

## Minutes of Meeting Inter-Sector Coordination Group Meeting

<b>Meeting Location</b>	Hybrid: MS Teams & UNHCR 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room	<b>Meeting Date</b>	24 Apr 2026
<b>Chairpersons</b>	Dr. Ola Boutros, LRP General Supervisor (MoSA) Stephanie Laba, Inter-Agency Coordination Officer (UNHCR) Eugena Song, Chief Technical Advisor (UNDP) Hiba Hanano, OiC for Deputy Head of Office (OCHA)	<b>Meeting Time</b>	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
<b>Minutes Prepared by</b>	Jana Nasr, Senior Inter-Agency Coordination Assistant (UNHCR)	<b>Meeting Duration</b>	2.00 hrs.
<b>Participants</b>	<a href="#">Annex 1</a>		
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Opening Remarks</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">Response Monitoring</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">Emergency Rapid Needs Assessment (ERNA) Updates</a></li> <li>4. <a href="#">GBV Safety Audit Findings</a></li> <li>5. <a href="#">Humanitarian Notification System</a></li> <li>6. <a href="#">AoB</a></li> <li>7. <a href="#">Action Points</a></li> </ol>		

### 1. Opening Remarks

Dr. Ola Boutros, LRP General Supervisor (MoSA)  
Stephanie Laba, Inter-Agency Coordination Officer (UNHCR)  
Eugena Song, Chief Technical Advisor (UNDP)  
Hiba Hanano, OiC for Deputy Head of Office (OCHA)

In their opening remarks, the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) Co-Chairs welcomed the participants and presented the agenda. In addition, new colleagues were invited to introduce themselves, Hiba Hanano and Billie Getachew Alemayehu have joined the ISCG from OCHA supporting the Emergency Response and ISCG Co-Chairs and Ibrahim Abdallah, Disability Inclusion Working Group & ETF for PwD, is attending on behalf Haya El Rawi.

Dr. Ola Boutros opened the meeting by thanking partners for their continued efforts and commitment throughout the emergency response and extended special appreciation to Hussein Younes for his dedicated contributions during this period. She highlighted that the Emergency Rapid Needs Assessment (ERNA) will be launched shortly, alongside the preparation of an updated Flash Appeal, underscoring the importance of partners' timely support and cooperation to ensure both processes are delivered effectively. She also informed participants of the Government's launch of the "كلنا للوطن" campaign, noting that, as agreed during the 21 April 2026 meeting with the Minister of Social Affairs, UN representatives, and the Lebanon Humanitarian INGO Forum (LHIF), campaign stickers will be applied to kits and assistance provided under the response, with further operational guidance to follow.

#### Follow-up on Action Points

Eugena Song then reviewed the pending action points on slide 4 of the presentation [here](#).

### 2. Response Monitoring

Bernard Chedid, Information Management Officer (OCHA)

Bernard Chedid provided an update on the Lebanon Flash Appeal response monitoring:

- The Lebanon Flash Appeal targets 1 million people with a total requirement of \$308 million.

- The monitoring exercise aims to compare funding received against the number of people reached, using a simplified and rapid approach adapted to emergency contexts.
- No additional reporting requirements will be introduced; data will be drawn from the existing daily ActivityInfo reporting system.
- Sectors will convert activity outputs (e.g., distributions, services) into people reached using agreed methodologies.
- The three main actors are:
  - Partners: provide raw data through ActivityInfo.
  - IM Working Group and OCHA: process data and produce visual outputs.
  - Sectors: validate indicators, ensure data quality, and conduct technical monitoring.
- Data collection will be conducted bi-weekly on a cumulative basis (from 2 March to end-April) and visualized through an interactive dashboard, disaggregated by population groups (Internally Displaced People (IDPs) inside and outside shelters, host communities, returnees).

