

Minutes of Meeting Lebanon Response Plan Partners' Update Meeting

Meeting Location	Remotely Via Zoom	Meeting Date	11 Apr 2025
Chairperson(s)	Dr. Ola Boutros, LRP General Supervisor (MoSA) Kristin Arthur, Senior Inter-Agency Coordination Officer (UNHCR) Elena Ferrari, Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNDP) Eyram Dzitrie, Humanitarian Affairs Officer (OCHA)	Meeting Time	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Minutes Prepared by	Jana Nasr, Senior Inter-Agency Coordination Assistant (UNHCR)	Meeting Duration	2.00 hrs.
Participants	140+ participants from the Government of Lebanon (GoL), UN Agencies, NGOs, and CSOs.		
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening Remarks 2. Rapid Gender Analysis 3. Protection (incl. CP & GBV) Trends 4. Tensions Monitoring System 5. Service Mapping 6. AoB 		

1. Opening Remarks

Dr. Ola Boutros, LRP General Supervisor (MoSA)
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 Elena Ferrari, Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNDP)
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In their opening remarks, the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) Co-Chairs welcomed the participants and presented the agenda.

2. Rapid Gender Analysis

Jamil El Khoury, Research Officer (UNICEF)

Jamil El Khoury provided an overview of the Rapid Gender Analysis methodology:

- The purpose of the study was to provide evidence to advocate for improving the lives of displaced adolescent and youth girls (11-24).
- The objective of the study was to provide data on the living conditions and access to services among adolescent and youth girls who are displaced due to the escalation of hostilities.
- The study followed a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative and qualitative data collection. A face-to-face survey was conducted with adolescent girls and young women and focus group discussions were held with frontline workers.
- The study sample included 500 displaced adolescent girls and young women between the ages of 11 and 24.
- Participants were selected among girls and young women accessing services, such as the distribution of LAHA kits.
- Data collection was carried out by TDH-Lausanne and FEMALE in mid-October 2024.
- Data on sample characteristics is available on slide 9 of the presentation [here](#).

May Abi Samra, Gender Specialist (UNICEF)

May Abi Samra presented an analysis of the findings across health services, sanitation and hygiene, household chores, relationships, wellbeing and safety, as well as reports of

wrongdoings and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA). Please refer to slides 12 to 15 [here](#) for the analysis. May also highlighted the following key recommendations listed on slide 16 [here](#).

3. Protection (incl. CP & GBV) Trends

Amanda Melville, Senior Protection Sector Coordinator (UNHCR)

Amanda Melville presented the drivers of protection risks and opportunities:

- Key drivers of protection risks include the armed conflict in Lebanon, the situation in Syria, governance challenges, socio-economic conditions, restrictive social and gender norms, and limited legal residency options for refugees.
- Key opportunities, include improved safety in some areas, potential for return, engagement with the national protection system, and strong community support within the LRP framework.
- For more information the three key protection risks, refer to slides 22 to 29 [here](#).
 1. Lack of safety and displacement due to impact of armed conflict.
 2. Unequal access to services and rights and community tensions.
 3. Increased violence, abuse and exploitation.

Myriam Francis, Protection Sector Co-Coordinator (NRC)

Myriam Francis discussed mitigating protection risks in other sectors, focusing on protection mainstreaming, advocacy themes, and advocacy messages (slides 31 to 33 [here](#)). She also outlined key actions partners can take to mitigate protection risks across sectors, including:

- Understanding protection risks and mainstreaming practices.
- Reviewing sector-specific risk analyses.
- Identifying and addressing protection risks with support from protection colleagues.
- Ensuring inclusive and accessible services for all groups.
- Engaging communities through inclusive communication and participatory design.
- Establishing feedback and response mechanisms
- Implementing safe referral pathways for protection, GBV, and CP cases.
- Regularly updating service information through the Service Mapping system.

Links to key tools and workstreams are listed on slide 36 [here](#).

4. Tensions Monitoring System

Nisreen Jaafar, Conflict Analysis and Mainstreaming Officer (UNDP)

Nisreen Jaafar guided partners through the [Tensions Monitoring System](#) (TMS) portal, highlighting that it provides access to all tensions monitoring data and reports, along with conflict sensitivity tools, guidance materials, and available training opportunities. Nisreen also reminded partners to complete the [Conflict Sensitivity Mainstreaming Survey](#).

5. Service Mapping

Raffi Kouzoudjian, Information Management Officer (UNHCR)

Raffi Kouzoudjian presented the [Service Mapping Portal](#) which is accessible through the [Lebanon Information Hub](#), highlighting its role in providing accurate and up-to-date service information across sectors and locations, facilitating appropriate referrals, supporting information sharing with individuals, strengthening coordination by identifying gaps and overlaps, and ensuring timely updates on service availability.

6. AoB

Dr. Ola Boutros, LRP General Supervisor (MoSA)

Kristin Arthur, Senior Inter-Agency Coordination Officer (UNHCR)

Elena Ferrari, Inter-Agency Coordinator (UNDP)

Eyram Dzitrie, Humanitarian Affairs Officer (OCHA)

The Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) Co-Chairs reminded partners to ensure that all direct/bilateral funding received or committed from 1 January to 31 March 2025 is accurately reported based on signed contracts between them and the donor. This includes funding related to the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP), and any other humanitarian, stabilization, and development priorities. **To access Activity Info, log in [HERE](#).** The **Guidance Note [HERE](#)** provides a comprehensive walkthrough of all the necessary steps, complete with definitions and concise explanations to assist you in your funding reporting.

Notes:

- The LRP Partners Update Meetings are now held on a quarterly basis, with the next meeting tentatively scheduled for Friday, 11 July 2025. An invitation to register will be shared with response partners ahead of the next meeting.
- The What's New Newsletter will continue to be issued on a monthly basis, and all relevant updates and key information will be shared with response partners in a timely manner.
- Response partners are expected to regularly report their activities on [ActivityInfo](#), coordinate closely with respective sectors, and be an active participating member in their sector working groups. To sign up for a specific sector working group, please follow these steps and subscribe to the inter-sector mailing list(s):

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For reference, the National Inter-Sector Coordination Group Mailing List (including sector coordinators) is available [here](#).