**Working Groups on Social Stability and Livelihoods**

Minutes – 29 March 2016 – Beirut

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| **Meeting** | | | |
| **Name** | Social Stability Working Group meeting | **Meeting Date** | 29/03/16 |
| **Meeting Location** | UNDP-6th floor | **Meeting Time** | 13.30 |
| **Co-Chair person** | Bastien Revel – UNDP  Sabine Farah – MOSA  Layal Abou Darwich - UNHCR | **Meeting Duration** | 1 hour |
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| **Main discussion points** | 1. Welcome and introduction  2. General Updates:  a. Field Updates  b. 3W mapping  c. Update on steering committee  3. Mapping of conflict mitigation mechanisms and committees  4. Lebanon Support presentation on data, trends and analysis from the conflict mapping and analysis project  5. AOB  5. AoB  MOSA, UNDP, ILO, Oxfam, IRC, ARCS, Relief International, JICA, SFCG, DPNA, Acted, Forum ZFD/CPS, GIZ/ZFD, AMEL, UNFPA, CLMC, German Embassy, MOET, ACF, University of Balamand, BESME, PU-AMI, Mercy Corps, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, Solidarites, DFID, Caritas Austria, Dorcas, Basmeh & Zeitouneh, DRC, Near East Foundation, NPA, LHIF, Intersos, UNRWA, SDC, OTI, University of Toronto – AUB, International Alert, Acted. | | |

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**Summary of discussions and action points**

