



# Minutes of INTER-AGENCY MEETING

## Beirut, 3 October 2014

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| <b>Meeting Location</b>    | UNHCR-Lea Bldg-1 <sup>st</sup> floor conference room  | <b>Meeting Time</b>     | 10:00 A.M |
| <b>Chair person</b>        | Kerstin Karlstrom<br>Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator  | <b>Meeting Duration</b> | 2 h       |
| <b>Minutes Prepared by</b> | Lara Techekirian – Inter-agency Coordination Associate  |                         |           |
| <b>Purpose of Meeting</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Registration Update</li> <li>2. Protection Update and Recent Development</li> <li>3. Aarsal Update</li> <li>4. Progress on Planning for 2015</li> <li>5. AOB</li> </ol> |                         |           |

### Summary of discussions and action points

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| <b>1.</b> | <p><b>Registration Update by Rana Ksaifi-Registration Officer-UNHCR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Total registered as of 30 September 2014:1,173,617 with 2 day increase in waiting period: 23 days</li> <li>▪ 5% decrease from August due to data clean up that led to deactivation, some 42,500 individuals were verified and 56,000 inactivated after verification</li> <li>▪ Low Registration numbers since May due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expansion of verification portfolio</li> <li>○ Staff involved in other tasks</li> <li>○ Significant increase in number of new Iraqi asylum seekers</li> <li>○ High now show rate in Aarsal</li> <li>○ Government policies and Ramadan</li> <li>○ Border Restrictions</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ August Thematic Registration Questionnaire was developed (1,225 HH Surveyed)-Theme: Access to Education and Information on Education- for further info access the web portal.</li> <li>▪ Planning figures for 2014/2015: 1.2 end 2014 and 1.5 end 2015.</li> </ul> |
| <b>2.</b> | <p><b>Protection Update and Recent Development by David Welin- Senior Protection Coordinator-UNHCR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Border crossings are officially open, but with heavy restrictions</li> <li>▪ Number of Syrians entering Lebanon decreased significantly in September</li> <li>▪ Reports suggest criteria for entry are applied by border authorities; No clear communicative criteria has been shared</li> <li>▪ UNHCR is working with GOL to develop criteria for humanitarian exceptions</li> <li>▪ 2015 Planning Process: To set new initiatives in order to deliver protection interventions in sustainable and cost effective way</li> <li>▪ Improve Clear Criteria on how to prioritize Individual case management</li> <li>▪ Centralized repository for protection incidents - including evictions, security raids and retaliatory acts</li> <li>▪ Develop Mediation interventions and capacity building strategy of local NGOs.</li> </ul>   |



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| 3. | <b>Arsal Update by Maeve Murphy- Senior Field coordinator-Bekaa-UNHCR</b>   |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access to Arsal remains restricted since early-August clashes</li> <li>▪ Developments in Arsal have led to over 30% of the refugee population to leave the town</li> <li>▪ To date 262 families were recorded to change their addresses</li> <li>▪ 25 Sep; Raids have been conducted by LAF on refugee residences - 8 IS and 1 CS were impacted by the raids; the estimated affected population is 4,534 individuals</li> <li>▪ Reports indicate that between 300 and 500 men and minors were arrested-Most of those have been released following rapid background check conducted in the 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade’s headquarters in Laboue</li> <li>▪ Outbreak of Hepatitis A Virus - at least 250 people were afflicted - 40 Cases were reported by MoPH</li> <li>▪ As of 1 Oct, a total of 21 sites/locations in central and north Bekaa are affected by LAF evictions</li> <li>▪ Total number of tents affected by the evictions: 845 ( 288HH already evicted): -The total number of impacted refugees is 5,500</li> <li>▪ Capacity to respond to growing evictions issue highly limited from shelter perspective</li> <li>▪ Contingency planning discussions have taken place.</li> </ul> |
| 4. | <b>Progress on Planning for 2015 by Kerstin Karlstrom- Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator- UNHCR</b>   |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP), Objectives and Budget</li> <li>▪ Question was raised concerning AI to be re-opened, agencies to consult sector leads</li> <li>▪ <b>Action Point:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To revisit the Budgets- sectors to receive data and sit with core group to look at the appeal and check duplication across sectors/Double counting UN/NGO/GoL and Carry overs and funds already received reported-Better align with government priorities/ Streamline activities under outputs</li> <li>○ Fields to Verify submissions and communicate through sector leads in BO</li> <li>○ BO to revise narratives and submissions as required</li> <li>○ To Develop a detailed timeline for sector leads with sequence of events and deadlines</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| 5. | <b>AOB</b>  |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ WFP will provide 20\$ as planned in October. Thanks to the efforts made by WFP at all levels, WFP will be able to cover the October requirements.</li> <li>▪ To date the November requirements are less than 50% funded, and efforts are ongoing to raise adequate funds.</li> </ul>   |

**Attachments**

| Document        | Location  |
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| IA Presentation | <a href="http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=7173">http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=7173</a> |