



Minutes of INTER-SECTORAL MEETING Beirut, 12 June 2015

Meeting Location	UNHCR-Lea 1 st floor conference room	Meeting Time	8:00 A.M
Chair person	Afke Bootsman – Inter-Sector Coordinator UNDP	Meeting Duration	2 h
Co-Chair person	Kerstin Karlstrom Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator		
Purpose of Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Important Updates2. Critical Sector Updates3. Presentation on PRS4. Reduced Mobility by Refugees5. LCRP Update6. WFP and impact on assistance7. AOB		

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	Important Updates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ As of the second quarter of 2015, the Inter-Agency coordination will use ActivityInfo to receive updates from partners on their funding levels per sector. This tool replaces the excel financial tracking table that used to be circulated by email▪ The Excel LCRP Funding breakdown table will be shared with sector co/leads for verification▪ Public Institutions Tracking: Bastien and Afke will follow-up with individual sector leads▪ Cash Coordination Review: 29 June the report will be issued.



2.	Critical Sector Updates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Food Security: for July and August a funding shortfall is foreseen which leads to a further 50% reduction for both months. The expected food voucher value will be set at UD 13,50. The situation for September is bleak. Friday 16.06 a special meeting on food contingency planning is scheduled▪ Social stability: A mini workshop of lessons learned to be held (date TBC)▪ Basic Assistance: no decision has yet been made on whether HH visits will be conducted during Ramadan▪ Protection: In North and Bekaa refugees express concern about lack of mobility due to precarious legal status (raids/checkpoints). There is movement on the registration of new-borns although the details are to be confirmed.
3.	Presentation on PRS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A PRS coordination meeting was held on 11 June. The focus of this meeting was to give an overall briefing of the situation of PRS in Lebanon, and to discuss coordination of PRS assistance in light of the forthcoming suspension of cash assistance for housing▪ The funding cut may have security implications. UNRWA will monitor the situation▪ Population overview: 44,173 PRS / 12,320 families (1 June 2015)▪ Precarious legal situation: border entry effectively closed and very arduous procedures to renew legal status▪ PRS have constituted to 20% additional caseload for UNRWA services and assistance since 2013▪ UNRWA cash assistance currently consists of \$27 per individual for food and \$100 per family for housing▪ Since June 2014, 96% of PRS remain eligible for UNRWA cash assistance▪ Increased vulnerability and more reliance on assistance was noted▪ Discussion on definition of Households:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ BA sector will keep the IS informed about the progress on bringing different concepts of HH together. Currently there different definitions



	<p>across sectors which have implications on the interpretation of aid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Need to add the definition of Community to the glossary (use definition as used by REACH in OCHA/UNICEF study).
4.	Reduced Mobility by Refugees
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mobility concerns in the Bekaa /Akkar region and its impact on accessing healthcare due to fear of being stopped at the checkpoints▪ UNHCR will be asked to present about 'Protection Monitoring': what is it and what is it not; what kind of (trend) analysis can be derived from the Monitoring and can be shared and with whom. Main objective: how to respond to the need to have better access to trend analysis to inform the response more effectively▪ Health Access and Utilization Survey will be issued in August and should provide more hard evidence on the impact of reduced mobility for refugees on access to health care▪ Increase in Child labor is seen to be a negative spin-off of the reduced mobility by refugees. No hard data are available for the moment to confirm the anecdotal evidence▪ Evictions and increase of number of children arrest (in Bekaa) child protection/international rules are not being applied▪ In next IS, the problem tree should be revisited as a tool to bring issues to the table. Need to clarify clearly what is fact and what is speculation.
5.	LCRP Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Request to update HCT on the LCRP update/review process.▪ The various aspects of the LCRP update were explained: gender, PIST, Stabilization Plan, sector dashboards and introductory chapter.▪ Request to review the GoL stabilization plan (Kuwait) and check which parts of the chapters are included in the sector document.
6.	WFP and impact on assistance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ WFP has produced an updated fact sheet on how refugees cope with reduced food assistance which will be shared with all sectors for any inputs/comments.▪ 722 beneficiary families were tackled: report to be released in the coming



	<p>month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ It has been agreed that it is important for other sectors to be involved/informed about the implications on reduced food assistance to promote a more holistic approach▪ The FSS will produce a fact sheet 'impact of reduced food assistance on other sectors'. This will be done through bilateral outreach to sector leads.
7.	AOB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ There is a need to have a list of contact details of all field based coordinators▪ CP is adapting the SPHERE standards to Lebanon, including standards on child labor and economic recovery▪ The BA sector will send a 1-pager on Cash Assistance to all sector co/leads for inputs▪ Recommendations to have sector specific presentations▪ Google drive form, to be completed by the field, excel sheet to be shared. To be raised at the level of the working groups to avoid assessments duplication▪ Shelter co/lead has requested a special agenda item on stabilization and innovation.▪ An Ad hoc thematic intersector review on cash to be held on the 24th of June