

## SOUTH Shelter Sector Working Group – Minutes of Meeting

<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>	Coordination of Shelter activities in the South region		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Tyre, UNHCR	<b>Meeting Date</b>	2 July 2013
<b>Chair person</b>	Astrid Castelein (castelei@unhcr.org)	<b>Meeting Time</b>	10.00
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### Introduction

- Presentation of Astrid Castelein, new UNHCR Field Officer and responsible for Shelter Coordination in the South.
- A second shelter meeting only dedicated on ITS-specific on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### Coordination

- Following the decentralized coordination mechanism, partners have been invited to discuss all activities on shelter firstly with the Field Office;
- The importance of ensuring a multi-sectorial and comprehensive approach when implementing sector activities has been emphasized; updates on other sector activities will from now on be communicated during each coordination meeting;
- To improve the information management, partners will be asked to send their updates on implemented activities and challenges to the Field Officer (UNHCR FO Tyre) every Friday before the monthly shelter coordination meeting. The updates will be compiled and shared before the meeting.

### Mapping of Shelter partners

- A map of partners implementing shelter activities in the South will be produced showing where and what kind of shelter activities has been implemented in order to easily identify the gaps and hence dispatch the partners accordingly. A template will be sent to all partners for their input on “who is doing what” and once compiled, it will be disseminated

### Main challenges and suggested interventions

#### MoSA

- Directives from the MoSA were shared with the partners and included: only light WASH intervention are acceptable, structural works have to be strictly avoided restructuring and weatherproofing is preferred;
- In the absence of formal camp solutions, interventions should not turn such settlements into formal camps;
- GoL does not encourage Cash for Rent since it creates tensions between refugee and host communities and causes inflation.
- Municipalities can and should provide lists of possible Collective Shelters
- Encampments have been approved by the GoL and consist of 20 tents maximum, considered “transit site” with staying span of 2 weeks – 1 month. The sites are usually managed by partners.

**UNHCR:** IKEA will launch a pilot project on shelter in Lebanon targeting the Syrian refugees

#### CISP

- Highlighted the challenge to access some specific areas and invited UNHCR Field Office to reach out to the local authorities to inform them about UNHCR's mandate and partners' activities
  - **Ongoing intervention:** Snr Field Coordinator has scheduled courtesy meetings with local authorities of the South Region to ensure UNCHR's work and mandate is well known by all of them.
- 110 sealing off kits are to be distribute during the coming month

#### IR

- IR is considering Cash for Rent and working closely with municipality of Saida, however rent prices are increasing due to inflation and refugees are no longer able to afford it;
  - **Suggested intervention:** to request support of the municipalities to keep the rates low and reduce tensions between refugee and host communities
- IR is currently assessing 3 new collective buildings.
  - **Suggested intervention:** for an accurate mapping of the CS and ITS partners, a template will be shared by the Field Office to be completed by all partners.

#### IOM

- IOM conducted shelter rehabilitation assessments at 5 buildings in Sarafand, Bebliyeh and Khorbeh in the Zahrani area. The potential shelters were assessed in terms of: proximity to basic services, WASH and overall shelter safety/structure. In coordination with the municipality of Sarafand, IOM selected 1 of the 5 assessed buildings to rehabilitate. Once rehabilitated, the collective center, an old school, is estimated to benefit around 40 households. MoSA shelter coordinator was invited to visit the site when available.
- IOM is willing and funded to undertake rehabilitation of additional shelters in the south, mainly some of those spontaneous CCs identified by different partners in coordination with UNHCR; IOM will be waiting for UNHCR's compiled list of spontaneous CCs in need of rehabilitation, to ensure that the organization's work in the south contributes toward filling the gaps identified by UNHCR and other partners in a well coordinated manner.
  - **Suggested approach:** Partners to share the list of identified/assessed spontaneous CCs with UNHCR, in order to have 1 comprehensive list.
- IOM is planning to train community leaders and local actors on shelter management.
  - **Suggested approach:** to consult UNHCR Protection and Community Services Tyre for guidelines and SOP on shelter management.

#### Update on assessments undertaken

To benefit from each other assessments and avoid duplication, partners have been invited to share their assessments and consult UNHCR Field Office before launching an assessment.

- **Agreed approach:** UNHCR Field Office will gather all the undertaken assessments; share with partners and advise them on identified needs. The inclusion of the winterization component in all future assessments has been stressed considering the upcoming season.

#### Mapping of informal tented settlements and collective shelters

UNHCR Field Office will coordinate with partners the mapping of ITS and CS by sharing a template, gather all received information in order to identify the gaps and coordinate efforts to cover the entire South area.

**SOPs on “Building rehabilitation in Lebanon” & “informal tented settlements in Lebanon”**

Partners went quickly through the SOPs to share inputs and have been invited to share additional comments/inputs with Michael von Arx, Shelter Expert (UNHCR) for finalization.

**Agencies who attended this meeting**

MoSA, NRC, CLMC, ACF, CISP, CLMC, DRC, INTERSOS, IOM, Islamic Relief, PU-AMI, WVI, UNHCR, UNICEF

**To Do List**

Action	By who	By when
Follow up production and sharing of maps for South of “what and where” and “who is doing what where”.	Astrid	ASAP
Share updates on implemented activities and undertaken assessments in the South	All partners	Fri 12 July
Carefully analyze drafted SOP and share comments with Michael von Arx, Shelter Expert	All partners	Mon 8 Jul
Gather all updates of partners, compile and share with all sector partners	Astrid	Mon 15 Jul
Launch mapping of ITS and CS in the South	Astrid	Mon 8 Jul
Share IR Collective Centre assessment results when ready with South focal point, Lead and Co-lead.	IR	When available
Develop relationships, increase coordination and find solutions to working more with local NGOs.	All	Ongoing