



Minutes of INTER-AGENCY MEETING Beirut, 12 February 2016

Meeting Location	MoSA 7 th floor conference room	Meeting Time	10:00 A.M
Chair person	Aimee Karam- MoSA	Meeting Duration	2 h
Co-Chair person	Kerstin Karlstrom Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator Margunn Indreboe Alshaikh Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator		
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Purpose of Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Disaster Risk Management (PMO)▪ HCT contingency plan (OCHA)▪ Update on London Conference (MOSA)▪ Highlights of LCRP sector strategies for 2016 (Sector Coordinators/Leads)		

Summary of discussions and action points

1	Disaster Risk Management (PMO)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A focal person from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) presented a project "strengthening Disaster Risk Management Capacities in Lebanon. This project was formulated in May 2009 with support from UNDP.▪ The DRM project focuses on building institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction and management in the Prime Minister's Office▪ The three-year project aims to help the Lebanese Government develop its disaster management and corresponding risk reduction strategy.▪ The project supports a national risk assessment for the country, and is completing a comprehensive inventory of existing frameworks, assessments, and expertise in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)▪ Moreover, it supports the establishment of a new institutional framework

	<p>for DRR and the strengthening of national response to disasters, through the consolidation of existing disaster plans into a unified frame.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A National response Framework (NRF) was adopted by the Lebanese Government to organize the work of response agencies and local community groups in the context of updating and developing response and contingency plans ▪ The NRF details the different phases of response, the alert level, the crisis and disasters levels, the organizational structure of the national operations room, roles and responsibilities and SOPs before, during and after crisis and disasters ▪ The structure and the methodology of the NRF were outlined (for more info please refer to the attached presentation) ▪ UNOPS focal person raised a question on how to determine the scale of incidents, it was noted that the "Crisis Operation Room "established at the Ministry of the Social Affairs (MoSA) will immediately coordinate and response to disaster of any sort, man-made or natural ▪ PMO focal point noted the challenges in terms of coordination between different stakeholders (Line Ministries/UN) ▪ The link between the DRM plan and the HCT contingency plan (OCHA) was discussed, A meeting will be held between OCHA and PMO focal points to further discuss the linkages.
2.	HCT contingency plan (OCHA)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OCHA presented the current HCT contingency plan (CP) which is an update of last year's plan , it aims at fostering a common understanding of all partners involved on the anticipated scope of the emergency, and Identify specific challenges/gaps in the response ▪ In order to finalize the plan, sector coordinators were asked to provide their input under scenario 1 (influx) and scenario 2 (internal strife) per specific templates shared earlier ▪ Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Finalize CP based on coordinators' inputs (HCT to endorse)

	✓ Pursue discussion with DRM/MoSA on linkages and synergies.
3.	Update on London Conference (MOSA)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting Syria and the Region - London 2016 Conference was held on 4th of February, co-hosted by the UK, Kuwait, Germany, Norway and the United Nations. ▪ The GoL presented a unified plan comprised of a 5-year programme on Education and Economic opportunities and jobs. ▪ On education, the GoL is committed to getting all children aged 3-18 into quality education through the Reaching all Children with Education (RACE) plan ▪ On Economic opportunities and jobs; the GoL proposed a combination of programs to stimulate the economy. The programs included: Investments in municipalities, Subsidized Temporary Employment Programme (STEP), Access to markets (on trade), Urgent national-level infrastructure needs, Concessional finance investments in infrastructure and public services ▪ The GoL urged a multi-annual funding of \$4.9B to cover 2016 LCRP and a total grant contribution of \$420M annually as macro financial assistance and contribution to concessional financing ▪ It was noted that the overall outcome of the conference was very positive and that the implementation of activities of the plan is subject to funding availability.
4.	Highlights of LCRP sector strategies for 2016 (Sector Coordinators/Leads)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sector coordinators presented their sector chapters for 2016, the presentations captured highlights of their sector strategy and strategic shifts from 2015 (except education) ▪ A focal person from the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) asked a question on the involvement of the LRC, The UNHCR Associate Public Health Officer noted that the LRC didn't appeal to express interest under the LCRP.

Attachment

Document	Location
IA Presentation	http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=10320