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Inter-Sector Coordination Group Meeting

December 18, 2024

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Opening Remarks

ISCG Co-Chairs

Agenda

1. **Bekaa and Baalback El Hermel Situation**
2. **Guidance on Harmonized Cash Assistance**
3. **Reporting**
4. **LRP 2025 Planning Process**
5. **AoB**

Action Points

Follow Up

Meeting Date	Action Point	Status
6-Dec-24	OCHA to follow up with DRM/LRC on communication to governors and partners regarding data-sharing at Governorate level to support programmes (Phase 1), pending the finalization of the MOSA data collection (Phase 2).	Ongoing
6-Dec-24	ISCG Co-Chairs to provide an update on terminology for returnees.	Done (see Guidance Package)
6-Dec-24	ISCG Co-Chairs to produce and share a reporting and planning calendar/timeline.	Done
6-Dec-24	Stephanie Laba to follow up with Dr. Ola Boutros on Government plans regarding both environmental impact in general and white phosphorus in particular and revert to ISCG.	Done
1-Nov-24	Protection Mainstreaming Focal Point to follow up with sectors on sector-specific protection risks and agreed Protection Mainstreaming actions, establish focal points within sectors, and improve feedback mechanisms.	Ongoing
1-Nov-24	The SMC sector will coordinate with sector/cluster representatives to gather feedback and strengthen the site monitoring framework	Ongoing
1-Nov-24	The Access Working Group will conduct further analysis of access constraints to inform the identification of hard-to-reach areas as the situation evolves.	Ongoing

Bekaa and Baalbak El Hermel Situation

Dr. Ola Boutros, LRP General Supervisor (MoSA)
Bekaa Inter-Sector Co-Chairs (UNHCR, UNDP, OCHA)

Bekaa and Baalbak El Hermel Situation

General Guidance

Activities: Immediate, life-saving, and in-kind package.

Sectors/ Cluster: FSA, BA, WaSH, Shelter, Health, Nutrition, Protection, Education, Social Stability, Livelihoods.

Reporting: Regular LRP reporting under Activity Info.

Bekaa and Baalbak El Hermel Situation
I A. Population Estimates – New Situation

New Situation – *Source DRM As of Monday 16 December*

Hermel TOTAL: 90,000

- 90,000 individuals – Baalbek
  - 38,000 ind. in 159 shelters (10% are Lebanese/estimated 3,800);
  - 32,000 ind. In host/rental
  - 20,000 Lebanese returnees
  - 74 CS assessed to date/32,040 confirmed/ 16,088 children
- 1,470 individuals – Rayak, Bekaa
- Some movement to Baalbek, South & Beirut

Masnaa

- 3,000-3,500 have entered (entry criteria and humanitarian exceptional basis)

I B. Population Estimates – IDPs

IDPs Remaining & Returned – *Source DTM Round 67*

TOTAL 175,031

- *2,971 IDPS Remaining*
  - *2,111 Bekaa (15 CS with 502 individuals)*
  - *860 Baalbek (2 CS with 0 individuals)*
- *174,734 Returnees*
  - *22,658 Bekaa*
  - *152,076 Baalbek*

1C. Population Estimates – LRP

	2025 LRP Planning figures						
Governorate	TOTAL LEBANESE (2025)	TOTAL PALESTINIANS (2025)	Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon (PRL) (2025)	Palestinian Refugees from Syria (PRS) (2025)	TOTAL SYRIANS (2025)	Migrants (2025)	TOTAL POPULATION (2025)
Baalbek-El Hermel	218,527	4,033	2,788	1,245	192,072	2,477	417,109
Bekaa	241,578	8,874	6,024	2,850	323,651	6,195	580,298
TOTAL	460,105	12,907	8,812	4,095	515,723	8,672	997,407

- 3,507 ITS with 172,785 people – *source IAMP 124*
  - 98,088 in 1,750 ITS in Bekaa
  - 75,697 in 1,757 ITS in Baalbek

2. Needs Assessments

Key Needs

- Basic/emergency needs high in the CS especially:
  - Food including hot meals
    - RTEs in all CS/Hot meals in 115
  - WASH (water, showers, latrines, and hygiene items)
    - 4,000 Hygiene kits already distributed
  - Health including communicable diseases and medication.
    - Mobile Units deployed/ vaccination campaigns to start
  - Basic items including blankets and mattresses.
    - Blankets & Mattresses already distributed to 80 CS
  - Protection for children, PSS, private spaces, and assistive devices .
    - Urgent cases referred and protection assessments ongoing
    - Shelter to provide plastic sheeting/temporary partitions
  - Education supplies and Infant formula
    - Distribution expected to start soon
  - Fuel and heating for CS.
  - Support for local authorities/host communities in SWM

2. Needs Assessments

Planned Assessments

- InterAgency/InterSector Assessments
- Regular Masnaa Visits
- Multi-sectoral assessment tools?

