Inter-Agency Coordination Lebanon

Minutes of Meeting
Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG)

Meeting Location	Remotely Via Zoom	**Meeting Date**	3 August 2023
Chairperson(s)	Dr. Ola Boutros – LCRP General Supervisor (Ministry of Social Affairs - MOSA) Camilla Jelbart Mosse - Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNHCR) Michael Schaadt - Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNDP)	**Meeting Time**	12:30 p.m. 02:00 p.m.
Minutes Prepared by	Jana Nasr, Senior Inter-Agency Coordination Assistant (UNHCR, Inter-Agency)	**Meeting Duration**	2.00 hrs.
Participants	Annex 1		
Agenda	1. Opening Remarks 2. Mid-Year Stock-take o Funding Update o Support to Lebanese (LCRP) o Sectoral Mid-Year Review 3. Solar Energy Across Sectors 4. Updated Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Referral Pathways 5. Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) – Food Security Analysis		

1. Opening Remarks

Dr. Ola Boutros, LCRP General Supervisor (MoSA)

In her opening remarks Dr. Boutros highlighted the following points:

- The importance of seeking accountability and ensuring peace for the victims of the August 4 Beirut Port Explosions.
- The critical role of donor response in addressing the needs of vulnerable populations, as well as the positive impact of donor support on the well-being of displaced individuals.
- Political stability and dialogue are vital in the face of tensions surrounding displacement and competition for lower-skilled jobs.

2. Mid-Year Stock-take

Camilla Jelbart, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNHCR – Inter-Agency)

Regarding the mid-year stock-take, Camilla mentioned that:

- A review of mid-year activities was conducted, with a focus on funding and reporting. The data collected would inform the Joint Technical Task Force (JTF) and Steering Committee meetings in September to present the status of the LCRP and set the stage for 2024 planning.
- The Business Continuity Plan has been finalized and published.
- Sector coordination teams are urged to actively participate in regional risk discussions, including the Ministry of Environment's response, by providing feedback and facilitating conversations.
- Address food security implications and collaborating on sector-specific priorities is significant.
- Progress in service mapping and referral analysis, with emphasis on ongoing collaboration and identifying gaps.

Funding Update

Faisal Al Fakeeh, Associate Information Management Officer (UNHCR – Inter-Agency)

For the funding update, Faisal highlighted that:

- The aim is to have the final funding update ready for next week.
- The current draft version of the funding update indicates that 23 per cent of the requested $3.6 billion has been received, which is about $816 million.
- The funding includes 12.6 per cent received funds, 10.10 per cent carry-over from the previous year and multi-year project funds. The gap is 77 per cent.
- Compared to the previous year's available fund, the current quarter's received fund is higher.
- Most sectors are below 50 per cent, with Child Protection at 50 per cent, Water at 39 per cent, and Education at 36 per cent.
- Underfunded sectors include Energy at 2%, Nutrition at 7%, and Shelter at 9%.
- A comparison between Q1 and Q2 showed significant changes in the Water sector's reported fund, with an emphasis on protection-related funding improvements.

Support to Lebanese (Lebanon Crisis Response Plan - LCRP)

Camilla Jelbart, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNHCR – Inter-Agency)

For the dashboard on support to Lebanese under the LCRP framework, Camilla noted that:

- The support to Lebanese dashboard is a mid-year product requested by donors.
- The purpose is to clearly display the support provided to Lebanese individuals, households, and institutions through the LCRP.
- The indicators used in the dashboard were agreed upon with sectors and have been updated based on Q1 and Q2 reporting data.
- The dashboard features support provided to various sectors, including Basic Assistance, Education, Food Security and Agriculture, Health, Livelihoods, Nutrition, Protection, Shelter, Social Stability, and Water.

Action Point:

Sector Coordination teams to review the indicators and beneficiary figures on the LCRP Support to Lebanese Dashboard here based on the 2023 reporting on Activity Info by Thursday 10 August, 12:00 pm and to share any updates/changes with Raffi Kouzoudjian KOUZOUDJ@unhcr.org. Final English and Arabic versions to be published and shared in What's New with the Inter-Agency mailing list.

Sectoral Mid-Year Review

Camilla Jelbart, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNHCR – Inter-Agency)

Sector Coordination Teams

For the sectoral mid-year review, Camilla explained that:

- The mid-year check-in did not result in significant changes to strategies, log frames, or budgets.
- The sectoral mid-year review content was extracted from the Q2 Sector Dashboards submitted by the sector coordination teams.
- The final content will be shared ahead of the Joint Technical Task Force meeting (JTF).

For each sector, the following was presented by a member of the respective sector coordination team (*details in the PowerPoint Presentation here*):

- Achievements.
- Challenges.

- Priorities in second half of 2023.
- Support from Inter-Sector / Collaborations across Sectors.

Action Point:
Sector coordination teams to review the slide corresponding to their sector here for any further improvements by Thursday 10 August, 12:00 pm.

3. Solar Energy Across Sectors

Michael Schaadt, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNHCR – Inter-Agency)
Mohammad Nasser, Information Management Officer (UNDP)

Regarding solar energy across sectors, Michael provided a brief background noting that solar mapping was initiated based on popular demand from the field, and it aims to enhance coordination around solar initiatives among sectors. Mohammad highlighted that:

- The solar mapping dashboard will compile data related to solarization projects, allowing for custom searches by sector, partner, governorate, district, and more.
- The dashboard is being developed, with the goal of creating a comprehensive tool for storing solarization project data.
- The mapping will be framework-neutral and extend beyond the LCRP, aligning with future strategies/initiatives.
- The guidelines on cross-sectoral reporting, including the solarization component, are being developed.

4. Updated Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Referral Pathways

Pamela Di Camillo, GBV Task Force Co-Lead (UNFPA)

In reference to the GBV referral pathways tool, Pamela introduced the updates:

- It is aims to guide non-specialized service providers, such as front-line workers from other sectors, to refer survivors of GBV to the appropriate management agencies/services.
- It contains sensitive information and will not be available online.
- It provides information on GBV specialized service providers and how to manage cases, including referrals to other services in different regions of Lebanon.
- Different pathways are provided for North, Bekaa, and South regions of Lebanon.
- The specialized GBV service providers should adopt a survivor-centered approach, being supportive, non-judgmental, and providing information on available services.
- The pathway emphasizes confidentiality and the survivor's consent to seek help.
- The tool will be disseminated to all sectors, and presentations with more details will be arranged during sectoral meetings.

5. Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) – Food Security Analysis

Paradie Karamanoukian, Food Security and Agriculture Sector Coordinator (WFP)

For the IPC food security analysis, Pardie provided an overview and shared recent updates:

- Efforts were made to include more national NGOs in the analysis, especially in the south region.
- Moving forward updates will be done on a yearly basis, covering a 6-month current period and a 6-month projection period.
- Four population groups were analyzed:
    - Lebanese Residents (district level)
    - Syrian Refugees (district level)
    - Palestine Refugees in Lebanon (national level – planned at camp level for October)
    - Palestine Refugees from Syria (national level – planned at camp level for October)

- Staff from government institutions, the UN, and NGOs all participated in the analysis (the goal is to expand government agency participation in October, with a particular focus on including the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA)).
- Main reasons for food insecurity include inflation, currency depreciation, political instability, and livelihood changes.
- There has been some improvement since the last IPC analysis, especially with the expansion of food assistance, but further investigation is required to understand the underlying factors in more detail.

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