

Minutes of Meeting Inter-Sector Coordination Group Meeting

Meeting Location	Online: MS Teams	Meeting Date	8 May 2026
Chairpersons	Dr. Ola Boutros, LRP General Supervisor (MoSA) Jana Nasr, Inter-Agency Coordination Associate (UNHCR) Marianne Al Haibe, Community Security and Human Rights Project Officer (UNDP) Hiba Hanano, Senior Humanitarian Officer Supporting Coordination Unit (OCHA)	Meeting Time	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Minutes Prepared by	Jana Nasr, Inter-Agency Coordination Associate (UNHCR)	Meeting Duration	2.00 hrs.
Participants	Annex 1		
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LRP & Flash Appeal Updates 2. Flash Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response At a Glance • Frequency 3. LAT Reporting (Jan – Apr 2026) 4. Q1 Sector Reporting 5. ERNA Updates 6. Access Working Group Updates 7. Update from Operational Coordination Groups 8. AoB 9. Action Points 		

1. Opening Remarks

Dr. Ola Boutros, LRP General Supervisor (MoSA)

Jana Nasr, Inter-Agency Coordination Associate (UNHCR)

Marianne Al Haibe, Community Security and Human Rights Project Officer (UNDP)

Hiba Hanano, Senior Humanitarian Officer Supporting Coordination Unit (OCHA)

In their opening remarks, the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) Co-Chairs welcomed the participants and presented the agenda. In addition, new colleagues were invited to introduce themselves: Rawana Enjbar, Protection Sector NGO Co-Coordinator (OXFAM); Dario Intini, Emergency Coordinator and BML OCG Co-Chair (INTERSOS); Amani Koleilat, Site Management and Coordination Sub-sector Co-Coordinator (IOM); Joseph Hanna, WaSH Sector NGO Co-Coordinator (Tankamelsawa); and Dana Safa, Head of Tech for Telecom under the Logistics and Telecommunications Cluster (WFP).

Dr. Ola Boutros opened the meeting by welcoming new colleagues joining the emergency response and expressing appreciation to all partners for their continued efforts in supporting the most vulnerable internally displaced persons (IDPs) amid Lebanon’s evolving context. She thanked partners for adopting the Government’s “Kuluna lil Watan / كلنا للوطن” logo and reiterated the importance of consistently displaying it alongside partner logos during assistance distributions. Dr. Ola also emphasized the critical importance of conducting the Emergency Rapid Needs Assessment (ERNA) both inside and outside collective shelters, acknowledging the strong support of governors’ offices across Lebanon in facilitating this exercise, which will be instrumental in informing the upcoming three-month Flash Appeal update. She further expressed gratitude to donors for their contributions through the Flash Appeal and the Arab Bridge. Finally, Dr. Ola provided an update on the ongoing relocation of approximately 900 IDPs currently residing at the Beirut Waterfront site to City Sportive collective shelters, underscoring the Government’s commitment to ensuring all displaced

individuals are relocated safely with necessary services in place and calling on partners to support this process so that no one is left without shelter.

Follow-up on Action Points

Jana Nasr then reviewed the pending action points on slide 4 of the presentation [here](#).

2. LRP & Flash Appeal Updates

Jana Nasr, Inter-Agency Coordination Associate (UNHCR)

Jana Nasr explained that the recommended way forward by Humanitarian Country Team is to extend the Flash Appeal (FA) and then have a sequential LRP Addendum:

- Extend the Flash Appeal (June-August 2026), informed by ERNA findings, response monitoring, and sectoral analysis, while maintaining a primary focus on urgent life-saving assistance including emergency Livelihoods.
- Following the expiry of the FA, develop a targeted LRP Addendum to address residual life-sustaining needs resulting from the escalation that fall outside the LRP scope.
- The Addendum would focus on vulnerable populations and affected areas requiring continued support beyond emergency response, including essential services, shelter solutions, and livelihoods.
- This approach maintains operational continuity while avoiding a heavy mid-year revision process for the LRP.
- Detailed guidance on all processes will be shared by ISCG co-chairs to sector coordination teams.
- This is being recommended as the way forward by the HCT to balance immediate humanitarian priorities with the reality of sustained residual needs following the escalation, while avoiding a heavy planning process and maintaining alignment with the broader humanitarian reset discussions.

