National ISCG co-chairs who are in charge of ensuring a close follow-up in terms of implementation and timeline and raise potential issues at the HCT in case major bottlenecks materialize.**
- **For 2026:** By October, have clarity on planning for a unified household-level assessment with coverage of all population groups and throughout the country, with clear scope, interoperability, and endorsement from key authorities. The AAWG has set up a task group to identify challenges and ways to advance – this will feed into HCT discussions for necessary action at higher level.

#### Action Points:

1. At strategic level, HCT to lead discussion with donors on funding for the MSNA.
2. At strategic level, HC to lead engagement with national authorities (including MoIM and MoSA) on access/buy-in, with support from Access WG.
3. At technical level, AAWG and Access WG to continue working closely to address access hurdles.
4. At technical level, AAWG/IMWG to develop a plan for a joint analysis exercise based on the JIAF methodology and data from existing and proposed assessments – exercise for completion in October 2025.
5. At technical level, AAWG/IMWG to develop a road map for the 2026 roll-out of a unified household-level assessment, to be presented to the HCT in October 2025.

#### AoB

The HC a.i. noted the previous request to Sectors to provide district-level figures for the population reached by sector under the Flash Appeal (January to February 2025). Many sectors had not provided this information therefore sectors were reminded to kindly share the population reached until end of March (Q1) with OCHA by Wednesday 30 April in order to finalize the report which needs to be submitted to the global level.

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