



UNHCR Lebanon UNHCR Lebanon Field Visit

Location: MEHE FOCAL POINT-Nabatyeh

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Objective of the meeting

- Update on 2nd shift schools and letter of consent.
- Update on additional children seeking registration in 2nd shift
- Update on transportation 2nd shift (Amel, Caritas)
- Fuel dispatch plan and update on additional schools requesting fuel
- Payment 1st shift update from Caritas (addendum mode of payment)
- Transportation / Chebaa overlap transport with Intersos in 2nd shift
- Possibility of adding a supplementary 2nd shift school
- Challenges faced during payment
- Kham school monitoring incident

Summary / Achievements

- 2nd shift school transport is paid by Amel in Kham School. As for Caritas, Nabatyeh 3rd transport has been paid. Transport for remaining schools is foreseen to take place by end of the week.
- **Caritas** provided MEHE the # of schools which they covered under the 1st shift in terms of payment in the district of Nabatyeh. Likewise for Amel for the district of Hasbaya and Marjeyoun.
- MEHE to provide UNHCR with the school name which is in dire need for fuel; as it happened that amidst the school list of fuel, 1 school in Tyr does not fit the criteria's; therefore swapping of school names will enter into effect upon obtaining clearance from MEHE Beirut in this regard.
- **MEHE** provided UNHCR with all previous MOMS, following the weekly coordination meetings.
- A bus has been arranged by Caritas in chebaa in order to stop the overlap which took place previously between Caritas and Intersos in Chebaa.

Challenges:

- In Nabatyeh and Bent Jbeil, Caritas is facing a double counting condition in the school list provided by the school director. This inconsistency is hindering Caritas conduction of payment. In parallel, Amel expressed a similar challenge in Marjeyoun and Hasbaya

Suggested solution: 1st shift Payment in remaining schools in the Nabatyeh governorate to be conducted only after receipt of final list from MEHE. A list compiled

and updated on a weekly basis. By following this procedure of coordination through MEHE, there will be ensured reliability in the number of registered children per school and low risk of confusion or gap in numbers. It was agreed that a bilateral meeting will be conducted this week with the IP and MEHE Nabatyeh in order to prevent errors in counting by the school directors which is due to various factors, among them additional school aged children still registering at the schools, after obtaining permission from the regional directorate.

- Books: Given that an in kind donation of books has been received and aware that some Schools had already purchased text books, solution to this matter is reimbursing the schools with the amount allocated for text books as the sum is steady.
- Amel brought to the forefront the case of 1 child in Ein Arab whom left 2nd shift school and is currently enrolled in 1st shift.
Solution: To grant the child the right to shift, given that there's personal obligations forcing that challenge. It was agreed that Amel will follow up further on this case in order to have all the factors which initiated the transfer.
- Khiam school monitoring incident.
Suggested solution: Any future monitoring visits is to be coordinated through MEHE regional and any additional data requested to be conveyed through the school administration in order to prevent misunderstanding.

Recommendations or Action Points

- Monitoring visits by the IP should be first approved by MEHE regional; in follow up, all data pertaining to absence, enrollment, causes is to be received by the school administration
- Following meeting is on Tuesday February 4 at 9:30 AM.
- Follow up on additional fuel request provision given by MEHE
- Follow up by UNHCR on the additional 2nd shift school requested by MEHE in Bent Jbeil qaza which will regroup school aged children from: Chakra 2 (OVERPOPULATED BY Lebanese children, hosting some Syrians), Kabrikha, Kherbet selem 1 (majority of school aged children are Syrian, population of Lebanese is low) .
- Follow up on the case of Tuline, Sawani in Marjeyoun in regards to school aged children not attending school.
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