Billie Getachew Alemayehu, Surge Support to OCHA Lebanon & Coordination (OCHA)

Billie Getachew Alemayehu presented the FA extension process (*suggested* timeline) aiming for publication on 1 June 2026:

- 13/14 May: ISCG planning / working session (proposed agenda / prep will be shared in advance)
- 13/14 May: Input templates (a numbers template and a guided short narrative template)
- 19 May: Deadline for Sector Inputs (revised figures and narrative)
- **21 May: HCT review and endorsement** of proposed figures and key changes
- 26 May: MoSA review and greenlight of the FA extension.
- **1 June: Publication** of the Flash Appeal Extension
- Week of 1 June: Flash Appeal Launch Event – MoSA and UN RC/HC

Discussion

- It was flagged that the week of 26 May coincides with Eid holidays, which may significantly affect sector participation, ministry availability, and timely feedback. It was confirmed that, due to Government approval requirements and the need to launch the Flash Appeal extension by early June, planning and sector inputs must be accelerated and finalized during the week of 18 May despite the compressed timeline.
- Integrating preliminary ERNA findings (inside and outside collective shelters) into upcoming planning was deemed important. It was noted that sector-specific reflection exercises are already planned, and stronger alignment between these

processes and the broader inter-sectoral planning timeline would help maximize analytical value and avoid duplication. It was also agreed that ERNA findings should serve as the primary basis for situation analysis at ministerial, HCT, and sectoral planning levels, particularly given evolving displacement dynamics and mobility trends.

- OCHA and ISCG confirmed alignment on using the planning session to combine ERNA preliminary findings, sector-specific assessments, response gaps, operational capacity, and inter-sectoral priorities into a common planning framework for the next three months.

3. Flash Update

Hiba Hanano, Senior Humanitarian Officer Supporting Coordination Unit (OCHA)

Hiba Hanano presented an overview of key figures and response progress as of 4 May 2026 based on the latest [Flash Update #23](#) and noted the following:

- The Flash Update frequency will remain twice per week following consultations with ISCG Co-Chairs and the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator.
- Maintaining frequency was considered essential given the fragile ceasefire, ongoing displacement orders, continued humanitarian needs, and concern that reduced frequency could wrongly signal that the emergency has eased.
- The Flash Appeal remains only 40 per cent funded, reinforcing the importance of sustained advocacy and regular communication with donors.
- Sectors were encouraged to guide reporting inputs more strategically on needs, response coverage, and critical funding or pipeline gaps, particularly anticipated shortages within the next four to eight weeks.
- OCHA will work to try to align Flash Update timelines with sector dashboard update schedules to improve consistency.
- Greater emphasis will be placed on response monitoring, implementation progress, and highlighting violations impacting humanitarian operations.
- Submission flexibility will be increased to accommodate sector schedules, while maintaining overall publication deadlines.
- OCHA will also revise the Flash Update contributor mailing list to streamline input requests while retaining the full dissemination list.

4. Lebanon Aid Tracking (LAT) Reporting (Jan – Apr 2026)

Saddam Al-Hubaishi, Information Management Officer (UNHCR)

Saddam Al-Hubaishi presented on the LAT reporting:

- The LAT continues to serve as the central online platform for tracking funding mobilized across the LRP, Flash Appeal, return interventions, and other funding streams.
- Reporting for received funds from January to April 2026 was extended to 15 May following partner requests and underreporting concerns.
- As of the meeting, 65 partners had submitted reports totaling approximately \$460 million, though figures remain preliminary pending additional submissions and sector review.
- The LAT dashboard has been developed and shared with sector coordinators, co-coordinators, and Information Management Officers for sector-level monitoring.
- Sectors were requested to actively monitor dashboard data, identify partners with missing or inconsistent financial reporting, and continue follow-up to improve reporting completeness and accuracy.

- LAT was reiterated as an ongoing process essential for accurate funding analysis, visibility on sector gaps, and alignment between funding and achievements.

