

INTER AGENCY Meeting - Minute – 4 October, 2013 – Beirut

Meeting			
Name	Inter-Agency meeting	Meeting Date	4/10/2013
Meeting Location	ESCWA	Meeting Time	10:00 A.M
Chair person	Mr. Jean Nicolas Beuze – Assistant Representative Coordination Mr. Makram Malaeb - MOSA	Meeting Duration	1 hr.30 min.
Minutes Prepared by	Malak Rahal		
Purpose of Meeting	1. Refugee numbers & Border Monitoring 2. Reporting requirements 3. Updates on : - WASH - Targeting 4. AOB		

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	Refugee numbers & Border Monitoring
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current situation: 776,902 registered and awaiting registration. - The lowest waiting period for registration is in South (10 days); the average waiting period in all Lebanon is 36 days. - The number of people awaiting registration is decreasing, expected to go below 100,000 in November.
2.	Reporting Requirements
	<p><u>RRP5 Monthly report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Started in July as a way of putting highlights & achievements in terms of RRP5 per month - It is more inclusive than the previous I.A report, simple for partners to report on and easy for sector coordinators to compile in - It contains statistic elements that don't change, and shows 3 W maps as well as the logos of all the different agencies that are reporting on their activities - The format that was developed in Lebanon has been adapted to be used regionally with positive feedback - Between 30 -60 % from UNHCR's partners are reporting - The calendar of reporting is present on the webportal <p><u>Inter-agency weekly update :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Published every Friday; Info required from partners are the highlights in any format and to be submitted before Thursday 3pm to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Dana Sleiman sleiman@unhcr.org ✓ Joelle Eid eidj@unhcr.org ✓ Stephanie Woldenberg woldenbe@unhcr.org <p><u>RRP5 Funding Update :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Used for donors and partners to show the initial requirements, revised requirements , funding received,

	<p>unmet needs and funding level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our funding level is raised up by \$ 6 Million - The funding level up till 4 October is 32 % including the Gov. part - The reporting documents are useful for the GOL , donors, general public and media - The quality of these documents depends on the ngos' submissions <p><u>Action points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A request to the Social cohesion sector to provide its updates - UNHCR's partners to report their activities in order to have better reflection of achievements, in particular in the IA weekly update - humanitarian partners to report their funding updates - Suggestion from EU : add a box in the RRP5 funding updates that include the funding commitments (e.g., multi-year funding received) - Update from the Lebanese Government : still no funding received
3.	Updates on WASH
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ~ 30% of the total refugee population (256,000 persons) are in need of WASH services: 27% water, 29% sanitation, 70% hygiene - ~ 6,000 persons in flood-prone areas. - WASH projects already completed or on-going clearly demonstrate that WASH activities are benefiting a greater number of host communities than refugees - <i>In response to a question on sites, MoSA confirmed that a decision will need to await the formation of a new government.</i> - There are no activities on waste water treatment, but it is under consideration with the world bank as a long term project that fits into the stabilization type framework
4.	Updates on targeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 65% of families will continue to receive food and non-food items assistance; - Appeal forms have been distributed and over 100 secure boxes have been or will be placed in community centres and distribution sites all over the country; <p><u>Action point:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR senior field coordinators to provide the location of the secure boxes and post the list on the webportal
5.	CASH updates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ATM Cards: UNHCR currently negotiating with CSC – the service provider already used by many implementing organization in Lebanon – for a favorable deal on behalf of all agencies involved in the response. - The first, large scale use of this card will be the winterization assistance, provided in cash to some 90,000HH overall, across the country. - Towards the end of 2013 and in the beginning of 2014, in-kind distribution of NFIs will be stopped in favor of a cash alternative. - The Cash transfer programming working group (CTP WG) has taken significant steps towards an inter-agency market price monitoring system, based on the MEB agreed upon amongst the WG and sectors. With monthly information on localized changes in prices, organizations will be in a better position to adequately

	<p>respond to the needs of the most vulnerable, by adjusting cash transfer values as necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upon the prioritization of activities within sectors, the CTP WG will ensure technical support to assess the areas where cash transfers can be used as a distribution modality. In addition the CTP WG will advise on risk mitigation measures, delivery mechanisms and market assessments/monitoring. - The CTP WG will facilitate the overall coordination of these activities and support the sectors in setting up their operations.
7.	AOB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNRWA gave a presentation on its assistance to Palestinian refugees, including winterization activities. UNRWA is currently providing assistance to 45,000 Palestine refugees from Syrian (PRS). The largest population is in Saida. UNRWA expects that the PRS populations will have reached 100,000 by the end of 2014. - The next Interagency meeting will take place on Friday November 1st 2013

Attachments

Document	Location
Presentations	I.A presentation : http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=3026