



## Minutes of the National Shelter WG Meeting

<b>Meeting Location</b>	UNHCR, Leah first floor, Beirut	<b>Meeting Date</b>	February 16,15
<b>Chair persons</b>	Ahmad Kassem (MOSA) , Nicolas Hartz ( UN-Habitat)	<b>Meeting Time</b>	12:00 –2:00 Hrs.
<b>Minutes by</b>	Malak Rahal	<b>Meeting Duration</b>	2.00 Hrs.
<b>List of agencies in attendance</b>	ACTED , AFDC, CHF, Concern, DRC, DCA, ECHO, HAD, ISWA, JICA, MOSA, NRC, Mercy Corps, Medair, PCPM, SI, SCI, Solidar Suisse, UNHCR, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNOPS, Welfare Association.		

### Agenda

#### 1) IM

- Activity Info
- RAIS

#### 2) Bekaa: SSB Shelter Targeting / North: Coordination of partner's targets

#### 3) Update from the Fields

#### 4) First updates from the TTC (Temporary Technical Committees)

#### 5) Fire risks in Informal Settlements

#### 6) AOB: OCHA: HPF call for proposals

Please refer to the attached power-point presentations for meeting details. The following are brief notes:

- Presentation/Discussion
- Action Point

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#### 1) IM

##### Activity Info

- Megan Walden [walden@unhcr.org](mailto:walden@unhcr.org) new information management focal point for shelter sector
- Shelter specific training on Activity Info and RAIS was conducted in Bekaa and North
- Contingency planning: most partners have not reviewed information on their contingency stock.
- A plea to partners to update their contingency stocks data on Activity Info (A.I) until end February.
- Sectors to give an input of partners' activities on a monthly basis for the dashboards.
- Partners are requested to record their achievements on A.I by the first week of the month.

##### RAIS

- Technical Shelter vulnerability score looks at the five main categories (shelter type, shelter conditions, occupancy type, density, and WASH).
- Shelter vulnerability data are now reviewed to match into a realistic vulnerability score.
- UNHCR, SCI, and DRC information managers/statisticians met to improve shelter vulnerability score.
- Shelter vulnerability score / socio-economic score are two separate issues, but correlation is high.
- LCRP shelter plan recommends the support of HHs that are severely and highly shelter vulnerable.
- Now all shelter activities indicated in the 2016 LCRP can be reported in RAIS accordingly.
- Area based shelter activities (e.g. site improvement, upgrading of gatherings and neighborhoods do not have to be reported in RAIS (since these are not activities on HH level).
- RAIS to be used by partners to scan the households to be prioritized and to indicate their assistance.
- IM proposal for review of shelter vulnerability to be discussed by Shelter Core Group and to inform all.
- A user-guide will be produced for partners.
- The shelter sector will elaborate a "one pager" to clearly define each of the activities.
- Additional trainings are scheduled for RAIS in the field.



## **2) Bekaa: SSB Shelter Targeting** (presentation attached)

- Bobbie Baker (shelter officer – Bekaa) presented the scope and the workflow that is adopted in Bekaa to target the shelter activities on HH level
- Aim: target both severely and highly shelter and socio-economic vulnerable households in SSBs
- SCL conducted a rapid phone screening survey to check RAIS shelter assessment for eligible HHs.
- All regional shelter groups requested to coordinate the partners targets following this example.

### **North**

- Followed the same steps as Bekaa field office for shelter targeting activities by mapping the capacity of the partners and by assessing the shelter vulnerability of the HHs
- Harmonized methodology are being done to target the most vulnerable in SSB assistance
  - Map highly & severely socioeconomic and shelter vulnerable SSB HHs using RAIS
  - Assess the shelter partners' capacity in 2016 SSB interventions ( rehab and weatherproofing)
  - Demarcate and agree on the areas of intervention per partner for SSB interventions
  - In-depth shelter assessments and shelter assistance
  - Upload on RAIS
- One partner started already with the neighborhood upgrade

### **IM unit**

- Phones numbers in UNHCR registration database updated on base of the UNICEF's winter Informal settlements assessment
- IM suggests a checklist for field offices to follow the indicated workflow for the shelter targeting.