5. Q1 Sector Reporting

Jana Nasr, Inter-Agency Coordination Associate (UNHCR)

Jana reminded sectors that it's time for the Q1 2026 sector reporting:

- This exercise is part of the ISCG's commitment to the government, donors, and partners to ensure accountability, transparency, and effective monitoring of the response's progress.
- For Q1, sectors are requested to prepare, publish, and share a one-page summary ("At a Glance") by 27 May 2026. Sector IMs will develop the "At a Glance" in coordination with the team. *Note: No ISCG Co-Chairs Review Required.*
- Given the context this year, the template has been updated to feature reporting for both regular activities under the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) as well as the Flash Appeal (to be shared after this meeting).
- Once published on the data portal, please send the link to lebbeia@unhcr.org, with copies to Stephanie Laba at labas@unhcr.org, Eugena Song at eugena.song@undp.org, and Yanna Thay at thay@un.org

6. Emergency Rapid Needs Assessment (ERNA) Updates

Jamil El Khoury, AAWG Co-Chair and Research Officer (UNICEF)

Dayane Ibrahim, AAWG Co-Chair and Data and Research Programme Associate (IOM)

Jamil El Khoury and Dayane Ibrahim provided an update on the ERNA:

- Inside collective shelters ERNA implementation made strong progress, with 535 of 652 shelters completed (approximately 82 per cent), covering around 30,000 households and 120,000 individuals.
- Remaining inside shelter assessments are expected to conclude by mid-next week.
- Outside collective shelter ERNA faced access delays but resumed following approvals; approximately 25 per cent of submissions were completed by the meeting date.
- Outside shelter data collection is expected to conclude next week for most regions, with Mount Lebanon likely requiring a few additional days due to scale.
- Full ERNA completion is expected by the early week of 18 May 2026.

Discussion

- The need for preliminary ERNA findings to inform the upcoming Flash Appeal extension planning workshop and immediate response prioritization was emphasized. AAWG clarified that once data collection is finalized, approximately two to three days will be required for validation and analysis, followed by government (Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA)/ Disaster Risk Management (DRM)) review before public release.
- Preliminary data access for response planning can be coordinated through Operational Coordination groups (OCGs) at regional level prior to national publication, subject to approval protocols.
- Multiple sectors stressed that ERNA should complement rather than replace sector-specific assessments (e.g., IPC for Food Security, health sector monitoring, VASyR).
- ISCG and MoSA reiterated that Flash Appeal updates must prioritize immediate lifesaving and livelihood needs under tight timelines, while broader LRP planning can incorporate expanded data sources later.

7. Access Working Group Updates

Joelle Harfouche, AWG Co-Chair & Access and Civil-Military Coordination Officer (OCHA)
Georges Achi, AWG Co-Chair & Head of Mission (INSO)

Joelle Harfouche and Georges Achi provided updates from the Access Working Group (AWG):

- Hard-to-reach area designations remain largely unchanged, covering South Governorate (excluding Saida City) Nabatieh, Baalbak Al Hermel, parts of Bekaa (south of Karoun lake), and Beirut Southern Suburbs.
- Humanitarian Notification System (HNS) movements north of the Litani River have remained suspended since 17 April.
- Since 2 March, 190 humanitarian movements were notified, with 106 completed.
- South Litani River (SLR) operations continue, with 53 notified movements since 17 April and 40 completed.
- Physical road access in the south has improved following infrastructure repairs, but insecurity, conflict intensity, drone strikes, airstrikes, and evacuation orders remain major operational constraints.
- Conflict activity has intensified significantly since 24 April, particularly in Nabatieh and South Governorates, raising concerns over humanitarian safety and the potential need to reactivate HNS north of Litani.
- AWG highlighted concerns regarding possible aid restrictions, displacement pressures, and growing access constraints linked to military developments.
- Sectors were strongly encouraged to share field-level access incidents and perceptions regularly to strengthen AWG analysis and advocacy.

8. Updates from Operational Coordination Groups

The following questions were posed to guide the discussion:

Context & Dynamics

- What key contextual changes have you observed in your area following the ceasefire, and how are these affecting the ongoing response?

Operational Challenges

- What are the main operational challenges currently affecting the delivery of assistance to displaced populations, both inside and outside collective shelters?
- What tensions are you monitoring?

Response Coverage (Outside vs Inside CS)

- What is the current overview of response coverage outside collective shelters compared to inside?
- Are there gaps in visibility, coordination, or delivery outside collective shelters?

Prioritization

- How is response delivery and request prioritization currently being managed at OCG level?

Operational Coordination

- How is real-time delivery coordinated across sector partners?
- Are there agreed approaches (e.g. minimum assistance packages per convoy) to maximize impact per movement?

Pipeline & Gaps

- Are there any imminent critical pipeline breaks being flagged by partners or sectors? If so, by when?