Key Challenges

- Understanding needs outside of CS

Communication

- Coordination – Bekaa Emergency Response Group

3. Response Priorities

- Online dashboard - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pykAkDc2vT1jjfXA88YMu6KXJQfd29-PaKXOKa93LYI/edit?gid=0#gid=0

- Priorities
  1. Ensure immediate lifesaving response for 3 months to emergency needs based on quick assessments
  2. Assistance should be in kind and not cash
  3. Sectors to use existing coordination structures, Sector guidance, 3Ws and geo-splits (Some sectors are in the process of updating again the geo-splits)
- Sectors have already started the immediate emergency support

4. Next Steps

It was agreed:

1. ISWG co-chairs to discuss adjustments to the ERNA; in the meantime, Sectors continue with the response.
2. Based on the further findings of the ongoing assessments and missions, the guidance on response for those outside of collective shelters will be developed – partners however will provide emergency assistance for those already identified and reached until the guidance is finalized
3. Seek approvals from local authorities in advance for any minor construction related workstreams in the CS
4. Provide additional guidance to sectors on the immediate response priorities.
5. Assess the impact of recent events on infrastructure
6. Develop a similar reporting dashboard (that was used for the IDP response) tracking needs against response; check on updates to Activity Info reporting.

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Guidance on Harmonized Cash Assistance

Diana Tonea, Inter-Agency Senior Cash Advisor (RCO)

Guidance on Harmonized Cash Assistance

Emergency Cash Assistance
- Lack of harmonization across sectors could lead to potential tensions.
- Current Status: All sectors who use cash as a modality (except WASH and FSC) have ongoing emergency cash interventions.

Recommendation: Harmonize cash interventions across sectors by aligning: **Transfer Value, Frequency of Assistance, Targeting.**

Data Source: Currently: Sectors are relying on DRM data for in-kind distributions. For cash distributions: Preference is to wait for MoSA registration completion or guidance from MoSA and Inter-Sector Co-Chairs.

Way Forward:

1. **Immediate Interim Solution Pre-Registration** (January – March):
   - MoSA to issue a circular for harmonization of emergency cash assistance between BA sector and FSC.
     - BA: 200$ one-off
     - FSC: 20$ per person for a maximum 6 ind. Max; 120$/month. Preference for a top-up.
     - BA & FSC: should target the same HH with a total of 560USD for three months.
   - WASH, Shelter, and Protection to continue bilateral discussions. Any MPCA for basic needs beyond the immediate emergency phase will have to be rationalized/harmonized with the BA/FSC approach.

2. **Post MoSA Registration** (After March)**:**
   Workshop in January to discuss the cash response and agree on a common targeting approach for MPCA for basic needs; Revise the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) and Transfer Values (TV), Align targeting and program design (duration, frequency, etc.) across sectors, and discuss a layered approach MPCA + sectoral cash as top-ups.

Sectors and Sn Cash Advisor to continue bilateral conversations to address sector-specific needs and issues.

Guidance on Harmonized Cash Assistance

Proposed Transfer Value & Frequency: TV still under discussions, final agreement this week. Proposed one-off approach.

Operational Concerns/ Challenges: Challenges include sourcing lists, data quality and missing data, and reconciliation with the MoSA registration system.

Need for: Cleaning and verifying lists for mitigation of risks.

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Reporting

Makiha Kimura, Head of Coordination (OCHA)

Rationalization of Reporting Requirements

Reporting	Frequency	Note	Suggestions by ISCG (To be discussed)
Response reporting (for both LRP and FA) via Activity.Info	Every two weeks	Cadaster level Population breakdown (nationalities/ in/outside CS) Sector to define what to monitor with which breakdown	District level Re-examine breakdown? =>HC/HCT
Collective Shelter (CS) response	Daily	Site level, around 100 articles to report. This is Gov requirement but reporting article – the Gov requirement is less	Reduce the # of articles? Weekly? Twice a week? => Consult with the Gov
Reporting of Reached figure for FA	Monthly	This is requirement set by global level. At minimum, 1 figure by sector. Disaggregation is not mandatory. Each sector to define how they calculate reached figures (and collect info via activity info).	Reduce breakdown? (only district?) No approval is necessary
Input for publication of Flash Update (process managed by OCHA)	Weekly	This recently shifted to weekly from twice a week	Maintain weekly or shift to every two weeks? => HC/HCT
Lebanon Aid Tracking	Every two weeks		
Service Mapping, Contingency Stocks	N/A (extract)	This info is updated with activity info so no additional work	N/A
Critical funding gap	Monthly	HCT appreciated this analysis	Resume monthly after extension of FA

