



**Inter-Agency
Coordination**
Lebanon

Minutes of INTER-AGENCY MEETING Beirut, 6 March 2015

Meeting Location	MoSA-7 th floor conference room	Meeting Time	10:00 A.M
Chair person	Hala Helou – Advisor to the Minister of Social Affairs	Meeting Duration	2 h
Co-Chair person	Afke Bootsman – Inter-Sector Coordinator UNDP		
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Purpose of Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Registration / UNHCR2. Protection / MOSA & UNHCR3. MoPH municipality initiative on WASH / MoPH4. Assessment working group update / OCHA & UNHCR5. Food Assistance update / MOSA & WFP6. AOB		

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	Registration (UNHCR)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Total registered as of 4 March 2015: 1,179,937 with 26 days waiting period▪ February Registration: 14,000 individual registered (11,500 in January).▪ Appointments Requested: Approximately 15,000 appointments requested vs. 14,000 requests in January (due to residency renewal requirements)▪ Profile of Registered in January was outlined (in terms Age/Gender/Family Composition)▪ 20% single males and 61% Male Headed in December 2014, in February



	<p>the figures had risen to 46% and 83% respectively</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Key points:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rate of new arrivals very low○ New registration is mostly of 'long-stayers'○ New registration expected to further decrease○ Overall population stabilized
2.	Protection (MOSA & UNHCR)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ GSO circular of 22 January provides that Syrians registered with UNHCR can renew their residence permit for six months▪ The requirements for Syrians registered as refugees with UNHCR:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Payment of USD 200 fee○ Housing commitment signed by landlord and stamped by mukhtar (+ certified copies of landlord's ID and lease agreement)○ Notarized pledge not to work○ Pledge to leave Lebanon at the expiration of the permit or when requested by concerned authorities○ UNHCR registration certificate valid for at least six months▪ With regards to Syrians not registered with UNHCR, they must have Lebanese sponsor to renew for six months: If resided in Lebanon one year, pay fee of USD 200 and provide specific documents▪ In respect to evictions, in total, 40 settlements have received eviction notices in 2015▪ No evictions in Bekaa was reported over last two weeks▪ Evictions Committees in the field coordinate response activities▪ Discussions at Beirut level is ongoing to ensure adequate consultation and support to identify alternative solutions▪ Border monitoring teams reported that 34 Assyrians crossed through Masnaa this week. The GSO's regular border entry requirements are not applied to this group -they are given 1 week permit stay and requested to renew as per above procedures▪ Concerns /questions raised re-criteria/requirements such as pledge not to work, the \$ 200 fees to be paid by individuals above 15 in accordance



	<p>with the Lebanese Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ It was noted that Lebanon is not a state party to the 1951 Convention or to its 1967 Protocol nor does it have specific legislation or administrative practices for refugees and asylum-seekers. As such, refugees are subject to the same provisions in domestic law that applies to other foreigners.
3.	MoPH municipality initiative on WASH (MoPH)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Relatively high incidence of water-borne diseases necessitates quick response to contain the outbreaks and prevent further outbreaks▪ Necessity of systematically engaging municipalities in planning and prioritizing WASH interventions within their areas▪ 7 municipalities were chosen based on several criteria▪ Objectives:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ To empower municipalities with skills and resources to deal with WASH issues○ To reinforce the sense of responsibility at municipality level for the health and safety of their constituencies○ To ensure the sustainability of WASH interventions after humanitarian actors have left○ To contain and reduce the incidence of water-borne diseases○ To ensure the prioritization of WASH interventions according to public health needs▪ A call was made for WASH Partners to involve municipalities at all stages of WASH interventions planning /implementation
4.	Assessment working group update (OCHA & UNHCR)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Assessment Working Group (AWG) aims at:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Strengthening assessment coordination○ Enhancing dissemination of information○ Increasing advocacy, awareness raising and resource mobilization▪ Partners with technical expertise in needs assessments were invited to participate in next AWG to be held on 13 March @ OCHA – 3:30pm▪ To register your assessment:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Request access to fambri@unhcr.org○ Upload document and describe your assessment online



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ information is publicly available on data.unhcr.org/lebanon▪ For more information contact: Typhaine Gendron: gendron@un.org Remo Fambri: fambri@unhcr.org▪ A request made by UNICEF: rapid needs assessment tool needs to be more flexible/adaptable in order to comply with the needs & mandates of each organizations/areas.
5.	Food Assistance update / MOSA & WFP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Following December experience, an inter-agency sub-technical WG was formed to mobilise humanitarian agencies to respond to the situation & mitigate impact▪ Funding shortfall scenarios were based on WFP's planning scenarios (50%, 25% & 13%)▪ Scenarios specify targeted population group(s) and level of voucher value (food basket coverage)▪ Sub-technical WG established a contingency plan that includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A matrix calculating the gaps under each scenario○ SOPs outlining roles & responsibilities, activities and timeline○ Technical guidance note for agencies' complementary activities▪ Next steps:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Map all local/international NGOs which could potentially be mobilized to cover gaps○ Present CP to senior management at the IA meeting and HCT levels○ Further review of the SOPs based on agency feedback.
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Next Beirut IA meeting to be held in 17 April 2015

Attachments

Document	Location
IA Presentation	http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=8388