### 3. Emergency Rapid Needs Assessment (ERNA) Updates

Jamil El Khoury, AAWG Co-Chair and Research Officer (UNICEF)

Dayane Ibrahim, AAWG Co-Chair and Data and Research Programme Associate (IOM)

Jamil El Khoury and Dayane Ibrahim provided an update on the ERNA:

- ERNA inside collective shelters:
  - Training was completed and materials shared with partners.
  - Data collection is expected to begin on Monday, following initial delays.
- ERNA outside collective shelters:
  - Training and pilot exercise completed; tools refined based on pilot feedback.
  - Updated tools and materials to be circulated to partners.
- Data collection for inside shelters is planned over approximately five days, with rolling results shared at sub-national (OCG) level.
- Clearance for outside shelter data collection is under review with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), with formal facilitation expected through coordination with the Ministry of Interior and municipalities.
- Additional assessments highlighted including an ongoing municipality-level assessment (UN-Habitat), and an upcoming GBV safety audit and UNICEF gender and education assessment. An AAWG ad hoc meeting will present scope, objectives, and timelines of these assessments.

#### Discussion

- Participants emphasized the importance of including questions on intention to return, to inform planning for durable solutions and shelter occupancy projections.
- Concerns were raised regarding the highly dynamic context, including rapid closure and reopening of collective shelters and potential secondary displacement and returns following ceasefire developments. It was noted that planning assumptions must remain flexible, given continuous population movement between areas of origin and displacement.
- Questions were raised on the timeline for results and it was clarified as rapid/rolling for inside shelters, as well as on clearances for outside shelter assessments and it was explained that it is pending but progressing through government channels.

- It was highlighted that ERNA is a rapid, key informant-based assessment, and should be complemented by scenario planning mechanisms to inform the Flash Appeal update.
- It was noted that the Minister of Social Affairs sent a letter to governors to facilitate a one-off assessment outside shelters.

#### 4. GBV Safety Audit Findings

Shrouq Almanaseer, GBV WG IM Specialist (UNFPA)

Mia Kistic, GBV Subsector Coordinator (UNFPA)

Shrouq Almanaseer and Mia Kistic presented the GBV safety audit findings:

- The initial report covers 180 collective assessed shelters with only validated and non-duplicated data used for the final analysis.
- It covers the period of 16 March and 20 April 2026.
- The data was collected with the help of 18 GBV actors in Lebanon across 8 Governorates.
- The analysis is based on qualitative and quantitative data.
- Key findings include the following:
  - **Shelters Layout:** (91.8%) of sites report safe walkways, and (82.7%) are adequately lit, leaving (17.3%) of sites not adequately lit.
  - **Privacy:** Less than half of sites (47.5%) have locks on rooms. Shelters are overcrowded, but partitioning reaches only 65.3%, and just 55% offer dedicated safe spaces for women and girls.
  - **GBV risks in WaSH facilities:** Privacy is present at (85.6%) of the sites and sex-segregated Latrines are only present in (78.2%).
  - **Physical access:** Only 51.7% of the sites being accessible for persons with disabilities.
  - **Information visibility:** GBV and PSEA materials were visible in only about half of shelters (49.7% and 50.3%) and in about half of WASH areas (49.1% and 49.4%).
  - **Lack of Inclusion/disability awareness materials** (such as posters and pamphlets) at sites, with 71% of the sites not having any awareness material displayed inside the shelter or any WASH facilities. Lack of GBV awareness materials in the shelters, and PSEA materials in both the shelters and WASH facilities in 54% of the sites.
- Geographic disparities have been observed as follows:
  - Beirut and South: highest risk profiles (overcrowding, lack of privacy, limited services).
  - Bekaa and North: relatively better conditions but still below standards.
- The high-risk groups identified are adolescent girls, female-headed households, persons with disabilities, elderly women, pregnant/lactating women, and children.
- Key recommendations include:
  - Improve privacy infrastructure (locks, partitions) and reduce overcrowding.
  - Strengthen WASH safety and accessibility measures.
  - Enhance GBV/PSEA communication and visibility.
  - Apply risk-based targeting, prioritizing high-risk shelters and populations.
- For more information refer to slides 10 to 18 [here](#).