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LRP 2025 Planning Process

Stephanie Laba, Inter-Agency Coordination Officer (UNHCR)

Timeline	Planning Process Step
Nov	**Population figures** (overall) developed by Strategic Advisory Groups (SAGs) AAWG & IMWG. **Draft planning assumptions** to be developed by ISCG Co-Chairs and presented in HCT.
20 - 21 Nov	**Area-Based Sub-national Consultations** *(online sessions, 2 hours)* • Stocktaking of the response and qualitative insights from sub-national sectors.
26 Nov	**Circulation of response planning guidance package to sectors,** ahead of cross-sectoral planning workshop on 29 November. *(Updated documents circulated 4 Dec).*
29 Nov	**Lebanon Response Plan 2025 Planning & Needs Analysis Workshop:** • Present and validate next steps and planning timelines including FA components. • Provide a presentation on population data and baseline vulnerability analysis, planning assumptions, emergency situation snapshot and area-based qualitative insights following sub-national consultations. • Provide thematic presentations and discussions on situation and needs analysis, to inform sectors' evidence base and planning assumptions ahead of sectoral consultations: *socio-economic, protection, gender, access to services, social tensions, environment.*
2 Dec – 11 Dec	**Sector Planning with Strategy Consultation Discussions*:** • Ensure inclusive participation and consultations at all levels (including regions) – UN lead agencies; Government; Partners; Donors. • Update sector strategy. • Finalize sector situation analysis. • Update PiN and targets. ** To note, while sectors are working on sectoral strategy, outline of FA doc is to be prepared.*
6 Dec	**ISCG Meeting** used to confirm approach to sector / inter-sector PIN (following IMWG meeting) **Updated population package** shared with sectors (utilizing district-level displacement data as of 6 Dec)
12 Dec	**Inputs for Flash Appeal component to be submitted by sectors (400 words input, as well as target and budget). –**
17 Dec	Flash Appeal to be reviewed by IS Co-Chairs for redline comments and presented to HCT.
19 Dec	**Flash Appeal component, endorsement of key figures by HCT** (then from 19 Dec to 1 Jan, finalization of design, maps etc).
20 Dec	**Draft sector strategies & logframes to be submitted by the sectors** after consultation with: - Sub-national sector coordinators. - Sector partners including donors. - Core group members including line ministry.
26 Dec	**Inter-Sector PiN, Targets, and total Appeal** to be finalized by IMWG. **Sector strategies to be reviewed by IS Co-Chairs** (Light revision for redline comments)
31 Dec	**Sector Strategies to be Finalized by Sector Leads** (including at ministerial level within line ministries) **Final drafts of sector strategies circulated to partners**, with confirmed 'outputs' to be utilized for the partner appeal Expression of Interest (EoI) in January.
Jan 2025	**LRP Introductory Text** to be updated and finalized by Co-Chairs. Publication of **Flash Appeal** **LRP Appeal** - Launch of Expression of Interest / Capacity assessments for new partners: Appeal Deadline for Partners. Sectors to complete new partner capacity assessments. **ISCG Annual Workplan Workshop** **Steering Committee** endorsement of overall framework (co-chaired by PM and RC/HC)

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LRP Terminology

- **"Displaced Syrians"**: Referring to Syrian nationals in Lebanon.
- **"Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)"**: Referring to the people displaced within Lebanon.
- **"Returning IDPs"**: Referring to individuals who have either returned to their original homes or to their area of origin. *This terminology is recommended as conditions for many IDPs are not conducive for sustainable return since many IDPs will continue to have habitual and safety needs.*
- **"Palestinian refugee *from* Syria"** and **"Palestine refugee *in* Lebanon.**
- Use **"Persons with Disabilities"** in full instead of PwD.
- Use **"Gender Based Violence (GBV)"** instead of Sexual & Gender Based Violence (SGBV).
- Do not use "ITS" or "Informal Tented Settlement" but **"informal settlement"** (no tented, no acronym and not capitalized).

