



WASH Working Group Bekaa – Minutes of Meeting			
Date	8 th July 2015	Time	13h00
Location	UNHCR SO Zahle	Duration	90 minutes
Chair	UNHCR	Co-Chair	Oxfam
Attendance	Refer to attached attendance sheets.		

1.0	Introductions	Action
1.1	All parties introduced themselves. UNHCR has appointed a WASH (& Shelter) Coordinator for Bekaa. Contact; Bobbie Baker – bakerb@unhcr.org 03-542 325	Note
1.2	As agreed in the previous WASH WGM Oxfam shall retain the post of WASH co-chair for Bekaa. Contact; Lama AbdulSamad – LAbdulSamad@oxfam.org.uk 76-778818	Note
2.0	Update from National WASH Coordination Meeting	
2.1	1no. Bekaa WASH partner was successful in obtaining OCHA CBPF funding. This shall be officially announced in the coming weeks.	Note
2.2	It was announced at a recent inter-ministerial meeting that a steering committee shall be established to provide guidance to all sectors. MOSA appointed MOEW to head the steering committee. This includes establishment of a technical committees for water, waste water and solid waste. Development of a comprehensive approach to solid waste was identified as a priority concern. MoEW is not directly involved in solid waste management issues and thus a mechanism for coordination with agencies such as CDR, MoE & OMSAR will need to be established.	Note
3.0	IAMP 15 & 3W: Funding & Service Gaps	
3.1	IAMP-15 and associated 3W has been released. All partners (with the exception of Mercy Corps & LRC) provided feedback on the 3W prior to the sector coordination meeting.	Note
3.2	The 'Informal Settlement Coverage by Partner' map was presented to all partners.	Note
3.3	Relief International (RI) identified themselves as working in Informal Settlements (IS) but not represented on the IS coverage map. UNHCR to contact RI to obtain details of location and services provided.	UNHCR



3.4	<p>WASH coverage gap by area of responsibility was presented to all partners through individual partner sheets. The current gap in WASH service provision (IAMP 15) within IS's of 4 tents and above is summarized as;</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="316 465 1185 1093"> <thead> <tr> <th>Partner Area of Responsibility</th> <th>Sites Covered</th> <th>Sites Not Covered (Gap)</th> <th>Sites Not Covered (Gap)</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(No.)</td> <td>(No.)</td> <td>(%)</td> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ACF</td> <td>208</td> <td>28</td> <td>12%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intersos</td> <td>22</td> <td>16</td> <td>42%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medair</td> <td>50</td> <td>8</td> <td>14%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mercy Corps</td> <td>66</td> <td>13</td> <td>16%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NRC</td> <td>82</td> <td>21</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oxfam</td> <td>36</td> <td>100</td> <td>74%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SCL</td> <td>192</td> <td>8</td> <td>4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WVI</td> <td>77</td> <td>149</td> <td>66%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GVC</td> <td>89</td> <td>20</td> <td>18%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LRC</td> <td>12</td> <td>0</td> <td>0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>834</td> <td>363</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Partner Area of Responsibility	Sites Covered	Sites Not Covered (Gap)	Sites Not Covered (Gap)		(No.)	(No.)	(%)	ACF	208	28	12%	Intersos	22	16	42%	Medair	50	8	14%	Mercy Corps	66	13	16%	NRC	82	21	20%	Oxfam	36	100	74%	SCL	192	8	4%	WVI	77	149	66%	GVC	89	20	18%	LRC	12	0	0%	TOTAL	834	363	30%	Note
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3.5	The AI WASH agency site presence table was presented, indicating the expected funding gaps in Bekaa until the end of 2015.	Note																																																				
3.6	SCL noted that they have funding which may be utilized to cover part of the aforementioned WASH service gap in IS's – close to their current areas of responsibility. UNHCR to meet with SCL to identify increase in SCL coverage area.	UNHCR																																																				
3.7	Partners with funding to increase their WASH coverage area were requested to contact UNHCR at the earliest opportunity.	All																																																				
3.8	GVC noted that they are facing problems with Fakha municipality and there is a possibility of discontinued intervention. GVC is assessing the possibility of taking over from Oxfam 'Chaat' for desludging activities.	Note																																																				
3.9	WVI intend to hand over IS's to LRC, currently under discussion.	Note																																																				
4.0	Results Framework & the 'Full WASH Package'																																																					
4.1	The WASH Results Based Framework (RBF - attached) was tabled. Provision of the 'full WASH package' equates to satisfying the activities, outputs and therefore outcomes of the RBF.	Note																																																				
4.2	All WASH partners were encouraged to ensure familiarity with the RBF as it is the basis of 'Activity Info' reporting. All partners were reminded that the Activity Info Reporting deadline is 'today' (8 th of July).	All																																																				