#### 5. Humanitarian Notification System

Fadel Saleh, Humanitarian Affairs Officer/Analyst (OCHA)

Fadel Saleh presented on the Lebanon Humanitarian Notification System (HNS) operating framework:

- There are two parallel systems:
  - UNIFIL-managed (South Litani River).
  - OCHA-managed (North Litani River and nationwide static sites).
- Following the 17 April ceasefire, notification of movements in the North Litani River (NLR) has been temporarily suspended.
- Notifications continue for static sites nationwide and for movements in the South Litani River (SLR), including areas south of the “Yellow Line”.
- OCHA will continue to monitor the situation closely and will share any further updates as they become available.
- Operational data (10 March–20 April):
  - 71 movements notified in SLR, with ~48% completed.
  - High proportion of negative or no responses, particularly during active hostilities.
- Hard-to-reach areas remain unchanged pending further review, including South and Nabatieh governorates, Baalbek-El Hermel, parts of Bekaa, and Beirut southern suburbs.
- Key access constraints are due to:
  - Damaged infrastructure (roads, bridges).
  - UXOs/IED contamination.
  - Telecom disruptions and GPS interference.
  - Uncertainty around movement restrictions and civilian access.
- Scenario planning is underway, considering fragile ceasefire with restrictions, renewed escalation, localized fragmentation scenarios.

### Discussion

- Clarification was sought on the continued classification of NLR areas as hard-to-reach, despite suspension of movement notifications. It was explained that classification considers multiple factors beyond notification requirements, including security, infrastructure damage, and return dynamics.
- It was flagged that preliminary trends indicate higher likelihood of approval for large, coordinated convoys, particularly for food and medical assistance. Assessment missions are more likely to receive negative responses, especially during active hostilities.
- Partners were encouraged to prioritize coordinated convoy approaches where possible and avoid reliance on armed escorts or exceptional arrangements, to maintain humanitarian principles.
- It was noted that SOPs on checkpoints and impersonation risks have been shared with HCT/AWG and may be further disseminated.

## 6. AoB

### Lebanon Aid Tracking (LAT)

Raffi Kouzoudjian, Information Management Officer (UNHCR)

- **Purpose**
  - Near real-time visibility on funding allocations & gaps
  - Supports coordination, decision-making, and advocacy
- **Scope (2026)**
  - UN agencies & NGO partners only

- Focus on: LRP; Flash Appeal; Returns to Syria
- Donors not requested to report
- **Reporting**
  - Platform: ActivityInfo
  - Deadline: 30 April 2026 (COB)
  - Focus on: Funding, sector allocation, framework distribution

### Decrease in Regular Reporting on ActivityInfo

Stephanie Laba, Inter-Agency Coordination Officer (UNHCR)

- There has been a considerable decline in regular reporting on ActivityInfo.
- Sector Coordinators were requested to remind their sector partners to report sector activities on [ActivityInfo](#) as follows:
- **Regular Monthly Sector Reporting:**
  - The process for the regular monthly sector reporting remains unchanged. If your organization is implementing regular activities under the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP), please report your regular sector activities under the **“LEBANON - 01. 2026 LRP Sector Reporting”**.
    - **Deadline for Reporting: Monthly by the 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **IDP Emergency Response Reporting:**
  - For reporting emergency activities, please follow the steps below. The information feeds into DRM dashboard, and government briefings.
  - Navigate to the **“LEBANON - 01. 2026 LRP Sector Reporting”** database. If you do not see the folder, please contact the sector Information Management Officer to request access.
  - Click on the **“40- IDP Response Tracking Tool”**.
  - Click on the **“01- 2026 Daily IDP CS Response Tracking Tool”** to add a record based on the site and location.
  - **Frequency of Reporting: Daily by 16:00 pm.**

### Farewell to Husein Younes

The meeting marked the last ISCG participation of Hussein Younes (WaSH Sector Co-Coordinator). ISCG Co-Chairs and members expressed appreciation for his leadership, dedication, and contributions to the response and coordination architecture, and Hussein thanked colleagues and highlighted the strong sense of support within the ISCG, emphasizing continued connection beyond his departure.

## 7. Action Points

1. ISCG to finalize and share the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on convoy coordination to clarify roles, prioritization process, and communication channels [in consultation with a small group including one representative from Logistics, AWG, OCG, and national sector coordination.
2. Sectors to provide inputs on Flash Updates on Mondays and Thursday by 7:00 PM.
3. Sectors to closely follow-up with their partners to report their activities DAILY through [ActivityInfo](#) by 16:00, covering assistance provided both inside and outside collective shelters.
4. Logistics cluster to collect and assess transportation and logistics gaps (including fuel and convoy preparedness) and coordinate with sectors accordingly.

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