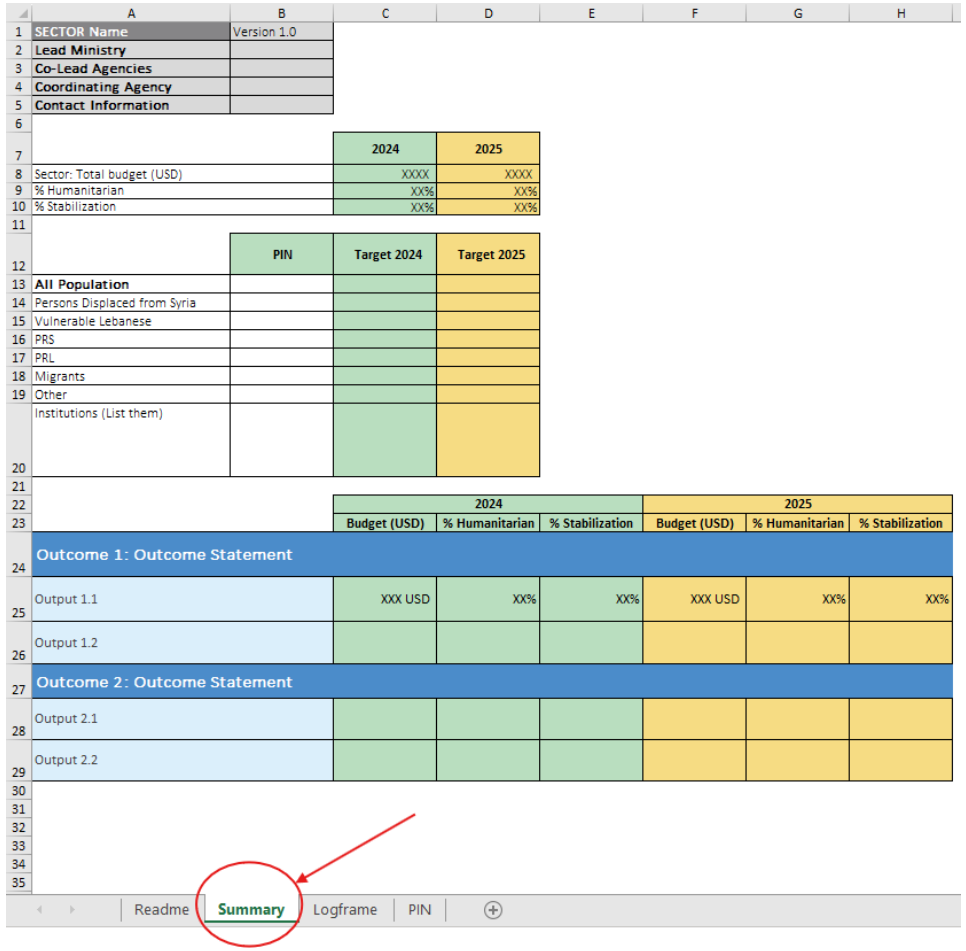
LRP 2025 Planning Process

Reminder on Submission of Sector Strategies and Logframes

Reminder for sectors to submit strategies and logframes by Friday, 20 December 2024 COB to lebbeia@unhcr.org copying the Inter-Sector co-chairs and Stephanie Laba at labas@unhcr.org.

Acknowledging the urgency to launch the 2025 LRP Appeal on time, we would like to emphasize the importance of adhering to this deadline.

If the logframe is not fully complete by then, please ensure you **at least submit the Summary Sheet** (screenshot to the right) on time as this information is crucial to set up the Appeal.



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	SECTOR Name	Version 1.0						
2	Lead Ministry							
3	Co-Lead Agencies							
4	Coordinating Agency							
5	Contact Information							
6								
7			2024	2025				
8	Sector: Total budget (USD)		XXXX	XXXX				
9	% Humanitarian		XX%	XX%				
10	% Stabilization		XX%	XX%				
11								
12		PIN	Target 2024	Target 2025				
13	All Population							
14	Persons Displaced from Syria							
15	Vulnerable Lebanese							
16	PRS							
17	PRL							
18	Migrants							
19	Other							
20	Institutions (List them)							
21								
22			2024			2025		
23			Budget (USD)	% Humanitarian	% Stabilization	Budget (USD)	% Humanitarian	% Stabilization
24	Outcome 1: Outcome Statement							
25	Output 1.1		XXX USD	XX%	XX%	XXX USD	XX%	XX%
26	Output 1.2							
27	Outcome 2: Outcome Statement							
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Tillykke med fødselsdagen,
Kasper!

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Thank You