

Minutes of Northern Lebanon Inter - Agency Meeting  
 8 October 2019, 10:00 – 12:00  
 UNHCR Tripoli Office

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<b>Agenda of the Meeting</b>	Sector Updates Contingency Plan – North Dissemination ICRC Weapon Wounded Hospital – By ICRC AoB

Sector updates: (PowerPoint presentation with all sector leads inputs was prepared and presented)

**Basic Assistance**

- The no-show rate for the UNHCR **MCAP validation** was 3% and they will be contacted again for validation;
- **Common card distribution** will be finalized on Thursday, 10 October 2019; all new UNHCR and WFP MCAP/ MPC beneficiaries as well as WFP food beneficiaries will have received their cards by the end of the week;
- The **Grievance Redress Mechanism** ends on 30 November 2019 with 6000 beneficiaries re-included, of those, 3000 will receive both MCAP from UNHCR and food assistance from WFP and the rest will only be receiving food assistance from WFP.

**Shelter**

- The **Cash for Rent** pilot in T5 will be implemented in November 2019.

**WASH**

- The **sanitation guidelines** were submitted to the Ministry of Energy and Water and they advised that the draft not be shared before its revision. Once finalized by the Ministry, the guidelines will be shared with the interagency and sector coordinators for their comments and inputs;
- The end year WAP (WASH assessment platform) sweep will be completed by Dec 9 and based on the results, sites near rivers will be prioritized for the on-site treatment proposed in the guidelines mentioned above. The on-site treatment pilot project remains pending because of the sanitation guidelines that were shared with the Ministry, once approved, the **WASH Assessment Platform sweep (WAP)** will commence with a prioritization for sites near rivers or other water bodies.

**Protection**

- There has been an increase in **onward movements** to Cyprus in recent weeks, similar to last year. The majority of passengers are Syrians and the rest are Lebanese. The onward movement departure points are different each time. Some onward movements have been intercepted by the Lebanese Navy and when so, UNHCR

follows up with the relevant detention authorities in coordination with ICRC. If those involved arrived to Cyprus, there is coordination with UNHCR Cyprus.

- The **head of Rahbe municipality** had threatened the **eviction** of Syrian refugees residing in the area based on legal residency, multiple families residing in one rented accommodation/unit, or if they were involved in trouble-making. MoSA is unaware of the deadline of the eviction and the numbers to be affected and the head of municipality is unreachable. MoSA at the central level was informed. A meeting will be held with the Rahbe head of municipality and MoIM for further information about the situation. **MoSA should remain informed from the inter-agency of any developments about the situation of refugees in that area.**
- Following the exhumation of the corpse of the Syrian refugee child in **Aasoun** in September 2019, UNHCR looked into the cemeteries available for Syrian refugees; three sites were identified, one of which is in the process of being established by URDA; (URDA bought a plot (over 4900 m<sup>2</sup>) of land in Tal Maayan, Akkar, specifically for Syrian refugees (also refugees of other nationalities and in rare cases Lebanese) residing throughout Lebanon. The land was chosen in an area that is welcoming of refugees and the approval of the local authorities and key persons was attained. With the initial mapping, the land would accommodate 1800 graves with a specific space for children. The site should be available soon as there was a delay in light of the urgent interventions needed following the hard-structure demolitions. A committee from URDA will be managing the land. An e-mail will be sent to the inter-agency with a WhatsApp number for any referrals;

As per Lebanese law, a death notification should be presented from an authorized doctor proving the death. No burial will take place without the provision of such a document. The guardians of the deceased will have to sign a document to waive the right of opening a grave. A fee of 200,000 LBP will be requested from the family of the deceased.

URDA requests assistance from the Inter Agency to provide/facilitate the provision of bulldozers/machinery to fix the burial land, and to provide support with the required fees as mentioned above.

UNHCR added that in many municipalities in northern Lebanon, Syrian refugees can be buried in the local cemeteries. However, some municipalities condition it on the Syrian being resident in the area, among other things in light of space restrictions.

## SGBV

- **On the engagement of men and boys**, the challenge is not the lack of availability of programmes, rather it is the willingness and availability of men and boys to be involved in such activities. One partner suggested timing the activities to the late afternoon, to allow those that are working during the day to work.
- **On the GBVIMS trends**, the age group is alarming since most of the survivors are children. The data is from the perspective of the survivors and the survivors are of all nationalities. **UNHCR will share the disaggregation of the data of the GBVIMS trends with UNDP (Lama Srour)**

## Child Protection

- The referral pathway has been updated with an emergency contact, making one focal point from each organization available at any moment;
- RAIS tool for referral needs more clarification.
- War Child Holland is currently looking for new partners in the Sahel area to implement the mental health and PSS activities;
- UNICEF will reach out to the UNHCR, the health sector lead to coordinate the MHPSS activities.

## Education

- Three partners were selected through **the Call for Expression of Interest** and by end of December the partners will be signed.

## Health

- **SAMS**, has signed contracts with most of the hospitals that are contracted with NextCare to support with patient share. Their target is 360 nation-wide until June 2020. Their priority is neo-natal and pediatric intensive cases;
- **The Palestinian Child Relief Fund (PCRf)** will be covering patients of all nationalities with covering for surgeries until end of October 2019;
- **Gaps in support for patient share** are leading to protection issues like ID confiscation and patient detention.

## Livelihoods

- **Interactive dashboard** aims to increase collaboration and interaction between different partners. This dashboard is currently under food security but the different sector would like to interact, reach out to UNDP;
- **The new referral systems** is more secure and easily accessible. The information will be shared with the sector leads;
- The North had the highest referrals from protection partners for livelihood.

## Social Stability

- Reach out to UNDP if there is an interest to join the **Solid Waste Management Task Force (SWM)**. The tentative date of the meeting is 23 October;
- On the Bziza eviction, many families are paying the municipal fees and some have relocated;
- On the issue of the service fees, these fees are imposed in light of the absence of a rental contract.

## Contingency Planning – North

- The aspects of the contingency plan will be shared separately with the inter-agency for review.

## ICRC PPT:

### Weapon Traumatology Training:

- ICRC are conducting Reconstructive and Chronic surgery that beyond life-saving to establish a quality life for the patient;
- Any injuries caused by non-war related incidents are not covered by ICRC;
- The injury will have to have happened after 2011 and even if it is war collateral damage, it is covered.
- Burns are excluded from coverage as no surgery is provided for aesthetic reasons however if a certain burn injury (or scar) is affecting the quality of life, then it is covered.
- All services provided are free of charge.
- All nationalities are included (Lebanese, PRS, and PRL)
- Treatment happens in ICRC-contracted hospitals. Sometimes the screening could happen in the patients' homes but not the treatment.
- 80% of the current/past patients are male and 20% are women and children
- Medical data remains confidential, no feedback will be shared about the case after the referral.

### AoB:

- A GSO organized return movement is taking place on Thursday, 15 October 2019.