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| **1** | **Welcome and introduction** |
|  | General welcome from MoSA and UNDP sector coordinators. |
| **2** | **General updates** |
|  | * **National updates**   The composition of the social stability core group has not been modified since last year and includes Acted, Mercy Corps, World Vision, International Alert and SFCG as INGOs. Partners meet on a regular basis under the co-leadership of MoSA, supported by UNDP and UNHCR.  The 2016 social stability workplan has been validated by working group partners and will focus on the following key priorities:  - Conflict mitigation mechanisms mapping;  - Strengthening common impact indicators (through tension assessment tool) to have regular perception surveys in the long term.  - Mapping the support provided to municipalities to know which partner does what where (including CDR, UNIFIL, World Bank…) and facilitate the sharing of information with municipalities.  - Documenting best practices and lessons learned of the past 2 years to track SoST programming and impact with a collection of the most important success stories (template to be circulated next week).  - Mainstreaming conflict sensitivity in the programming of partners.   1. **Field updates**  * **North** * Joint LHSS WG meetings are organized on the third Wednesday of each month. * It is a WG meeting merging Tripoli+T5 and Akkar governorates. * The most active partners under output 1.1 (support to municipalities for social stability) are Acted, DRC, NRC, STC and UNDP. Under output 1.3 (local capacities for conflict prevention and dispute resolution strengthened), SFCG, Peace Labs and UNDP are strongly involved, along with Mercy Corps and Oxfam who are starting new projects. * Overall, we notice a good geographical repartition of partners in the entire area. Donnieh is the Qazas where we find the highest concentration of projects. In the future, it would be interesting for partners to prioritize other areas. * A series of coordination tools are being designed and finalized with the support of partners, including a 3W matrix, a map of the main areas of tension (on which a specific task force is currently working) and a mapping of services (including the MRR, MSAs, Community groups, SDCs supported by partners…). * **Bekaa** * Joint LHSS WG meetings are organized on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. * The most active partners in the region include: DRC, NRC, B&Z, MC, Action Aid, Intersos and UNDP. * Many projects are implemented in either Central, North or West Bekaa. We find the highest concentration of partners in Central Bekaa, while Rashaya (where there is smaller number of refugees) and Aarsal (where the security situation is preoccupying) are insufficiently supported. * Concerning coordination tools, areas of tension are being mapped with the support of partners, as well as committees. In parallel, a 3W matrix is being updated and shared with partners (for both the LH and SS sectors). * **BML** * The working group meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10 am. * A small number of partners are currently working in ML in the field of social stability including: STC, UN-HABITAT and UNDP. * A stronger focus is made on livelihoods compared to SoST. * Coordination tools are being developed by the field coordinator: a 3W matrix is being finalized with the support of partners as well as a tension map focusing on high priority areas in BML. * The next SS WG meeting for BML will be held on 14 April, 2016 at 10 am at UNDP Country office. * **South** * Joint LH and SoST working group meetings are organized on the last Wednesday of each month of 10 am at UNDP field office in Tripoli. * The most active SoST partners in the South include: UNDP (Peace Building team), SFCG (supporting DPNA) and UNCHR which supports local NGOs.   The sector coordinator encouraged all organizations to be represented in the working group meetings organized in the field for both the livelihoods and social stability sectors.   1. **3W mapping**   A 3W map illustrating the support provided by social stability partners was presented to the working group members by the LHSS IM focal point, Hany Imam.  It provides an overview of the type of assistance provided by sector partners who reported on Activity Info (Acted, ActionAid, ARCS, B&Z, DRC, Mercy Corps, NRC, SCI, SFCG, UN-Habitat, UNDP), including:  1) support to municipal capacity;  2) support to municipal services;  3) conflict mitigation mechanisms;  4) youth empowerment initiatives.  Partners were encouraged by the sector coordinator to start reporting their LH and SoST activities on Activity Info for the month of March 2016 from Friday April 1st 2016.   1. **Update on sector steering committee**   The TORs setting up the sector steering committee were shared a few weeks ago with core group members.  The steering committee represents an extra-layer in the coordination structure of the LCRP and will play a strategic role in the implementation of the sector strategy.  Up to 4 ministries could join the SoST steering committee on the government side including: MoSA, MoIM, the Ministry of Youth and the Ministry of Culture.  The number of non-government representatives will be agreed upon once the number of government representatives is determined.  The INGO of SoST core group were contacted by the sector coordinator to provide the name of the non-governmental organization that should represent them in the sector steering committee. The nomination process is still ongoing but as soon as the consultation is finalized the name of the selected NGO will be circulated to all partners. |
| **3** | **Mapping of conflict mitigation mechanisms and committees** |
|  | A map of sector partners who have been active in the setting up of conflict mitigation mechanisms across Lebanon was presented to the WG members.  Although there is always a high level of interest in such activities at the time of planning/ appeal, in practice only 7 partners were listed including Alef, DRC, Forum ZFD (in collaboration with B&Z and LOST), Mercy Corps (in partnership with Peace Labs), SFCG (with UNHCR, DPNA and Utopia), UNDP, AND (with OCHA).  The map showed that no mechanism has been established in Mount Lebanon which confirms the fact that ML is not perceived as a high-priority area for SoST partners.  While such activities aim at setting up a local forum or space where key community members can come together, build mutual confidence and exchange/act on issues of common concern, in practice such mechanisms vary greatly from place to place. Therefore the summary excel sheet of such committees provides more details on the specific modalities of such initiatives.  The aim would be to share this widely with other sectors and partners so as to promote the usage and consultation of these mechanisms in other projects/interventions. |
| **4** | **Lebanon Support presentation on data, trends and analysis from the conflict mapping and analysis project** |
|  | Lebanon support presented their conflict mapping & analysis project which started in June 2014 with the support of UNDP.  **Overview**  The conflict mapping tracks incidents, mobilizations, and conflicts between individuals/ groups/ communities happening across Lebanon (including state and non-state actors). It is continuously updated and each mapped incident is categorized and classified based on a typology devised by Lebanon support. Categories refer to the nature of the incident (for example, arrest, collective action etc.), while the classification gives an analytical reading of it. There are 7 classifications: Broder Conflict (Israeli Border), Border Conflict (Syrian Border), Policy Conflicts, Social Discrimination, Socio-Economic Conflicts, Power & governance Conflicts, and Individual Acts of Violence.  The objective of the map is to provide the partners involved in peace-building, humanitarian and stabilization activities in the country with accurate data and relevant information on areas prone to conflict. It is also a tool set up by researchers to inform policy-makers based on both qualitative and quantitative data & analysis.  The information sources that are used include publicly available information found through: media reports, NGO reports, aid actors reports, LAF and first-hand data collected by the Lebanon Support team. It is possible to filter the information by nature (and scope) of incident, geographical area (caza), as well as date.  Overall, more than 5,000 incidents were reported since June 2014.  **The 3 infographics** presented during the meeting are based on the information gathered by Lebanon support throughout 2015.  •The first infographic showed a mapping of the conflict incidents that were reported in 2015 in each region (3,472 incidents in total).  The areas with the highest number of incidents reported include: Baalbek (725), Beirut (336), Sour (283), Zahle (251), Hasbaya (243), Tripoli (226), Saida (203) and Akkar (201).  The two most frequent types of incidents were airspace violations (1,162) and arrests/detentions (779).  •The 2nd visual presented clashes/armed conflict incidents reported in 2015 across Lebanon. It illustrates major hotspots in the following geographical areas : Aarsal (51), Ras Baalbek (21), Baalbek (7), Ain El Hiloue (6), Saida (3), Chebaa (3) and to a lesser extent Tripoli. The infographic shows the timeline and geographical areas where the clashes were the most numerous, as well as the type actors (state and non-state) involved.  •The 3rd visual focused on Lebanon’s state response to illicit activities in 2015 including illicit trade /trafficking, arms storage & smuggling and dismantlement of explosives.  We notice that 60% of the state’s responses concerned illicit trade & trafficking, 21% arms smuggling and storage and 19% dismantlement of explosives.  Regarding the type of actors involved,responses mostly came from the ISF, and from the LAF (including Army Intelligence)  The infographics should be available online next week.  WG members are invited to contact Lebanon Support to request any information that would be of interest to them, including on the type of incidents are the most frequent in the areas in which they plan on implementing activities.  If they wish to collaborate more closely with Lebanon Support and UNDP on the conflict and analysis project, they should inform the sector coordinator.  For more information, please go to the following website :  <http://cskc.daleel-madani.org/cma/map> or contact Lebanon Support directly: [contact@lebanon-support.org](mailto:contact@lebanon-support.org) |
| **5.** | **AoB** |
|  | * A comprehensive and updated 3W matrix for both the LH and SoST sectors will be circulated to partners very soon. * On April 14 2016, SCFG will organize an event to celebrate the end of a youth project they implemented in Bekaa region and in the South. All partners are invited to attend and to take part in the discussions related to the way the organization could engage youth groups in the future. * The next national working group meeting will focus on Livelihoods and will take place on 26 April 2016 at UNDP Country Office. Invitations will be sent to all partners in the coming weeks. |

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