

Inter-Agency Working Group Meeting – T5

Name	Inter-Agency Meeting	Meeting Date	Thursday 14 th May 2015
Meeting Location	UNHCR North Sub Office - Tripoli	Meeting Time	14.00h
Chair person	Ms. Monica Noro (UNHCR), Alain Chatry (UNDP) MoSA represented by Ziad Nadri	Meeting Duration	1h
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Purpose of Meeting	Inter-Agency meeting		

1.	General Updates
<p>UNHCR informed the participants that as a follow up of meeting with the Governor of Tripoli, Mr Melhem Melhem (Head of the Administrative Bureau for Municipalities) communicated that he is planning to attend all the sectoral working group meetings at least once. He already attended the SGBV meeting. This plan will enable the Governor's office to define how to engage in the work of the sectors.</p> <p>While updating on the development of the operational context, it was noted that search operations in various informal settlements/collective shelters across the North continue to occur. Some 156 people were detained; the majority was released after 24 - 72 hours, while around 50 are still in detention. Follow up continues.</p> <p>At present, there are no major updates on the temporary suspension of registration. Discussions are ongoing with the Government at the Beirut level to establish a new mechanism that responds to the GOL concerns and respects UNHCR accountabilities towards persons in need of international protection. Q/As were shared with partners through the Protection Working Group. This document should be used as a reference when responding to refugees queries. Meanwhile it should be noted that Question 7, which refers to newborn children, is still under discussion.</p>	
2.	Sector Updates
<p>Health: UNHCR is continuing to ensure that refugees have access to life saving emergency assistance at hospitals. The Qatari Red Cross (QRC) has begun assisting with the cost of hospitalization for newborns in need of neonatal intensive care in Tripoli Governmental Hospital. QRC are assisting with the amount of USD1,000. Caritas is also assisting with 10-25% of the cost for these cases.</p> <p>Livelihoods: Out of the 11 Livelihood partners 2 are actively reporting their activities on activity info. UNDP has noted that there are many livelihood interventions taking place that are either not reported or reported under other sectors. UNDP encourages all livelihood partners to ensure that they report their activities on activity info, even if the funding comes from another sector Main interventions for livelihood in T5: a) Rapid- income generation activities (Cash for work), b) Irrigation Canals, c) Support employment services (eg. vocational training).</p> <p>Social Stability: Social stability interventions are shifting from a soft component to more tangible projects, such as supporting basic services and municipalities with their core needs. CARE published a report that highlighted negative perceptions between host and refugee communities as a result of lack of basic services and competition in the labor market as key issues affecting social stability. Most of UNDP's interventions have been informed by the results of the Mapping of Risk and Resources (MRR) that focuses on villages where the ratio of Syrians to Lebanese is high.</p> <p>Upon partner request, UNDP highlighted that the MRR can be obtained through MOSA or through municipalities. 62 villages have been completed so far. Mr Hassan Trabulsi is the MRR Coordinator and can provide partners with copies.</p> <p>WASH and Shelter: Have both achieved a relatively low % of the LCRP target set during the first quarter. This is most likely due to the fact that the reporting period also includes the assessment phase of the project. The sector expects to increase implementation rate in the next quarter.</p>	

WASH:

- 20 ongoing water and sanitation medium scale projects. 13 water supply and 7 waste water projects.
- In the 1st quarter, 7,000 Syrians benefitted from water supply activities and;
- 10,000 Lebanese have benefitted from wastewater projects in Assoun and Sir-Denieh.
- Partners are now gathering information on possible restriction of water supply during summer.

Shelter:

- More than 2,000 Syrian refugees (500 families) and 240 Lebanese (60 families) have benefitted from the rehabilitation of the substandard buildings program.
- 3,500 Syrian refugees have benefitted from shelter in-kind distribution to repair their shelters.

