



Inter-agency Donors Briefing – 19 March 2015



AGENDA

1. Status of GoL involvement with sectors
2. Discussion on future plans
3. AOB



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Government engagement



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- MOSA overall and sectoral leadership at national level and in the field, incl information management
- RACE proposal and Executive Committee at MEHE – defines strategy
- Health steering committee; efficiency of resources
- National Plan to Safeguard children and Women in Lebanon
- MOSA leadership on livelihood strategy
- MoSA Co-Leadership in the FSSWG and leading the Contingency Planning Plan/Preparation
- MoA using Food Security platform to harmonize all activities under the mandate of MoA



WASH: who takes the lead?

- **MoEW:** Limited communication with sector. Infrastructure vs sustainable temporary solutions in informal settlements Engagement bilaterally
- **MoPH:** Municipal Planning Pilot Project (to reduce waterborne disease risk) Health-WASH Referral System and Acute Watery Diarrhoea Preparedness and Response Plan - on hold
- **MoSA:** roundtable with Sector and WASH related ministries
- Limited engagement with MOIM, MOE and CDR even if critical to the sector
- Water Establishments increasing their = two parallel coordination platforms; merging is a priority



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Priority areas of intervention – GoL policies



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- National Plan to Safeguard Children and Women in Lebanon; umbrella for all CP and SGBV interventions, including all work in SDCs.
- Advocacy on admission and renewal criteria for refugees – including broadening of humanitarian criteria and addressing prohibitive costs
- Predictability regarding evictions; cross sectoral needs
- MOU on child cases requiring juvenile judges (MoSA and MoJ)



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- Livelihood strategy – not yet released. What we know:
- Cash For Work the main sticking point, the legal framework
- GSO is not part of the conversation; new registration criteria not discussed
- Education policy: children should be in public schools or in MEHE approved accelerated learning programs; Limited alternative options
- Policy on cash: precautious on cash assistance but not restricting; no cash assistance for vulnerable Lebanese – to be coordinated through NPTP



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Municipal engagement:



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- MRR plans: municipal prioritization
- MoPH water initiative to reduce waterborne disease risk
- Shelter and WASH relationship; extending water/sewage for temporary extensions to informal settlements
- Request for increased information from municipalities: i.E. In south Tyre union of municipalities (+60 municipalities) requesting all NGOs and un agencies what programmes they implement



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Areas of immediate monitoring/discussion:

- Need to clarify involvement of GoL in field coordination of sectors
- Access to free services in Syria not available anymore due to closing of border
- Refugees involved in informal labour market, with increased risk of exploitation due to insecure legal status in Lebanon
- Outcome of inter-ministerial livelihoods consultation process; and implications on other sectors such as cash

Questions?