



FOOD SECURITY SECTOR WORKING GROUP



MINUTES OF MEETING – 19th July 2016

When: 19th July 2016

Where: the Chamber of Commerce-Hamra

Who: 23 participants from MoA, MoSA, WFP, FAO, IOCC, ACF, SHIELD, AUB, ACTED, UNHCR, MERCY Corps, OCHA, Save the children, CCIABML, WV

Meeting Minutes

Link to the meeting presentation: <https://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=11461>

The meeting was opened by MoA who introduced the agenda:

1. **FAO presentation on child labour**
2. **Presentation on H5 N1**
3. **Update on Ramadan distributions**
4. **VaSyr 2016 preliminary results**
5. **LCRP updates**
6. **AOB**

1. **FAO presentation on Child Labour**

- The presentation covered child labour in agriculture, hazards in agriculture, key facts, decent rural employment and the basic steps needed to end child labour in agriculture.
- The difference between child labour and child participation in field activities was explained. Child labour is defined as work that is inappropriate for a child's age, affects children's education, or is likely to harm their health, safety or morals.
- The participant were briefed on the Ministry of Labour Decree 8987 on Worst Forms of Child Labour and the key facts in child labour in Agriculture.

Key facts

- 98 million boys and girls between 5 and 17 years are identified as child labourers in agriculture
- Worldwide, nearly 60 percent of child labouris found in agriculture
- Agriculture is one of the most dangerous sectors in terms of rates of work-related fatalities, non-fatal accidents and occupational diseases.
- Most (70 percent) of all child labourers are unpaid family workers.
- Production of a visual guide on protecting the children from pesticides. Arabic copies of the guide were disseminated during the meeting and also English and Arabic copies can be downloaded from:

Link to guide Arabic: <http://www.fao.org/publications/card/en/c/44b461ce-6f14-4e9b-86b3-635cad46205e/>

English: <http://www.fao.org/publications/card/en/c/0593e270-8875-48a3-ac63-58b89eb87611/>



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Link to e-learning course: <http://www.fao.org/rural-employment/work-areas/child-labour/e-learning/en/>

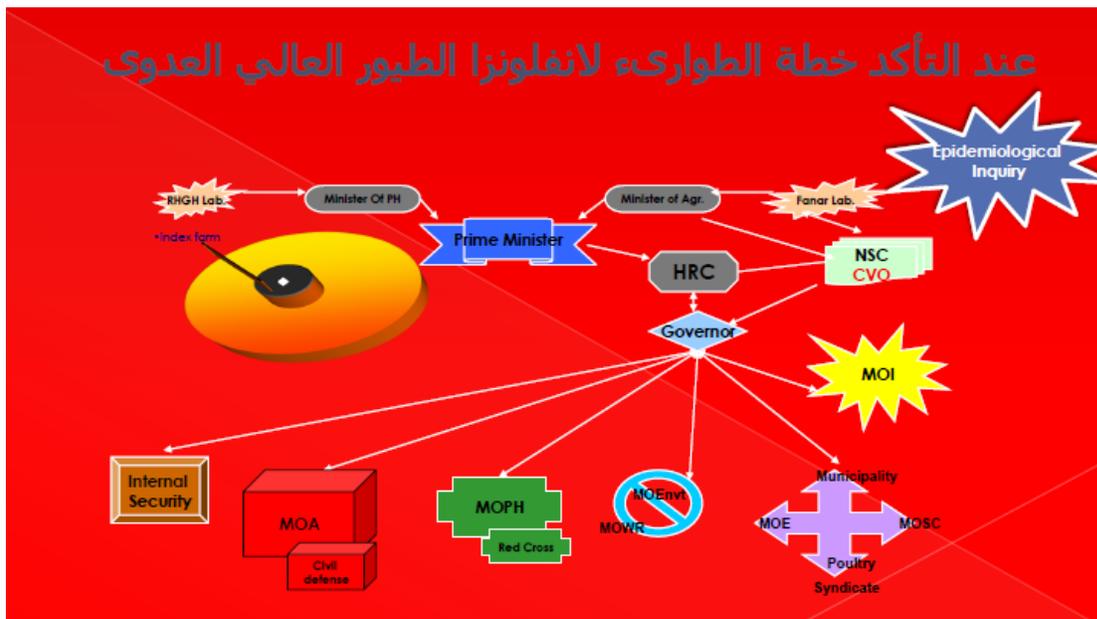
- To minimize Child Labour in Agriculture Partners working in agriculture sector and development are advised to collaborate with MoA and join the efforts done by Ministry of Labour in Child Labour.
- Department of Child protection (MOA) can also be contacted for any technical information and coordination in child protections in agriculture.

More details on the presentation are available through the above reported link.

2. Presentation on H5 N1

- The presentation covered the preparedness plan for the early detection and prevention of notifiable avian influenza in Lebanon. Some cases of H5N1 case were reported in Lebanon (21-24 April 2016) the presentation outlined the active surveillance and the measures taken by the GOL to avoid the spreading of the virus.

Preparedness plan for the early detection and prevention of notifiable avian influenza in Lebanon.



More details of the active surveillance and the measures taken are available in the presentation as per the above link.

3. Update on Ramadan distributions

- The sector coordinator presented an overview of Ramadan distribution for the year 2016. It's observed that in 2016 the total numbers of beneficiaries reached are considerably small compared to the total reached in 2015. Partners who didn't report their Ramadan distribution's activities are re-invited to submit their inputs by 22 of July 2016.



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4. VaSyr 2016 preliminary results

- WFP presented the preliminary results of the 2016 VaSyr. The presentation covered the methodology, challenges and the way forward.
- The Security situation and access restriction (Hasabaya, El Nabatieh) and the approaching month of Ramadan were highlighted as the main challenges.
- The Preliminary results shows that:
 - In comparison to 2015, HH are shifting towards the moderately food insecure category, in line with the FCS.
 - Food Expenditure share categories remain relatively the same between 2015 and 2016, in line with the expenditure average.
 - HH are employing more emergency and crisis coping strategies as compared to 2015.
 - It was also brought to the attention of the working group that the Preliminary findings are subject to change and included some initial variables
 - WFP jointly with UNDP is conducting a baseline/rapid assessment of the food security situation of the Lebanese population. WFP is providing technical and logistical support in data collection. Preliminary findings will be shared in September/October.

Details of the preliminary results are available in the presentation as per the above link.

4. LCRP Updates

The sector coordinator briefed the working group on the LCRP plan 2017-2020. Implementing partners are to start thinking about how the strategy of the sector should be developed over a 4 years period. Suggested questions to be used to review how the LCRP concept developed in the past 2 years will be shared with partners for them to suggest how to improve the system for the future plan. Partners are kindly invited to share their inputs and start thinking about way of linking the humanitarian and stabilization focus for the next 4 years planning exercise.

AOB

The FSS is conducting an online survey to collect baseline information on the LCRP OUTCOME 4 (Food Stabilization). The survey will be sent out on 19th July to sector's partners and will close on the 26th July. Partners are invited to participate in the survey. The results will be presented during the next meeting at the beginning of August.

The FSS is conducting an exercise to collect information on funds received by priority Interventions as per the LCRP 2016. The data collection form will be send on the 20th of July, The Implementing partners are kindly invited to submit their data by 2nd of August. The sector will consolidate analyze the Information and share it during the next meeting at the beginning of August.