

Shelter Sector Working Group Coordination

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UNHCR Beirut
Minutes of Meeting

Following a welcome note; the shelter coordinator reiterated the following:

1. Shelter Survey

UNHCR will start a new shelter survey by early February 2014. The survey TORs will be shared for comments with shelter sector working group members, prior to the tendering process. Survey planned to start by mid February.

NRC will be conducting monitoring on the use of cash in their programmes. Further studies will take place later in the year

2. Shelter Strategy and Action Plans

A multi-sectoral cash assistance, including shelter, will be rolled out soon as the targeting criteria is still worked out. However, given that vulnerable families will still be identified outside the multi-sectoral target group, cash for rent will continue to be used though to a reduced level, but always compatible with projections for evictions and similar protection related vulnerabilities.

Always in follow up to the implementation of the shelter strategy, an action plan form for the "per region" actual planned shelter activities in 2014 was shared with the field offices/coordination settings. The action plan is a strategic document based on the RRP6 designed to support coordination at the field/respective regional levels.

3. Refugee Figures and Achievements of 2013

Around 245,000 individuals were assisted with various types of shelter interventions during 2013. Data collection / reporting will improve as new staff are recruited for this purpose.

4. Winterization Update. Informal Settlements Site improvements / flood mitigation. Mapping of Informal settlement

80% of the set target for winterization and weather proofing activities have been covered. Site improvement activities mainly for flood mitigation are ongoing.

Planned for early February, the online mapping of Informal Settlements will be conducted by Medair in Beka'a, Save the Children in T5 and Akkar, and Acted in Mt Lebanon and the South. UNHCR has already purchased the licenses, while the tables are under procurement.

5. Revision of SOPs and Temporary Technical Comities

Five Temporary Technical Comities will be established to follow up on the update/elaboration of SOPs of shelter activities as following:

- 1- House rehabilitation: Led by NRC, and including CISP, CHF, UNHCR, PU-AMI, DRC, ACTED, UN-Habitat
- 2- Weatherproofing/winterization/IS : Led by SCI, and including Solidarites internationales, Medair, PU-AMI
- 3- Contingency plan: Led by UNHCR, and including Medair, SCI, OCHA, DRC, NRC, IOM
- 4- Cash: Led by PCPM, and including Shield, Medair, OCHA, IOM
- 5- FTS; led by UNHCR, and including MEDAIR, IOM, DRC, NRC

6. Reporting

Shelter members were encouraged to send their Accomplishments/ success stories on a weekly basis every Thursday morning. The data shall be compiled by the shelter coordination and shared as weekly shelter highlights.

The activity info training will be rolled out to staff from all shelter sector members.