Bekaa

- Bekaa and Baalbek-El Hermel witnessed a significant reduction in collective shelters from 98 to 52, with active IDPs decreasing from nearly 12,000 to approximately 3,400.
- Return trends are notable, particularly in Baalbek-El Hermel, though displacement remains fluid.
- Key challenges include inadequate shelter conditions, electricity and fuel shortages, WaSH gaps, limited accessibility for persons with disabilities, and rising social tensions.
- Tensions include host community pressure to vacate shelters, sectarian narratives, misinformation, and municipal restrictions.
- Lack of reliable outside-shelter data remains a major barrier to structured response, though over 5,000 households are in assistance pipelines.
- Bekaa OCG remains focused on outside shelter response expansion, ERNA completion, and contingency planning for future displacement.

Beirut & Mount Lebanon (BML)

- Beirut and Mount Lebanon continue hosting the majority of displaced populations, with 390 collective shelters accommodating over 70 per cent of IDPs in shelters nationwide.
- Beirut shelters remain heavily overcrowded, while some Mount Lebanon capacity remains underutilized.
- Site management inconsistencies, fluctuating displacement patterns, and overcrowding continue to complicate operations.
- Major concerns include water trucking dependency, shelter upgrades, chronic health cases, overstretched protection and case management capacity, and growing outside shelter caseloads, especially street populations.
- People living on the streets remain a priority concern requiring urgent solutions.
- ERNA implementation in Mount Lebanon is progressing but remains operationally challenging due to scale and fluid population movement.

North

- Post-ceasefire displacement in North and Akkar returned largely to pre-ceasefire levels after brief fluctuations.
- North Lebanon hosts approximately 5,149 individuals in 60 shelters, while Akkar hosts around 1,232 individuals in 21 shelters.
- Most displaced populations remain outside collective shelters.
- Palestinian refugee populations in Nahr el-Bared and Beddawi remain significant, though reduced from peak levels.
- Challenges include overcrowding, service gaps, outside shelter data limitations, and balancing support across IDPs, host communities, displaced Syrians, and post-2024 refugee caseloads.
- Border crossing rehabilitation and reopening remain relevant operational considerations.

South

- Inside shelter ERNA is near completion, with 87 of 99 assessments submitted and expected to conclude immediately.
- Outside shelter ERNA faces technical and access challenges but is progressing. As of yesterday, 9 partners have conducted 36 KIIs in 12 cadasters.

- IDP numbers continue to rise in Tyre district, Jezzine, Saïda which led to, prompting the opening of 6 additional shelters in those districts and one in Nabatiyeh.
- Approximately 30,000 people remain in Tyre district and 26,000 in Nabatieh Governorate, with major needs outside shelters.
- Persistent hard-to-reach constraints and HNS suspension in North Litani continue to affect response capacity.
- Capacity gaps relative to needs in hard-to-reach areas remain a primary operational challenge.

9. AoB

Updating Flash Update Contact List

Hiba Hanano, Senior Humanitarian Officer Supporting Coordination Unit (OCHA)

- ISCG will share meeting presentation, minutes, Q1 reporting guidance, and forthcoming Flash Appeal extension guidance in due time.

10. Action Points

1. Sector Coordination Teams to urgently follow up with partners to complete the LAT funding reporting for the period of (January–April 2026) by 15 May 2026.
2. Sector Coordination Teams to develop and publish their Q1 2026 one-page “At a Glance” report by 27 May 2026.
3. ISCG Co-Chairs to convene the Flash Appeal Extension Planning Working Session next week, review timeline to avoid Eid break, and share detailed planning guidance, preparatory materials, and agenda in due time.
4. AAWG to finalize data collection (inside and outside shelters), complete validation and analysis, secure government approval, and provide preliminary findings to inform Flash Appeal extension planning.
5. ISCG to finalize and share The Guidance Note on convoy coordination to clarify roles, prioritization process, and communication channels [in consultation with a small group including one representative from Logistics, AWG, OCG, and national sector coordination.
6. Sectors to provide inputs on Flash Updates on Mondays and Thursday by closure of business.
7. Sectors to closely follow-up with their partners to report their activities DAILY through [ActivityInfo](#) by 16:00, covering assistance provided both inside and outside collective shelters.
8. Logistics cluster to collect and assess transportation and logistics gaps (including fuel and convoy preparedness) and coordinate with sectors accordingly.

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