



## FOOD SECURITY SECTOR WORKING GROUP



### MINUTES OF MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**When:** 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Where:** MoA- Bir Hassma

**Who:** 24 participants from MoA, MoSA, WFP, FAO, ACF, AUB, OXFAM, ACTED, UNRWA, UNHCR, ANERA

#### AGENDA

1. Strategic review of the Food Security and Nutrition situation in Lebanon – WFP/ESCWA
2. Presentation on Poultry projects result and way forward
3. Lebanon Spatial Website - AUB
4. Brief updated on the Sub working groups: Micro-gardening and Community Kitchens
5. LCRP outcomes
6. AOB

**Link to the meeting presentation:** <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=10411>

#### 1. Introduction

- MoA informed the partners that they are in the process of identifying or have already identified focal points at regional level that will be supporting the sector coordination at field level
- FAO has nominated a new sector coordinator: Pardie Karamanoukian will now be new FAO sector coordinator and can be contacted on [Pardie.karamanoukian@fao.org](mailto:Pardie.karamanoukian@fao.org).

#### 2. Strategic review of the Food Security and Nutrition situation in Lebanon – WFP/ESCWA

- A Strategic review of the Food Security and Nutrition situation in Lebanon will be conducted. This process will undertake a comprehensive review and mapping of the food security and nutrition situation within the targets of SDG two and national food and nutrition security plans, including for refugees.
- The review will also be looking at entry points for WFP and its partners in order to support Lebanon in reaching the SDG two targets
- Partners are kindly invited to nominate one focal point per organization willing to participate in the process through key interviews. Focus groups will be created in Beirut and Bekaa to ensure both rural and urban issues at national and field level are explored.
- The contact of the consultant undertaking the review will be shared for partners to communicate their willingness to be involved in the process.



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### 3. Presentation on Poultry projects result and way forward

- The results of the FAO poultry projects were presented to the meeting attendees. Details on the results are available in the presentation and in the video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8sTFxPa7vc>
- The joint FAO and WFP poultry project was also presented to emphasize the complementarity between FAO and WFP. Details on the project are also available in the presentation.
- Partners raised questions regarding the impact on the beneficiaries living conditions. FAO informed that a food security and livelihoods assessment will be conducted with the new and old beneficiaries. It was also mentioned that the main purpose of the project is to improve the food security situation of the beneficiaries in addition to increasing their livelihoods opportunities through an additional income source to the households.
- It is important to stress the fact that the project beneficiaries include people with disabilities which now is one of the criteria for the beneficiaries' selection. It was suggested to link up with the "People with disabilities" WG to ensure a standard approach in project implementation.
- Other questions asked were, if other farming opportunities were explored and which geographical areas were considered for the project implementation. It was explained that the project was thought to initially looking at chickens and goats but given the high costs related to goats, it was decided to only focus on chickens to extend the number of people reached. It was then clarified that the project has a national character to cover the same beneficiaries' number for each governorate.
- MoA stressed the importance to ensure quality control when working in such projects to avoid negative impacts such as animal diseases

### 4. Lebanon Spatial Website – AUB

- The American University of Beirut gave a presentation on the Lebanon Spatial website that AUB manages in partnership with IFPRI. Organizations willing to share data with AUB should contact AUB directly. Details on the project and contacts are available in the presentation given during the meeting.
- AUB does not conduct any primary data collection but uses secondary data collected by other entities such as Government, UN, and NGOs etc.
- AUB is also offering a summer programme on food security as well as a Master starting in autumn. For more info on programmes and scholarships please refer to the same contact available in the representation.



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### 5. Brief updated on the Sub working groups: Micro-gardening and Community Kitchens

- The meeting participants were updated briefly on the discussion held during the MICRO GARDENING and COMMUNITY KITCHEN sub-working groups held on 24th February. Minutes of those meetings are available at: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=10370>
- During the meeting partners asked clarification regarding the targeting ratio of 50/50 between displaced Syrians and vulnerable Lebanese in the agricultural sector. As mentioned by MoA and MoSA, the main point to consider is that projects should address the needs of the vulnerable population which includes displaced Syrians and Lebanese. When writing a project organizations should address the needs of both vulnerable groups. The best way forward for partners is therefore to seek for MoA advice and guidance regarding the implementation of specific projects to ensure that needs are addressed in line with the Government and sector strategic objectives.

### 6. LCRP outcomes

- In order to ensure a standard approach for the monitoring of the 2016 LCRP established outcomes, the M&E sub working group will be reactivated. The sub-working group will be aiming at mapping partners monitoring systems already existing as well as indicators collected to ensure a harmonized approach for monitoring. An invitation will be shared shortly with all organizations to send their respective M&E officers to attend the meeting.

### 7. AOB

- Nothing to report