

## Protection Working Group - Tyre

Meeting Notes			
<b>Name</b>	PRT WG	<b>Meeting Date</b>	25 September 2013
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Tyre - Al Housh	<b>Meeting Time</b>	14:00
<b>Chair person</b>	Marie Hesselholdt	<b>Meeting Duration</b>	
<b>Minutes Prepared by</b>	Rekha Menon		
<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>	Protection Working Group Meeting		

### List of participants

TdH, UNICEF, SHEILD, ICRC, Mercy Corps, UNIFIL, NRC, UNHCR

### Summary of discussions and action points

#### Introductions

#### 1. Protection situation and border update

- Border update provided
- The number of people arriving into Marjaayoun has doubled (previously 25 – 30 families a day, now 50 families a day) – possibly because Tyre and Nabatieh have become saturated. People surveyed have reported that it is easier to find shelter in Marjaayoun.
- Slight increase in detention cases reported noted; maybe stricter approach to documentation issues.
- There have been some cases observed where people go to renew after the 6 month period and told that they don't need to because their extension is automatic, however as no evidence / documentation is provided to show this, the persons concerned remain without legal status and at risk (NRC reported in Tyre, Abbasieh). Trend observed also for PRS in the north and by UNRWA.
- General security situation: in mid-August LAF and ISF implemented check-points in Nabatieh, which reportedly deterred refugees from attending distribution at the time. However, attendance rates were observed to have gone back to normal in September.
- Update on Marj El Kokh ITS – the landlord is requesting rental fees per tent; further update to be provided at the next meeting

#### 2. IA weekly update – contributions

- Members encouraged to share inputs to the weekly IA update through South PWG to enhance information and link reporting to where activities take place. Members requested to consult internally and let UNHCR know.

#### 3. AOB

- **Update on targeted assistance:** so far appeal boxes have been placed at different sites in the South – 43 thus far. Process of dealing with appeals (collection etc), is being finalized. In addition to the appeal

process, some partners have been asked to share lists of vulnerable people who should automatically re-included due to their vulnerabilities. Excel template for automatic re-inclusion to be shared. Partners shared that refugees report difficulty in filling the appeal form – such individuals are invited to SHEILD or SDCs to receive assistance with filling the form, NRC ICLA likewise support such cases at their community centre in Bazouriyeh.

- Question to be posed to WFP: how to determine vulnerability for distribution of food vouchers (since 4 criteria for HK / BK is clear).
- **Contingency planning:** emergency registration training for staff roster will be postponed from originally shared dates of 26 – 27 September.
- **Activities template** to coordinate on outreach. Template to be shared on the Monday of each PWG week to proactively encourage bi-weekly sharing of activities.
- Members also encouraged to share feedback on activities including outreach conducted by refugee outreach volunteers. Members also encouraged to share information to promote coordination in those areas where different organisations have ROVs operational.
- **Back to school update:** MEHE has shared a circular stating that Syrian refugee children can apply for school registration. Parents should go to schools nearest to their residence to register their children. Priority is given to Lebanese, followed by Syrians in school last year, and then by new arrival Syrians. Students will be registered, if there is no space, they will then be placed on a waiting list. Lists will be sent to MEHE Saida or Nabatieh, shared with UNHCR partners for fee / registration payment (for Syrian students) – CARITAS (Saida, Nabatieh, Bent Jbeil, Jezzine) and AMEL (Hasbaya, Marjaayoune, and Tyre). Lists will be reviewed by UNHCR, MEHE and education partner. Children who cannot be enrolled may enter the ‘second shift’ which would be the same curriculum as the first shift. The first shift and second shift will be provided uniform, books, school bags and kits. There will also be an ALP ‘second shift’ in parallel – ALP students will be provided transportation and food / beverage provision. Criteria for transportation coverage: vulnerability and residence within 3km of the school. Documentation required: for entry level grades – ID only, for grade 2 onwards, ID and records of previous grades are needed. Lebanese certificate is recognized in Syria. There are two focal points, one in Nabatieh and one in Saida. Final registration date is 10 October.
- Children should not be asked for fees – if schools are asking for fees, members encouraged to report to UNHCR to follow up. Organisations reported that students were in fact being asked for fees. Implementation of policy should be clearer now with circular from MEHE clarifying the policy. Parents who have already paid fees – reimbursement may be given on a case by case basis, depending on the vulnerability of the family etc. Reimbursement will go through the school administration, not UNHCR partners, though vulnerability assessments will be assisted by partners.

**Follow ups / Next steps**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Issue: Targeted assistance</b>
	- <i>Excel template for re-inclusion to be shared</i>

2.	<b>Issue: Prevention activities template</b>
	- <i>Template to be shared on the Monday of each PWG to proactively encourage bi-weekly PWG.</i>
5.	<b>Next protection working group meeting</b>
	Next PRT WG will be combined with SGBV coordination on 9 October, 2013. The first part of the meeting will be dedicated to general protection after dedicated CP actors will continue the thematic part.