WASH Sector Meeting Notes – 27 November 2013 – Beirut

Meeting Notes			
Name	WASH Sector Working Group	**Meeting Date**	27 Nov 2013
Meeting Location	UNHCR Office, Lea Building, Beirut	**Meeting Time**	13.00 – 14.35
Chair person	Samuel Gonzaga (gonzagas@unhcr.org)	**Meeting Duration**	1hr 35 mins
Minutes Prepared by	Samuel Gonzaga and Aoife Long (along@unicef.org)		

Review of Last Meeting Action Points

	Action	By Who	By When
1	Review of activities to highlight which fall under stabilization	Partners who have submitted-RRP6	Friday 25th Oct (Pending)
2	Partners to revise submission where Unit Cost was highlighted	Partners who have submitted-RRP6	Friday 25th Oct (Done)
3	Follow up on Flood risk preparedness and mobilization, especially with ITS working group	Coordinators	Completed – was part of the presentation

2013 RRP6 WASH Budget Review Process

- USD 260,591, 275.00 (**25/10/2013**) - USD 204, 114,197.00 submitted to RCC
- USD102, 042, 582.00 (for the first 6 month)
- Submitted budget included significant reduction in HK and BK – target is at 15% (from 27%)
- Steering Committee reviewed first submission on 25th Oct
- UNHCR Technical team reviewed the submission
- Regional Technical Meeting on 31st October in Amman reviewed all countries' submissions
- WASH submission considered **Slight** on the Gender Marker
- Overall Lebanon Requirement was 2bn ..to be cut by 20%
- Steering Committee meeting agreed to approach agencies with the largest budgets (UN & NGOs)
- Sector Submitted to Lebanon Coordination Unit on 13th Nov
- Clearance sought from MoSA and UNHCR Representation
- Submission of overview table to RCC on 15th Nov
- Regional Technical Committee requested for $350m cut.. only $175m cut was made
- Waiting for confirmation? More cuts may arise.. Authority lies with Regional office
- High level meeting expected on 26 Nov 2013 (TBC) …No Update
- Draft to be finalized last week of Nov
- 16th Dec (TBC) appeal

Implementing Agency Visibility

- Website with all agencies details (beneficiary targets, output, funding requirement, other details)
- Website will be up at the same time with the launching
- Action: CSP/ Stabilization projects to be sent to the Sector

- Risk of cuts include increased incidences of diarrhea and reduction in scale and scope Community Support Projects

Lessons Learnt- (this was from a Multi-sectoral meeting that includes key MoSA, donors, selected agency representatives and UN agencies). This will be good to avoid in RRP7 (if it ever happens)

- Budget Ceiling should be set
- Spread sheet with drop down was so confining
- No discussions on UNHCR double hat
- No clear calendar
- RCC's Technical review for WASH was limited
- INGOs that are not IPs were not invited
- Results structure for RRP6 better than RRP5 (more lines)

Hygiene Promotion TWiG

- HP briefing paper distributed for comments -   (document offers guidelines on how to do HP in the current context) Action: Send your comments to Helen
- IEC materials and training materials uploaded to the sector Dropbox page
- HP training conducted (Nov 11 - 15th) - 30 participants from 21 Organisations participated - INTERSOS and RI have since done HP training
- At next TWIG meeting on Dec. 5th – to agree on HP indicators and how IEC materials can be shared and used by different organizations
- Hygiene Promotion TWiG to review WASH Hygiene Kit minimum contents and make recommendation to the sector.

Arsal Emergency

- Refugees accommodation: 11 ITS, 11 CS, 1 transit site, Majority accommodated in houses or small CS.
- Actors on the ground: ACF, active in Arsal since April 2012 could intervene rapidly with comprehensive wash in ITS and CS. Intersos support with water trucking since 19/11.
- Gaps: Locations of refugees not identified, NRC Multi-sectoral assessment. WASH Intervention in houses will be the next step.
- Challenges are security, scattered location of refugees and insufficient shelters.
- UNICEF, ACF and PU-AMI have some contingency stock. All other actors are requested to consolidate their contingency stock and inform the sector.

Site Improvement of ITS

- Medair and Save the Children briefed the Sector on Flood Risk Mitigation measures being undertaken.
- Technical Guidance for Site Improvements is prepared in draft format and will be made available to Sector Partners.

Sanitation Innovations and Learning (Mercy Corp)

- John Boulderoid, Senior Technical Advisor at Mercy Corps briefed the sector on a WASH Innovation project funded by the Gates Foundation.
- Phase 1 relates to technical assessment and site assessment, which will occur in parallel, and pilot testing of one or more WASH innovations is Jordan or Lebanon. These will be informed by an independent review of previous Gates projects and the applicability of these interventions in an emergency context.

- It is recognized that Lebanon and Jordan are very different contexts. Needs, constraints and opportunities for each will be different.
- Sustainability and maintenance of interventions is a key consideration.
- Progress and results will be shared with the sector.

Public Health Issues/Developments

- Alice Wimmer, Senior Public Health Officer at UNHCR briefed the Sector on Health issues and led a discussion on potential interactions between the WASH and Health Sectors. This was an introductory discussion to identify possible issues.
- Issues to consider include the WASH response to a health outbreak in particular using Health information, process for referral to health centres when there is a health issue, interaction with the Ministry of Public Health and the World Health Organisation, and co-ordination where Health promotion and WASH interventions are the same.

Action Points

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1	Send comments on Hygiene Promotion briefing paper to Helen	Members of hygiene Promotion TWiG	5th Dec 2013
2	Partners to advise sector of contingency stocks	ALL Partners	5th Dec 2013
3	Public Health will share health morbidities related to WASH to WASH sector	Public Health Officer, UNHCR	Monthly

Date of Next Meeting: 18th Dec
UNHCR Beirut registration building
Commencing 13:00 Hrs Sharp