Back to School Workshop

Beirut & Mt Lebanon

Thursday June 30, 2016

**Communication for Development:**

-Community heart of the B2S initiative

-Supply is there (Schools, teachers, books)

-Demand: Not enough student to fill all available seats are coming

-Just sharing information is NOT enough

-Goal: enrol children in school, stay in school successfully complete school year

-Mapping: Who? is working where? When? Regarding B2S

-Importance to conduct research for structured data, mapping, and dialogue (caregivers, MEHE, Community)

-Collaboration is essential between social networks to make a difference

**Challenges for Children to enrol in school and stay in school**

-Communication between MEHE and public school principals: Example (MEHE issues memo that children may register without documents in public schools. Principal insist that documents required from children”

-Parents of Syrian refugee children (vast majority Sunni) refuse to send children to public schools in Shia areas in Beirut

- MEHE choice of second shift schools is not suitable to needs of refugees.

-Challenges for access of NGO to highly sensitive political areas (such as Dahieh)

-Refugees children not welcomed in certain public schools

-Overcrowded public schools in certain vulnerable areas

-Challenges in reaching Syrian refugees living inside or near Palestinian refugee camps

-Discrimination/ verbal harassment on the way to school and in school

-Overcrowding classes in cycle 1 Grade 1-4

-No space in KG ( Age 3-5)

-Child labour. Children need to support family while father does not have legal residence

**Questions:**

-Who will train front line workers on interpersonal skills?

-Will non UNHCR/ UNICEF partners like SCI in BML be trained?

-Are we covering children age3-18 ? ( What is MEHE clear policy re access to KG and Secondary education?)

**Mapping Gaps:**

The mapping was carried out as per mountain range routes :

In Mt. Lebanon most refugees are in houses very few Informal Settlements

More trained teams on the ground are needed.

Inter Sectorial Working Groups support needed and possible

Utilize CSMC , Child protection , established committees, Scouts

**Matn**

**Bikfaya , Shweir, Khinshara ( GAP)**

**Suggestions:**

**SOS has children centre in Khinshara but no outreach workers.**

**Tdh, Caritas, Ana Aqra can expand but have limited staff and resources.**

Chouf:

Central and upper Chouf ( GAP)

Suggestions:

AMOURT NGO needs to be briefed. Works in the area but did not attend workshop

Aley and Chahhar Gharbi Area ( GAP)

Only Caritas cover area

Suggestions

( TdH may support if resources are provided )

If Caritas can expand Caritas needs to share possible expansion.

RMEILEH – Maasrayti ( GAP )

Suggestions:

Perhaps TdH may expand if support provided

Cash Program excellent outreach gateway

WFP- IRC team cash program involved

Chartoun Area ( Gap)

Suggestions:

Caritas has centre in the area may expand if resources provided .

Iqlim Kharoud ( GAP)

Suggestions:

Ana Aqra can expand in Iqlim Area if support provided

Baabda – Ras Al Matn Area ( GAP)

Suggestions:

Can we use SDC and CDC in the area for outreach?

Do we have information about the SDC and CDC in the area ?

Kneiseh, Ksaibeh , Hammana ( GAP)

Suggestions:

TdH with support from WCH may expand

Btekhnay- Qobayh ( Gap)

Suggestions:

WCH may cover area

POSSIBILITY of CARITAS , WCH, TdH to expand in the areas.

Baskinta – Kfaraeab

Suggestions:

Caritas may target but not a full presence.

**Overlap**

Beirut ; Dahyeh, Chouifat, Burj Hammoud coverage available.

Issue could be overlap.

Enough space for everyone if door to door outreach conducted.

Just needs organization.

Keserwan- Jbeil ( GAP )

Only AVSI, and TdH presence since partners are asked to go to vulnerable areas.

Suggestions:

AVSI has channels with public school principals in Jbeil area from HW support.

MISHMISH – Mayfouk- Amchit

Suggestions:

AVSI has few spots it can cover , Caritas may expand to cover the rest.

Annaya – Jbeil ( Gap )

Suggestions:

TdH may cover some areas with support

Lessa- Afqa- Kfarselah- Hsoun ( GAPS)

Suggestions:

Challenging area for NGO to access due the presence of Shiite villages of Jbeil with strong Resistance from political parties.

Advocacy and UNHCR Liason Officer contact with local political parties needed.

TdH may expand if access provided and resources available.

Choose from community to do outreach if possible.

Caritas , TdH , UNHCR, UNICEF to check with other sectors such as protection, CASH for links with the community. Check of links with SDC and CDC if available.

Okaibe- Nahr Ibrahim- Jabal Mousa ( GAPS )

Suggestion:

Caritas, UNHCR to link with protection Caritas Centre , Possibility of outreach research

Ghazir – Fattouh - Daroun ( GAPS )

Suggestion:

Think of SDC and CDC

Zouk Mosbeh- Faraya – Watta Jouz – Mayrouba ( Gaps)

Suggestions:

Think of UNHCR outreach to Watta Jouz Informal Settlements through CSMC

Think about partners expansion if possible and funds provided

Think about local CDC and SDC in the area ( CARITAS )

Possibility of TdH to conduct ourtreach from Jeitta to Mayrouba

Possibility of Caritas to outreach

Possibility of Non Education partners in Keserwan Watta Jouz area to outreach informal settlements

Possibility of Caritas Expansion

Possibility of IRC Cash program to support B2S outreach

AVSI for Lebanese participate in outreach

Utilize inter sectorial meetings and outreach.

Red Cross Youth groups and Scouts could be part of outreach