

SOUTH WASH Sector Working Group – Minutes of Meeting

Purpose of Meeting	Coordinate WASH activities in South region		
Meeting Location	Tyre, UNHCR	Meeting Date	6 August 2013
Chair person	Astrid Castelein (castelei@unhcr.org)	Meeting Time	12.45
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Introduction

- Introduction of head of Water Establishment (WE) of South Mr. Ahmad Nizam and representative of Tyre branch. Their presence boosted the meeting and their continuous participation would be highly appreciated.

Intervention by Water Establishment

- UNHCR FO met with Water Establishment South Region and Representative of Water Establishment in Tyr mid-July to discuss needs identified by the Water Establishment. Meetings concluded that the adequate and objective support to be provided to the government would be water pumping rather than water trucking as it would equally assist all persons affected by Syrian crisis;
- WE provided list of available pumps to ease the design of water pumping intervention. List includes name of engineers and local focal points who can be contacted for technical information;
- WE warned participants that a differentiated approach would be needed depending on geographical situation and terrain, confirmed its capacity, when accessibility allows, to install new water connections where needed and its capacity to provide water faucets where required.

Planning & Mapping WASH activities

- WASH Sector WG presented the draft planning tool (matrix) at the cadastral level to WASH partners in the South for their comments. The tool summarizes who is “planning” to cover WASH in various contexts (CC/CS/ITS/FTS/Unused schools/SSU/H&B kits) and, hence, facilitates the mapping of the WASH activities and the identification of gaps.
- Results of initial mapping can be found on (<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/y1y5axq7e60a9pm/j3NyTbAkfs>)
- **Action point:**
 - Partners recommended further elaboration of the tool in order to able the partners to detail the kind of WASH intervention undertaken;
 - UNHCR FO, in collaboration with WASH partners South, to correct and complete the mapping and planning tool elaborated by the Sector. In this regard, please note that the information should be based on current agreements/contracts or funding that is guaranteed.
- UNHCR, in collaboration with WASH partners, to further detail ITS and CC/CS mapping tools as to map out interventions undertaken by each partner.
 - **Action points:**
 - UNHCR FO to further detail the mapping tools (ITS, CC) by adding 1) # of targeted beneficiaries; 2) drop down list to detail activities by sector;
 - Partners to complete the mapping tools with respective interventions

Update on WASH Sector WG

- WASH sector shared the outcomes of the mapping analysis undertaken based on 5W, the map highlights the presence of WASH partners in the South
 - **Action plan:** UNHCR FO to increase, according to available funding, presence of WASH partners to ensure RRP5 objectives will be met.
- WASH partners are advised to have a holistic approach of WASH interventions in CS planning map to be filled by partners and compiled by UNHCR;
- Some WASH guidelines were reiterated with partners:
 - Hygiene kits distribution should be followed up by hygiene promotion;
 - Water filter distribution should be preceded by water quality tests and followed by monitoring to ensure effective use of filters;
 - MoSA reemphasizes the limitations of WASH interventions, especially in ITS. Hence, partners invited to liaise with local authorities prior to undertake WASH interventions.
- Following the decentralized coordination mechanism, partners have been invited to discuss all activities on WASH firstly with the Field Office;

Agencies who attended this meeting

CISP, CLMC, Solidar, IOM, Islamic Relief, PU-AMI, UNHCR, UNICEF, SHEILD, MC, UN Habitat, OCHA

Action Points

Action	By who	By when
Partners to send their weekly updates to UNHCR FO	All partners	Every Wednesday
Partners to share assessments undertaken during last 6 months	All partners	12 August 2013
Finalize cost estimation of generator fuel for water pumping	UNHCR FO	16 August
Further detail WASH interventions in WASH planning tool	WASH sector	early August
Correct and complete WASH mapping & planning tool	All partners	16 August
Identify additional WASH partners to fill gaps identified in South	UNHCR FO	August
Partners to share assessments undertaken during last 6 months	All partners	12 August 2013
Further detail existing ITS & CC mapping tools	Astrid	14 August 2013
Partners to complete the further detailed ITS & CC mapping tools	All partners	30 August 2013