

Shelter Sector Working Group Coordination Agenda

Tuesday, 11/03/2014, 10 AM
UNHCR Office , LEA Building. Beirut

1. Introduction
2. SGBV Referral Pathway (Presentation by Heartland Alliance)
3. Refugee Figures, and sector Achievements.
4. Update on Mapping of Informal Settlements
5. Temporary Technical Committees. (IS, Weatherproofing, Rehabilitation of SSU, and Cash for rent)
6. Reporting-Activity Info
7. A.O.B.

After a brief introduction by the shelter coordinator the following points were discussed/made:

1.

Continuous need for shelter space and house rehabilitations are issues will have to be raised at the midterm review. A discussion ensued on the benefits and disadvantages of multi-sectoral disbursement of unconditional cash ensues with the point being made that over 90% of refugees are reported to pay rent within their accommodations ranging from apartments, to informal settlements, unfinished houses, and even within collective shelters. Jad Riachi, the new Senior Shelter Coordination Assistant, was introduced as the focal point for Activity info reporting/ verification.

2.

The SGBV presentation defined SGBV, the types, the points at which refugees are prone to such violence, and the guidelines to deal with and prevent it. Copies of pamphlets targeted to help refugees deal with and report SGBV were distributed to the attendees. The UNHCR protection officer pointed out that in each field office, there are SGBV working groups and offered to share the group focal points and described the need for front line workers to be aware of referral pathway that should be provided to SGBV victims.



3.

The refugee figures and the sector achievements for 2014 were presented. The presentation included Jan 2014 and Feb 2014 figures for all RRP6 indicators. It was then noted that numbers of refugees entering Lebanon are still in line with the RRP6 projections, noting the absence of a large influx.

4.

UNHCR briefed on the mapping of ITS and stressed the need to pick up speed with the mapping of Informal settlements. While mapping of West Bekaa and Akkar were on track, the remaining areas were behind schedule. UNHCR offered to issue more phones or assign parts of the work to other IPs if some agencies felt they were unable to meet the deadline with current resources.

5.

An update was given on the Weatherproofing TTC through a presentation by Save The Children. SCI requested that the terminology used for different types of shelter be clarified in view of the new developments mainly in Arsaal. A presentation then followed by NRC/TTC lead on guidelines for rehabilitation of small shelter units. PCPM presented the main recommendations/guidelines of the cash TTC. A final draft will be shared with the sector in the week of March 17th for comments.

A TTC on Formal Tented Settlement was proposed to be led by MoSA. The main objective of the TTC is update existing SOPs and to create a roadmap for the improvement of the substandard tented settlements that have been sporadically built in the country; especially in Arsaal area.

6.

The Shelter coordinator reiterated the need for regular and accurate reporting; The UNHCR coordination shelter focal points in the field will be following up with their respective reporting members. NRC offered to facilitate reporting through a system they have adopted and are willing to share. UNHCR are testing a system that will auto-import data from excel to Activity Info. Maps will be available on Activity once data entry becomes more consistent and accurate.