

Bekaa Health Coordination Meeting			
Date	23 September 2020	Time	0930-1100
Location	UNHCR Zahle premises- through Webex	Duration	1 h 30 min
Chair	Mona Kiwan - UNHCR		
Attendance	Attendance sheet shared with the minutes		

1.0	COVID 19	ACTION	DUE DATE
1.1	<p>Situation Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30838 C-19 cases in Lebanon of all nationalities, 315 deaths so far. As of yesterday, the cumulative confirmed cases of C-19 for POCs was 829 in all Lebanon; 546 recovered and only 9 deaths - In the Bekaa, 105 cases among poc, 13% of total population of affected refugees with only 3 deaths; the majority live in urban settings and a total of 12 refugees in ISs, none of ISs are in lockdown. <p>Rapid Response Teams: Health partners distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 23 RRT teams distributed among the Bekaa territory, in the past couple of weeks no referrals were initiated to the RRTS as majority of referrals were living in urban settings. - Lessons learnt exercise done and an action plan was elaborated to improve the response. <p>Level 3 isolation: Health partners updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Majdel Anjar: will be transformed into a school; the municipality does not want the facility to be part of the response anymore - Qaroun: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Waiting the site manager the finalize the work o RI recruited 8 nurses, 1 supervisor, and 2 doctors who will working remotely. PPE and medical supplies were procured as well. - Hadath Baalbeck: Waiting the issue to be set between the mayor and UNHCR otherwise work completed. 		

<p>Hospitals preparedness for COVID 19: testing and hospitalization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICU work should be handled to Baalbeck GVT hospital today- 5 ICU beds in addition to the previous 36 regular beds - MSF-Belgium suspended surgeries until they finish the C-19 intervention. They inaugurated the COVID 19 hospital with ICU1 and ICU2 beds. So far they admitted 13 patients, 1 dead, and one discharged. No cases were reported under respirator. <p>Community Health Volunteers engagement in COVID 19: role in prevention & preparedness and response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distribution of CHVs updated by RI-IMC-MTI - Ensure to train CHVs this month about PPE use and safe disposal, isolation requirement in IS. - RI recruited 35 CHVs, they were trained about community screening and equipped with infrared thermometers, oxymeters and blood pressure machine. They conduct community awareness and screening and are distributed across Central Bekaa, West Bekaa and Aarsal. Until now, there is no case identification. They are filling the CHV form on KOBO. - IMC emphasizing on raising awareness on personal hygiene especially that 9 cases of Hepatitis A were detected in Taanayel IS. Humedica managed also Hep A cases in few villages in Central Bekaa. - Last month many referrals were received about Hepatitis A and scabies. Awareness about hygiene promotion should continue - MTI conducting C-19 and public health awareness sessions <p>MH interventions for COVID 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AMEL started providing mental health services in supported PHCs in Kamed Al Laouz and Aarsal; they have psychologist, psychiatrist and care workers. From now on, they can start receiving referrals. - RI: cover all Bekaa C-19 cases and close contact through virtual sessions. Referrals to be sent to: Eliana.azar@ri.org copying maya.bouhamad@ri.org <p>Gaps and needs</p>	<p>Msf-b eligibility criteria for COVID 19 admission and referral form will be shared with the minutes.</p> <p>-Other organizations managing CHVs to update the mapping</p> <p>-RI will recruit extra 6 CHVs</p>	
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	- Nothing reported on gaps and needs		
2.0	Health Partners' Programs Updates	ACTION	DUE DATE
2.1	<p>Challenges in implementation related to COVID 19 in PHCCs, MMUs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humedica: will start a program supporting SHC by October first 2020. They will support Machghara Gov hospital with automated PCR machine - URDA dialysis program will end by the end of the year but they are looking for new donors. - IMC finalizing contract for Qabelias and Baalbeck. Mid of October they will find replacement for Aali El Nahri and still assessing new PHC. <p>Access to vaccination, SRH, chronic medicines, and other programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WHO will have drug committee meeting and will share communication with everyone on updated list of medication. They would like to receive any emails about shortages for chronic medications - ICRC same projects running since 2020, they are focusing on supporting RH Hospital and LRC - MSF carrying out regular activities - MAGNA project ends in October and they are applying for funds for C-19 as well. They are working on an assessment in North Bekaa on impact of C-19 on community. - LRC have problems with chronic medicine in quantity and some kinds - MALTA signed 2 new contracts for their referral with Assi Hospital in Hermel and Aarsal PHC. They are trying to improve psychosocial support through MMU. 	Humedica will share the eligibility criteria	
3.0	Referral Care Program- Challenges	ACTION	DUE DATE
3.1	UNHCR is supporting refugees in paying majority of cost, maximum ceiling cost refugees have to pay now is \$350 at a rate of 1500 LBP- this will be applied till end of the year, refugees are still facing some challenges with the payment .		