



South Lebanon Livelihoods Sector Working Group Meeting - Minutes

MEETING			
Name	Livelihoods WG	Meeting date	June 22, 2022
Meeting location	Teams	Meeting time	11:30 am
Chairperson	Yousra Taleb / UNDP	Meeting duration	45 min
Minutes prepared by	UNDP		
Participants	AVSI, Nashet, NRC, CESVI, UNDP (peacebuilding, MERP, LHSP), UNHCR, WVI, MoIM, URDA, UNIFIL, ACF, UNICEF, SCI, Amel, Sphere Building Tomorrow, ICRC, Anera, DCA, URDA, Sama for Development		
Meeting Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and introduction 2. Partner presentation: Sphere Building Tomorrow – Feedي من الارض Project 3. MERP project (LED plans, Municipal financing) 4. AoB 		

Summary of Discussion Points

A.	Deviations from original agenda None
1.	Welcome & Introduction
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP welcomed the participants on behalf of the co-chairs The agenda was briefly presented and validated by partners.
2.	Partner presentation: Sphere Building Tomorrow - Feedي من الارض Project (full presentation annexed to meeting notes)
	<p>Since there is a rising need for new means of empowering women in livelihood and socio-economic growth, SPHERE Building Tomorrow and The Sustainable Community Association are proposing an established two-teared project, that aims at strengthening women with sustainable access to agricultural techniques aligned with food security information and practices, reinforced with socio-economic knowledge, to enhance their social roles and ensure their employability.</p> <p>The project addresses up-to-date components with agro-food sources relevant to each area's settings:</p> <p>Targeted Population: Approx. 20 women (50% of which are refugees and 50% residents).</p> <p>Targeted Locations: 5 governorates across Lebanon</p> <p>Range of Age: between 17 and 56 years old</p> <p>The women will benefit from seasonal crop using specific-developed techniques in agro-food. Also, they will be supported with in-kind toolkits, enabling them to establish small homebased businesses and ensure their livelihoods, and help their families.</p>

3.	MERP project (LED plans, Municipal financing)
	<p>The project is a joint initiative by UNDP and UN Habitat implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Interior Municipalities and funded by the European Union Trust Fund or the MADAD Fund.</p> <p>Overall, the project aims to strengthen the long-term resilience of subnational authorities in Lebanon, as well as communities including refugees and displaced persons affected by the Syrian crisis. We have offices at the Ministry of Interior as well as the Directorate General of local administration and councils. The focus is on three geographical areas: AlFayhaa UoM, Metn UoM, and Tyre UoM.</p> <p>The project has three objectives that aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on subnational authorities to enhance their capacities to engage in holistic and area-based planning • Governance component which engages both national and local levels • Services delivery and ensuring that services become responsive and generates stability outcomes. • Local economic development <p>The project also delivers specific basic services projects and local economic development projects that are being implemented at the local level while integrating the governance component. This means that in addition to the basic services and local economic development projects, focus is given to strengthening municipal finance, capacity development and engaging in policy level work together with the Directorate General of Local Administration and Councils.</p> <p>Municipalities call for proposals:</p> <p>Given that the municipalities were requested to write their own proposals, this step was preceded with sessions to build their capacities on the matter. This included introduction of project development instruments like needs assessments, analysis and initiative prioritization and mainstreaming of gender, youth and PwD as well as environmental compliance with national laws and regulations. The sessions also included lists of requirements that the municipalities should take into consideration while choosing the project and selecting the members of the team. Finally, they were introduced to the different types of legal permits, ownerships, connotations, regulations and land classification and zoning. Most importantly municipalities were strongly encouraged to ensure that their proposals are based not only on their own needs but also on the needs of their local communities. Representatives of 55 municipalities and UoMs attended the orientation sessions and proposals were received from 33 municipalities and 2 UoMs. 18 of the 33 proposals were eligible. The selected projects are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyr: Rehabilitation of the Hisbeh wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market • Teyr Debba: Implementation of a Sewage system in the Southeast Area of the village • Qana: Construction of a Popular Market for local artisans, farmers and producers • Deir Qanoun El Naher: Solar System project • Bustan: Rehabilitation of the agricultural pond and roads • Alma El Chaab: Rehabilitation of the artesian well and installing solar panels to pump water for household in the village <p>Equipment projects: 20 proposals submitted, 14 of which were eligible and 7 selected in the South:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deir Qanoun El Naher: Bus for public transportation • Deir Kifa: Bus for public transportation • Abbasieh: Bus for public transportation • Teyr Debba: Tractor and pick-up for agricultural purpose • Jbel El Botom: Pick-up and skid steer loader for public services

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toura: Generators to power the pumps of two artesian wells • Srifa: Solar powered system for the municipality and the dispensary
4.	AoB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR in partnership with INTERSOS conducted a neighborhood assessment in Karm Alloz in Bisarieh village. It covered the needs under the different sectors including livelihoods (employment or cash for work) and social stability (solid waste management). Partners are encouraged to look at the possibility to intervene. For more information reach out to Arash Behazin, BEHAZIN@UNHCR.ORG. • The LED and Municipal finance parts of the MERP project will be presented in following working groups.