5.0	Water Trucking & Desludging: Mapping & Findings	
5.1	UNHCR is currently preparing for a WASH cost analysis. The purpose of the WASH cost analysis is to obtain understanding of the current cost of WASH service provision (per refugee) across the Bekaa.	Note
5.2	UNHCR thanked partners who responded to the request for provision of information pertaining to water trucking and desludging activities. UNHCR noted that it will be in contact with each partner to further develop the WASH cost analysis (minute 5.1 above).	Note
6.0	Update on Stabilisation Projects	
6.1	In line with minute 5.1 (reduced cost of improved water supply) and sustainable interventions, the importance of pursuing connection to public water supply networks was discussed. A map illustrating public water distribution networks, IS's, and vulnerability was tabled to illustrate identification of possible connections to the public water supply.	Note
6.2	UN Habitat stated that it is currently in the process of establishing a presence in the Bekaa (July). UN Habitat work through Unions, assess existing capacity/ resources and hire local staff/ provide resources to build technical units within the selected Unions to enhance efficiency of decision making/ operations. UN Habitat intend to focus on Bekaa Ousat (Zahle) and Bekaa Sahle/ Bekaa Buhara (West Bekaa) and offered to assist partners working in the aforementioned areas.	Note
7.0	Water Scarcity & Contingency Planning	
7.1	A presentation on water scarcity in Lebanon in terms of; (1) precipitation 'vs' water holding capacity, (2) water demand and deficit, and (3) water pollution and source was given.	Note
7.2	The WASH sector must be prepared for the possibility of water scarcity during summer months. This has been studied with the water establishment in the past and a firm understanding of 'high risk' areas can be identified without undertaking in-depth assessment. UNHCR, UNICEF & Oxfam shall work with the BWE to support partners to identify potential areas of water scarcity with a view to establishing a contingency plan. Partners were also requested to identify if their areas of responsibility is prone to water scarcity – contact bakerb@unhcr.org and LAbdulSamad@oxfam.org.uk .	All
7.3	The Bekaa contingency stock list (as of 3 rd July and taken from Activity Info – attached), was circulated to all partners. All partners were requested to assess the contingency stock list to verify accuracy. This is required to ensure we have a collective understanding of contingency items in the Bekaa to allow us to respond to a potential emergency.	All



8.0	Referrals	
8.1	The referral process was described and emphasis placed on the importance of providing referrals to UNHCR (Georges Maalouf – maalouf@unhcr.org).	Note
8.2	41 of 90 referrals were highlighted as 'open'. Partners were encouraged to assess referrals in their areas of responsibility and respond accordingly, see https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jWADhzoHmKMT4F1hC8UyDOQbElgCDzyFkszlF6amUGE/edit?usp=sharing	All
9.0	AOB	
9.1	WASH meeting time allocation to be extended to 1.5 hours to allow for increased level of discussion and information sharing.	Note
10.0	WASH – Shelter	
10.1	<p>Health;</p> <p>UNHCR decreased the ceiling cost per case for patients admitted to SHC from \$15,000 to \$10,000. If a case admitted is in need for coverage above the ceiling Medivisa shall share the case with the ECC for approval.</p> <p>UNHCR, under the referral care SOP, permits Medivisa to admit non registered patients when the medical condition fits into the criteria UNHCR supports.</p> <p>UNHCR is not permitted to register the cases but will determine their eligibility for SHC assistance.</p> <p>UNHCR PH unit requires NGO partners to report PH concerns to UNHCR WASH and PH coordinators to ensure a comprehensive response.</p> <p>UNHCR PH will be available to organize a PH briefing for WASH actors on UNHCR PH and Referral SOPs.</p>	Note
10.2	UNICEF noted the possibility of a national WASH survey to obtain a robust WASH baseline. A ToR has been drafted. It is expected that 1 agency will implement and an external consultant will be hired to manage the survey. However it is unclear at present as to whether this will take place. Currently in discussion with a number of stakeholders.	Note
10.3	<p>NRC queried as to whether any partner has recently undertaken studies/ assessments into the effectiveness of water filters. NRC noted that they have undertaken same with respect to total coliform/ fecal content.</p> <p>CISP were identified to have undertaken assessments of 'aquafilters' and ceramic filters in South Lebanon.</p> <p>UNHCR requested partners undertaking WASH and Shelter studies/ assessments to share same with the WASH and Shelter sector through issuance to;</p>	All



	George Maalouf – maalouf@unhcr.org for clearance and uploading to the data portal. Through your email please indicate if the document sent is; WASH or shelter related. In addition please categorise the document as; A report, an assessment, or data & statistics.	
10.4	The importance of standardization of water quality testing was emphasized. A meeting will be held to discuss same.	UNHCR
10.5	UNHCR/ NRC noted that UNHCR, NRC & DRC shall meet to discuss the possibility of holding a CSMC workshop.	Note

Documents Shared:

WASH ITS Coverage Plan – July 2015

WASH Results Based Framework

AI Contingency Stock List

WASHA

CONJUNCTION

MEETING

Date:

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