



Minutes of the National Shelter WG Meeting

Meeting Location	UNHCR, Leah first floor, Beirut	Meeting Date	July 12, 2016
Chair persons	Ahmad Kassem (MOSA)	Meeting Time	10:00 –12:00 Hrs.
Minutes by	Malak Rahal	Meeting Duration	2.00 Hrs.
List of agencies in attendance	MOSA, ACTED, UNDP, MEDAIR, French embassy, ECHO, Beirut Arab University, KDSCR, UNHCR, Welfare association, CARE, Concern, QRC, SCI, NRC, CHF, PCPM, OCHA.		

Agenda

- 1- Update from IM
 - Midyear Shelter Update
 - IAMP 26-27 update on informal settlements
 - RAIS Reporting and upcoming trainings
- 2- Temporary technical committees
 - Cash for Rent
 - Neighborhood Approach
- 3- Update from the field
- 4- Beirut Arab University – Architecture department presentation of temporary shelters graduation projects
- 5- AOB

Please refer to the attached power-point presentations for meeting details. The following are brief notes of discussion and action points.

- Presentation/Discussion
- Action Point

1. Update from the Information Management unit

Midyear shelter review (January to May 2016) presentation attached

- The shelter sector received out of the \$ 139 M appeal, \$ 42 M - 31 % funded up to date
- Out of the 604,734 targeted people, assisted: only 90,631 (of which 87% are displaced Syrians)
- Output 1: Total number assisted and now living in adequate shelter at affordable conditions – 15 % target reached
- Output 2 : Site and infrastructure conditions within temporary settlements and poor urban areas with high ratio of displaced population and vulnerable groups are improved – 2.7 % target reached
- The main part of the received funds covers humanitarian assistance; low cover of stabilization
- Many shelter agencies have received less funds than expected.
- Assistance for the shelter needs are under covered in South and especially in B/ML.
- The Qatar Red Crescent (QRC) are ready to coordinate and fund partners who will implement projects in South and/or B&ML - contact Mohammed Sleiman on mqrc.sleiman80@gmail.com

Reporting of the 2015/16 activities on RAIS

- RAIS: reporting is low for all Field offices
- A RAIS Training is scheduled on July 13 at 10-12:30 in UNHCR Tyre Office and on July 14 at 10-12:30 in UNHCR Beirut Office. Interested agencies to email Megan Walden on walden@unhcr.org

IAMP 26-27 update on informal settlements

- The second 2016 IAMP sweep is complete, mapping all informal settlements in Lebanon.
- This sweep included a count of SSB (requested by Bekaa- SSB= more than 50% tin, concrete, etc.), finding that 728 sites (1+tents) have some SSBs.



- Sweep also indicated that 50% of the children living in these sites were attending formal public education.
- IAMP26 reports a 17,000 increase in the number of individuals living in informal settlements. While the number of people in IS has increased, this figure also includes 11,000 individuals in previously unmapped Aarsal.
- Mapping of this area was recently completed thanks to satellite imaging and partner data.
- For more information download the dashboard:
<http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=11359>

2. Temporary technical committees

Cash for Rent

- Guidelines drafted by UN-Habitat, PCPM and agencies (DRC, SCI, PCPM and NRC) who provided comments and feedback
- The final Guidelines were shared to shelter partners

Neighborhood Approach

- The shelter sector has initiated a TTC lead by UN-Habitat with membership of CARE, ACTED, DRC, Concern, and Solidarites International to draft technical guidelines for poor neighborhood upgrades.
- The TTC drafted a document reflecting a multi-sectoral approach that promotes integrated response covering Shelter, Water and Energy, Social Stability, and protection aspects covering the need of the different cohorts (refugees and host population) residing in poor urban areas.
- The final draft is presented in the inter-sector meeting, and UN-HABITAT is designated to follow up on needed input with the suggested sectors to be involved. The shelter sector advocates for this product to be an Inter-sector property and not a shelter property. On the other hand, the shelter sector will focus on strictly developing shelter technical guidelines for neighborhood upgrades

3. Updates from the fields

Beirut & Mount Lebanon (PPT attached)

- Seasonal movements have been noticed in Mount Lebanon , a strategic decision should be adopted regarding those movements and the assistance package that fit the needs of those concerned families

Bekaa

- Site improvement is on-going with SCI & Medair

North

- June was characterized by the shelter response to refugees who have recently arrived to Akkar. Initially it was thought that most of the refugees settling were arriving directly from Syria, however, this was not the case, and it was found that some of the movements could be attributed to the normal seasonal agricultural work from the Bekaa to Akkar.
- 228 Syrian families have been assisted with 237 Shelter kits distributed by PU-AMI, SI and Concern in 11 different sites affected by new arrivals from Syria.
- How to deal with such regular seasonal movements was a challenge for the shelter response. It is important to distinguish between those settling for longer and those settling for shorter periods.
- The Shelter sector began a 3W matrix review analysis (Gap Analysis) for Shelter assistance in the North (for the second part of 2016), taking into consideration the potential gaps who can affect the sector.
- There have been two cases of arson that have destroyed six tents in two informal settlements. No injuries, but resulted in displacement of sites in new areas. Shelter kits were distributed to the displaced.



4. Beirut Arab University – Architecture department presentation of temporary shelters graduation projects (presentations attached)

- BAU Master Students presented two Final projects on shelters design that aim to address the shelter needs refugees with due considerations to Lebanon context
- The objective is to provide comfortable housing for emergency relief while giving refugees the chance to contribute to their relief plan. In that purpose, Field visits were conducted in IS in Akkar in order for them to understand the living condition of refugees families and how do they cope with their shelter needs

Transitional shelter made with galvanized steel pipe frame and sandbag walls (PPT attached)

- The unit is a single-family housing for a family of five members.
- Its total area is 20.25 m2 which complies with SPHERE standards (3.5 – 4.5 m2 per person)
- Cost: 2200\$ (excluding labor)

Emergency Shelter, a foldable shelter made with metal frame and heavy-duty tarps

- Living space of 17,5 m2; easy to assemble and dismantle
- Cost: 2340\$ (excluding labor)
- Further testing is needed on the prototypes to see how the shelter will resist to the real weather condition, stress, and fatigue.

AOB

- SCI will undertake a National Assessment on Fire risks for IS & SSB through a fire consultants “Fire fighter Charity organization”.
- Consultants mission will take place from 29 of July until 12 August and will meet and consult with the Lebanese civil Defense, UN agencies and all fire prevention actors
- The national fire committee is actually in place, formed with 7 NGO members. NGOs working in ML and interested to be part of the committee are invited to approach SCI.
- The consultant will visit Bekaa, North & South where several meetings will be conducted with the civil defense stations and UN agencies
- The Final report will be submitted by end of September