



MEETING		OBJECTIVES
When	30 June 2015	1. Welcome and introduction Election of the new NGO co-chair
Where	ENA - Baabda	2. Technical sub-Groups updates Livestock / Targeting / M&E / Nutrition / Contingency planning task force
Who	27 representatives from 22 organizations: ACF, ACTED, CCP JAPAN, DRC, Heart for Lebanon, IOM, IRW, LRC, Mercy Corps, MoA, MoSA, NRC, OCHA, Oxfam, PU-AMI, REACH, SCI, SIF, Solidarités, UNHCR, WFP & FAO experts from Lebanon country Offices	3. Presentation of Country/Field activities Coordination of Ramadan food assistance / Update on WFP food assistance / Update on VaSyR 2015 / Update on NPTP / Community Vulnerability Assessment Presentation / Collective site management committee presentation
Minutes Prepared by	FAO and WFP (Pardie Karamanoukian and Edward Johnson)	4. Information Management Presentation on Mapping, Analysis and key messages: refugee Concentration, CASH, WFP Shops, and Liban Post / Activity Info and Dashboard
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1. Welcome and introduction

Election of NGO Co-Chair: During the previous two meetings, members of the Food Security sector were informed of the NGO co-chair election process and had been requested to share nominations to co-chair the FSS during the second half of 2015. The only NGO that wished to take part was ACF, which was the initial co-chair. During the meeting, ACF was unanimously endorsed for the next six months.

2. Technical sub-Groups updates

- a) **Livestock (Bruno Minjauw - FAO):**
 - FAO is currently delivering 42,750 hens to 1,500 farmers across Lebanon
- b) **Targeting (Ramadan Household Visits) (Khalil Dagher – UNHCR):**
 - It has been agreed that household visits will continue during Ramadan following discussions by multiple actors focusing on cultural sensitivities and the quality of data considering the changes in consumption during the month.
 - The pros/cons of the options and the general guidelines for household visits were circulated to the FSS WG on 23 June.
 - The food scoring data will be analyzed post-Ramadan and cross referenced with previous months to see the trend (please refer to the email of 23 June). The same approach will be used with cash scoring.
 - Household that refuse a visit during Ramadan will be visited afterwards.
- c) **M&E:** No updates.
- d) **Nutrition:** No updates.
- e) **Contingency Planning Task Force (Line Rindebaek – WFP and Abdul Majid Rafihi – MoSA):** For July and August, WFP is facing a 50% funding shortfall and in July, WFP is forced to reduce the e-card value \$13.5 per person per month instead of the \$27 required to cover the minimum food basket. There is therefore an estimated shortfall of some \$10.6 million in July (based on the June planned



caseload). WFP and MoSA has initiated the contingency planning process, following the SOPs and tools developed by a Sub-Technical Working Group earlier in 2015, including collecting inputs on potential FSS WG partner contributions to top up food assistance for vulnerable groups. The contingency planning exercise has shown few alternative sources of food assistance available. To date only Lebanese Red Cross (1000 complementary household food parcels), IOCC (1000 household food parcels) and UNICEF (different assistance available for nutrition interventions for different groups) have indicated stocks available to mitigate the shortfall. A Contingency Planning Task Force meeting was held on 19 June (see portal for MoM) and discussions included next steps: 1) WFP will assist with identification of severely vulnerable groups for potential top ups 2) WFP will work with MoSA to reach out to local organisations at regional level, 3) a short 2 pager summary document outlining the current situation to be prepared and 4) FSS with MoSA to look into possibility of working with Private Sector.

- The topic of possible private sector cooperation was discussed and it was suggested that the FSS WG consider approaching the following: the Chamber of Commerce, Banks (under CSR), food and beverage sector. It was suggested to have a separate meeting on this.
- **Action Point → Sector Leads with MoSA and MoA to follow up.**
- **Available communication material include:**
 - Impacts of E-Card Ration Reductions On Syrian Refugees In Lebanon (http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=122&Id=48),
 - Surviving Ramadan Away From Home: An Overview Of Food Assistance, 26 June (<http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>).
 - WFP's sitrep for July will be available next week.

3. Presentation of Country/Field Activities

- a) **Coordination of Ramadan Food Assistance (Line Rindebaek – WFP):** WFP is continuing the coordination of Ramadan food assistance in partnership with MoSA to avoid duplication of distributions.
- b) **Update on WFP Food Assistance (Line Rindebaek – WFP):**
 - WFP will cover 100% of beneficiaries in July with 50% assistance (\$13.5 per person per month). WFP is currently looking into possible options for targeting assistance in August.
 - Building on the information available in the WFP document on impacts of food assistance reduction (see above link), it has been agreed at Inter-Sector level to consolidate information on the impacts of food assistance reduction by sector. WFP is still awaiting inputs from some sectors.
 - A July situation update will be distributed by next week.
- c) **Update on VaSyR 2015 – WFP (Line Rindebaek – WFP):** The preliminary results will be presented at the interagency meeting on 3 July.
- d) **Update on NPTP (Sabine Farah – MoSA & Line Rindebaek – WFP):**
 - Following the signing of the NPTP agreement for WFP and the Government, which allows the release of World Bank funds, vulnerable Lebanese households will receive e-card assistance from July. World Bank funding is currently available for four months.
- e) **Community Vulnerability Assessment Presentation (Vincent Annoni – REACH)**
- f) **Collective Site Management Committee (CSMC) Presentation (Kristin Vestrheim – NRC):**



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Please refer to <http://spongebase.org/> for further information on informal settlements and collective site management committees.

4. Information Management

- a) **Presentation on Mapping, Analysis and key messages: refugee Concentration, CASH, WFP Shops, and Liban Post** (Bernard Chedid – OCHA)
- b) **Activity Info and Dashboard** (Pardie Karamanoukian – FAO): May dashboard to be published this week.



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