Education: 24 second shift schools with more than 9,000 students enrolled. Main challenge is lack of transportation – which is now being provided to the most vulnerable based on eligibility/vulnerability criteria. Families will receive this assistance retroactively from the month of March. Accelerated Learning Programme was launched, 743 children sat the test in T5 - results will be published soon.

Protection: Protection Working Group is looking at draft SOPs for protection desks. The draft details what should be the minimum standards of information giving at protection desks and is being shared for comments. Child Protection Working Group has finalized the allocation of cases between partners by geographical location and is continuing to map the services of local NGOs and organizations to enhance the directory of services. The working group is also collaborating with the Education sector to create a taskforce of partners to provide to solutions for kids out of school.

SGBV Working Group has produced a guidance note for early marriage cases for social workers.

Collective Sites Mobilization Committee (CSMC) Working Group has finalized training for Merkebta and Anfeh informal settlements and is in the process of reviewing all training modules.

3. Social Stability

UNDP guided the discussion around stabilisation. Following elements were highlighted:

LCRP and Stabilisation:

- The entire LCRP has the objective to keep Lebanon stable
- To do this direct support to refugees is necessary while scaling up support to Lebanese communities and public institutions.
- Across all sectors Lebanese are part of the groups that are being targeted.
- Also across all sectors Lebanese Public Institutions are a priority target to ensure that the public systems at national and local level are able to continue to provide services and handle the increased caseload.

Social Stability Sector:

- The Social Stability sector has a specific mandate to look into community relationships. It strengthens communities and institutions' ability to mitigate tensions and prevent conflict, and inform the overall response on the evolution of tensions.
- The sector also addresses immediate threats to community stability through concrete projects with municipalities.

Interventions: Community conflict mitigation mechanisms, youth peace building and civic education initiatives, support local and national institutions to mitigate tensions (community led participatory processes, capacity building, implementation of priority municipal/local service delivery projects), support delivery of basic services, support immediate need of HC and RC by CSPs, mainstream conflict sensitivity in the response (by conflict analysis reports, capacity building on conflict sensitive programming)

5. WFP Update on VASyR Assessment 2015

The VASyR assessment is conducted by WFP and partners once a year to re-evaluate the situation of refugees in Lebanon. This year, the assessment has been organized by Caza (165 refugee cases assessed per each caza). There should be around 1,000 cases for the whole of North Lebanon. The assessment will start on the 25th and will last 11 days. The questionnaire will incorporate questions from the joint WFP/UNHCR targeting questionnaire. Draft results will be shared in June or July.

Further briefing documents about this assessment is attached for ease of reference.

6.	AOB
<p>UNHCR updated the forum re the community mobilization document which is now inclusive of all comments provided by partners. The document was discussed with UNHCR and UNDP Beirut to ensure that linkages are established. The initiative was appreciated and it was agreed to reformat the document into a more practical tool for reference of partners developing such projects. While Beirut colleagues offered to revise its language in line with terminology adopted at national level, linkages will be established with the recently established social stability working group. The document remains dynamic and will be regularly updated.</p> <p>The first Social Stability Working Group and the Livelihood workings group will take place next Wednesday 20th May from 13.00-15.00 in the UNHCR Tripoli Office. The location of this meeting will be rotated between the UNHCR Qobayat and Tripoli offices on a monthly basis.</p> <p>ICRC is also organizing a multi-media photo exhibition in Tripoli to commemorate the Forty Years War in Lebanon. The free exhibition will open on the 18th May at 5pm. It will be open everyday from 10 – 7pm for a week in Mina. Partners should contact Jamila Hammami (jhammami@icrc.org) if they require further information.</p> <p>UNHCR introduced Ms. Elena Guseva who is temporarily assuming the function of UNHCR Field Officer. She will be based in Tripoli and covering the North until the end of October.</p> <p>The forum agreed that the sectoral update by sector leads/co-lead is interesting and could be applied to future meetings when relevant.</p>	

Next meetings:

- **Next meeting will be on 28th May at 14.00 hrs at UNHCR office in Tripoli. Invitations will be sent accordingly.**

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