

NFI Sector Coordination Group – Meeting Action Points – 26 March 2013, Beirut

Meeting			
Name	NFI Sector Coordination Group	Meeting Date	26/03/2013
Meeting Location	ESCWA (WFP Office)	Meeting Time	1:30 p.m.
Chair person(s)	Charlie Higgins , Snr. Supply/Distribution Officer	Meeting Duration	2:30 hrs.
Minutes Prepared by	Malak Rahal, Executive Assistant, UNHCR		
Purpose of Meeting	Coordinate NFI assistance provided to newcomers, unregistered and registered refugees		

1.	General Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on NFI distributions to Unregistered Refugees (UR) • Rapid estimate of unregistered population conducted by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ DRC ✓ Mercy Corps ✓ PU-AMI ✓ Tdh-Leb ✓ Intersos ✓ Islamic Relief (IR) ✓ AVSI • Received inputs about ‘total numbers of unregistered’ & ‘new arrivals during March’ from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tdh in Tyr ✓ AVSI in 3 locations in Bekaa ✓ IR still ongoing • But over 1,000 P-codes areas are still uncovered, with the biggest gap is in Beirut Governorate. <p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ask Caritas or Makhzoumi Foundation (MF) for assistance with the rapid estimate. ✓ Agencies requested to improve the data reporting on distributions conducted since 01/01/13.
2.	RRP5 Update

- Plan for the RRP5 on a quarterly basis (every 3 months) starting from April.
- ECHO has set the ceiling of the NFI support package provided by its partners at \$185.

Aim for better quality NFIs based on UNHCR specifications by having:

- Achievable prices through **local procurement**;
- Summer blankets provided: 1 /person;
- Mattresses: max 4 /family;
- New arrivals should get a kit ‘in-kind’, not a voucher;
- Kitchen set: Use DRC standard set.

Questions to be answered/tasks:

- Add Palestinian refugees to the figures for those who should receive the New Arrival Kit;
- Harmonize the Arrival kit between UNRWA & UNHCR;
- WASH proposal: Have an expanded hygiene kit and baby kit for new arrivals, but no longer any monthly distributions of hygiene and baby NFIs to registered refugees (or moving to a tightly targeted approach);
- Should a supplementary NFI support be provided upon registration, including a stove if not included in the New Arrival Kit (if no stove at registration, then this ‘kit’, would cost only %15);
- Clarify how to target the Winterization kit (in consultation with Shelter Sector WG);
- The overall contingency plan needs to be updated because the number is increasing @ month;
- The proposed contingency reserve stock of NFIs sufficient for 10,000 families is insufficient;
- Include a new output covering ‘vulnerability-based emergency response’;
- Identify and target the highly vulnerable population, which is at least 10% of the case load;
- How to phase out blanket assistance?

Action Points:

- Disseminate details of the DRC kitchen set (\$23).
- Disseminate the revised table of outputs plus outputs that include the targeted assistance.
- Wash Sector WG to be requested to set the contents of a hygiene kit that does not exceed \$24.
- WFP to be requested to confirm if it will continue providing the stove (at \$85) upon need.
- Inform small NGOs that they should include their activities in RRP5 in order to reach the donors.

6. AOB & Next Meeting

- The next NFI coordination meeting is scheduled from 1:30-3:00 pm on Tue 9 April, at UNHCR Beirut office, 8th floor (conference room).

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