

Protection Working Group - Tyre

Meeting Notes			
Name	PRT WG	Meeting Date	4 September 2013
Meeting Location	Tyre - Al Housh	Meeting Time	14:00
Chair person	Marie Hesselholdt	Meeting Duration	
Minutes Prepared by	Rekha Menon		
Purpose of Meeting	Protection Working Group Meeting		

List of participants

UNHCR, INTERSOS, IOM, TdH, UNIFIL, SHEILD, NRC

Summary of discussions and action points

1. Protection situation and border update:

- Overview and update of border situation provided;
- It was reported that many beneficiaries stating that they prefer to return to Syria to renew their residency permit, rather than pay renewal fees;
- NRC ICLA reported reluctance from beneficiaries to send their daughters to mixed schools and that there is concern about paying fees.

2. Contingency plan:

The contingency plan is reviewed to address a situation where 150,000 refugees enter into Lebanon within one month, 80,000 of which would be children. It cannot be anticipated how many people will specifically enter the South.

- Emergency registration; agencies were previously requested to consider whether their staff members could be available to support emergency registration procedures should contingency response be triggered. UNHCR will be seeking to identify SDCs or other locations where registration can take place;
- Protection staff roster; request for information regarding staffing, including whether staff will be available for protection monitoring, and what staffing gaps exist;
- Child protection activities: it will be useful to know regarding available stocks in the South – national efforts are also being made to collect information on stocks available, these will also be accessible in the event of influx. In addition request for information regarding staffing gaps (child protection case managers, monitors, animators etc). Safe channels for UASC will also need to be established, and case management capacity. There may need to be lead case managers identified in case of emergency.
- Training needs: agencies can share identified training needs;

Action point: organisations to share registration focal points, staffing gaps

3. Services directory

Also important for preparedness – agencies requested to review and provide information as appropriate.

4. AOB

- Change of schedule of PWGs, rather than bi-weekly, from next month meetings will take place on the 2nd and 4th weeks of every month, with the 2nd week meeting focusing on SGBV and the 4th focusing on Child Protection;
- An update was provided on targeted assistance, including the process of appeal, which will include lodging an application form, a home visit and decision by an appeal panel. Appeal forms will be lodged in boxes in SDCs etc around the South, locations to be determined, but will be shared once known. In the South ACF and SHEILD will be jointly undertaking home visits. Concern was expressed over the length of the appeal process, however WFP has also indicated that they have the resources to continue to provide food to more vulnerable families, and there will be a mechanism for families who have fallen through the cracks during the targeting exercise. People will not be informed at registration whether they will receive assistance or not. Everyone will continue to receive newcomers kits.

Follow ups / Next steps

1.	Issue: Contingency planning
	Organisations to share registration focal points, staffing gaps, training needs
2.	Issue: Services directory
	UNHCR to share directory again, organizations to review and provide information