## **3) Update from the Fields**

### **South (Presentation Attached)**

- Presented updates from UNHCR implementing partners: PU-AMI, CISP and NRC
- Solidarité Suisse is one of the non-UNHCR funded shelter partners in South

### **Mount Lebanon: Shelter focus of 2016:**

- A major GAP was found in ML between the needs and the activities planned by
- Rehabilitate small shelter units for the severely & highly vulnerable living in poor shelter conditions
- Continuing to conduct site improvements in IS
- Phasing out of Collective Shelter rehabilitation and focusing on maintenance if needed
- ACTED focuses on neighborhood upgrade (holistic shelter & wash package) in Southern suburbs, (e.g. Nabaa), but also in upper Jbeil
- Focus on small to medium-scale community support projects (in collaboration with municipalities) to reduce tension between host & refugee communities.
- All projects will have a small WASH component.

### **Challenges (for all field areas)**

- Securing tenure one year after rehabilitation & freeing/freezing rent. Often vulnerable families who cannot start paying rent again are found at risk of eviction or face higher rent fees. (Aley & Chouf)
- Shelter sector to help to harmonize shelter assessment by enumerators conducting HH questionnaire.
- Shelter partners requested to provide enumerators and train them also regarding shelter assessments.



**North (presentation attached)**

- Agreed on the areas of interventions in 2016 in informal settlements
- IKIS & ICUB/ training conducted by UNHCR/DRC/Concern for installation of the new insulation kits.
- Collective Centers: phase-out: DRC: only 2 CC in T5 – 44 HHS, Concern WW:: 2 CC in Akkar -50 HHs.
- PU-AMI is the co-lead for the North shelter working group (Feb.to Jun 2016)
- Koura/Batroun districts: several municipalities are not allowing DRC shelter activities. This issue is handled by the Head of the UNHCR sub-office.
- Partners agreed on targeting substandard buildings SSB by weatherproofing and rehabilitation.

**Bekaa (presentation attached)**

**4) First updates from the TTC (Temporary Technical Committees)**

- A lot of rehabilitation is on-going in South, Beirut and Mount Lebanon. Implementation points (e.g. outcome monitoring) were discussed. Next meeting in March.
- SCI: The first meeting for the site improvement was held last Thursday, eight agencies attended to revise the guidelines. On Thursday, Feb. 18, a meeting on this issue is scheduled in Bekaa.
- UN-Habitat: first meeting will take place next Tuesday 23 February
- TTC for CASH -for -Rent already met once. PCPM and DRC work on a first draft for end February.

**5) Fire risks in Informal Settlements**

- SCL informed: a fire took place in an Informal Settlement (IS), two children died
- The initial cause of the fire was a candle. Great material losses due to the fire were noted
- A report of equipment failure was presented; insufficient fire extinguishers, response time of the civil defense is too long, inadequate use of the fire extinguisher
- The reliability and responsibility of SCL, who had installed the fire extinguishers, was questioned.
- SCL will look at the risk assessment caused by the fire: life-saving prevention and response.
- The shelter sector was aware of the need of fire prevention since late 2014 , deeper intervention and support is needed including coordination with the civil defense
- High level of flammable material and high toxicity in the material used in the informal settlements
- The fire in ITS is a cross-sectoral issue
- SCL will, on base of the assessment of fire risks, elaborate for the Shelter Sector a guidance on fire risks, to be discussed by the Shelter Core Group, then with other sectors.

**6) AOB**

- Deadline for proposals to the Humanitarian Pool Fund (HPF) is February 17.
- NRC highlighted that a number of discussions are ongoing over the concept of providing Multi-Purpose Cash (MPC) top-up amounts for those receiving rent-free assistance, and the full MPC amount for those receiving no rent-free support. A request was made for Coordinators from both SWG and BA WG to meet to take the discussion further in one of the Core Group meetings.

**Next meeting : Tuesday, March 8 2016, 10 am**