

## Winterization – Meeting Action Points – 30 July 2013, Beirut

Meeting			
<b>Name</b>	Winterization Meeting	<b>Meeting Date</b>	30/07/2013
<b>Meeting Location</b>	UNHCR	<b>Meeting Time</b>	4:00 P.M
<b>Chair person(s)</b>	Charlie Higgins , Senior Supply/Distribution Officer	<b>Meeting Duration</b>	1 hour 30 min
<b>Minutes Prepared by</b>	Malak Rahal		
<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>	Coordinate winterization provided to newcomers, unregistered and registered refugees		

Action Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Agencies to inform Charles Higgins if they want to be part of the overall inter-agency winterization plan (<a href="mailto:higgins@unhcr.org">higgins@unhcr.org</a> and <a href="mailto:rahal@unhcr.org">rahal@unhcr.org</a>)</li> <li>✓ UNHCR Supply Unit is investigating the procurement of a large quantity of diesel heaters (e.g. 40,000), and will make the specifications available to all.</li> <li>✓ Even consolidating the winterization that may be provided by UNHCR and all other agencies, there is insufficient capacity to cover the 72% of the population identified as vulnerable (by VASyR), therefore a targeting within this overall figure will be needed.</li> <li>✓ Nevertheless, VASyR will be the start point for targeting the winterization assistance: UNHCR and WFP will jointly determine what VASyR can contribute to targeting the winterization assistance.</li> <li>✓ Flooding issue: GoL does not favor relocation of the refugees in the ITS where there is risk of flooding, so the Shelter Sector is working on other ways of resolving potential flooding of some ITS.</li> <li>✓ Each agency was requested to inform UNHCR about its plan for winterization, by answering the following questions:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. How much funding do you anticipate having for your entire winterization programme?</li> <li>B. What interventions do you propose?</li> <li>C. How many HH will you reach for each intervention?</li> <li>D. In which geographical areas are you planning each intervention?</li> <li>E. What is the estimated cost of each intervention?</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Agencies were also asked to complete the excel sheet disseminated by Malak Rahal, asking for details of the number of HH they assisted last winter season, with what assistance, and in which areas.</li> <li>✓ A communication strategy is needed for assistance in order to inform the beneficiaries about the process and answer questions they will have about what kind of winterization assistance will be provided, by which agencies, and to whom.</li> <li>✓ The E-cash or ATM system system is much preferred by all agencies as the main modality for transfer of the cash for winter fuel, and even the NFI (blankets and heating stoves) and shelter (weatherproofing), but serious questions remain as to whether the system (covering only registered refugees) will be rolled out to sufficient scale and in time to be used for winterization. UNHCR, WFP, ECHO and DFID will</li> </ul>

	<p>meet to try to resolve difficulties over the introduction of the system, particularly the concerns expressed by GoL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ There has to be different modalities for the assistance depending on the location of the beneficiaries, as some remote locations (e.g. in the Bekaa or Mt Lebanon) may not have banks and ATMs.</li> <li>✓ Review the suggested fuel voucher value, as \$500 per HH per season might be too much, or too little.</li> <li>✓ <b>The temporary Winterization Task Force on shelter &amp; NFI for winterization will be composed by:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ziad Kmeid, DRC</li> <li>2. Eugenio Donaldo, GVC</li> <li>3. Connie Shealy, IOCC</li> <li>4. Mateen al Hassan, Islamic Relief Lebanon</li> <li>5. Marta Zaccagnini, NRC</li> <li>6. Thomas Whitworth, Save the Children International</li> <li>7. Irene Fraser, Solidar Suisse</li> <li>8. Caroline Bedos, Solidarites International</li> <li>9. Mohammad Mukalled, UNHCR</li> <li>10. Vincent Dupin, UNHCR</li> <li>11. Charlie Higgins, UNHCR</li> <li>12. Malak Rahal, UNHCR</li> </ol> </li> <li>✓ The temporary Winterization Task Force will meet next week to discuss in more detail the above points and questions raised at this meeting, and to review the draft [# 5] Winterization Action Plan.</li> </ul>
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