



BML Social Stability Sector Working Groups Meeting - Minutes

BML SoST Minutes of Meeting			
Name	Social Stability WG / Coordination Meeting	Meeting Date	5 th August 2022
Meeting Location	Teams	Meeting Time	11:15 am till 12:15 pm
Chairperson	Marianne Al Haibe / UNDP Amir Mounif / MoSA Alain Ghafari – Veronique Salameh/ UNHCR Farah Doughan / MOIM	Meeting Duration	1 h
Minutes Prepared By	Marianne Al Haibe / UNDP		
Participants 9 organizations	Amir Mounif – MOSA, Fabienne Akiki – Himaya, Alain Ghafary – UNHCR, Lamisse Khairallah – WFP, Guilelmo Mazza - Refuse, Rosy Cherfane – Dorcas Tabitha, Stephany Rayyes – UNOPS, Samira Abou Alfa – Save the Children, Edgard Rizk – UNOPS, Elissar Ashmar – IRC, Hanan Al Kassem		
Meeting Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and Introduction - Presentation by Save the Children on their new Project - Thematic Discussion on the impact caused by (1) the current increase in mobile prices and (2) the increase in COVID cases - Field Updates - AOB 		

Summary of Discussion Points

I.	Welcome and Introductions
	The meeting started with a round of introductions for all attending partners.
II.	Save the Children – New Project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Annex 1 <p style="text-align: center;">Support Needed by Save the Children in answering the below questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which organizations have social cohesion interventions in Naameh? • Are there any committees (adults and youth committees) that work on social cohesion in this area? • Any potential opportunities to work together with SC in the area of social cohesion? • What are potential challenges based on your experience? • What are potential opportunities for us based on your experience?
III.	Thematic Discussion on the impact caused by (1) the current increase in mobile prices and (2) the increase in COVID cases
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impact of the increase in prices of phone credits on program implementation: - Many participants live in locations with low phone connections and might not have the financial ability to recharge mobile data making it hard for the partners to reach out to the participants, especially when carrying out assessments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budgets of partners were affected, and communication fees have increased. - Used to rely on WhatsApp calls, now relying on regular calls which is now costly for partners. - Expected to affect the number of reported CP and GBV cases. - Many participants are relying on shared Wifi. - Participants minimize their calls to providers and others to decrease their internet consumption. - Impact of the increase in COVID cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase in prevention measures. - Still implementing face-to-face activities.
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V.	Field Updates:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Save the Children: Working closely with the High Council of Childhood at MOSA on CRC reporting (Child Rights Reporting), which is due in the upcoming year. A lot of work also is being done with UNICEF and other Child Rights governance colleagues in the sector on establishing a Child Right governance system in Lebanon. In November during the International World Day for children, they will use this event to advocate for Child’s Rights in the country with a very clear call for action. Assessments being conducted: Gender power analysis, and another assessment on climate change and its impact on the use and on children. Under the Youth Empowerment Project in Lebanon, they are partnering with YOU Speak where part of the project will be implemented with Members of Parliament to advance the youth agenda in the country, and are considering working with a National Alliance to do this activity; further details will be shared in the upcoming working groups. With an external consultant, they mapped around 100 youth-led initiatives which they would like to work with in the coming period and will share the map with the sector soon. In Burj Brajneh camp it was reported that Syrian were beaten and humiliated while collecting bread. High tension levels were reported. - UNHCR: Under the CSP activities, they have received requests from municipalities. Ones confirmed are: Damour, Choueifat, and Naameh. Projects are mainly related to access to water, solar, and access to energy. Implementation will start soon. Additional two or three projects should be selected this month. - MoSA: Tension levels have rapidly increased during those two months, and they are trying to mitigate those tensions. Noting that we are in the middle of a very hard situation. - IRC: Documenting more tension reports in specific areas: in Ras El Metn refugees are not able to access PHC services without having a card from municipalities. Many refugees were prohibited to enter bakeries and take bread specifically in Chouf area. - Himaya: Working in public spaces in partnership with municipalities and in support of youth volunteers who are delivering
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	<p>activities to children. Facing an increase in child labor that they are referring to partners. Working under Qudwa to tackle social behavioral change, they will soon train youth to implement community theater. Also working with community leaders and municipal police to raise awareness on Child Protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refuse: ReFuse is a social enterprise based in Lebanon that runs recyclables collection points, sells recyclables to industries and rewards users for their environmental efforts. They started working in Naba'a, and after less than one year they are serving a community of over 3000 people and 50 small enterprises. Their service targets local families and small businesses, who directly bring their sorted waste for three main reasons: to cash in some extra money, to fulfill their environmental commitment, or to support positive actions towards a clean neighborhood. <p>Last Friday they inaugurated their new recyclables collection point and our office, very close to the municipality of Bourj Hammoud, where they are already having a positive response from the neighborhood. During the inauguration, they organized a roundtable on informal waste picking, since - as a social enterprise - their mission also foresees the creation of dignified jobs in the waste sector, and they are therefore trying to understand how to promote assessments and initiatives targeted at reducing the vulnerabilities of those working in informal waste collection and sorting services. Findings will be shared soon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dorcas Tabitha: Activities in community centers are still ongoing. Offering life skills sessions for Lebanese and Syrian youth promoting social stability. Providing conflict resolution sessions. Staff will start soon considering the ABCD approach and will start providing training to community members to develop and mobilize changes in the community-based on their interests and benefit.
VII.	AOB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GiHA Training 1 on the 5th and 6th of September and Training 2 on the 7th and 8th of September 2022. - Activity Info reporting and Service Mapping updates. - Next BML SoST WG will be on the 1st of September 2022 from 11:15 am till 12:15 pm.