

West Bekaa Coordination Meeting - Minutes

Name	West Bekaa Coordination Meeting	Meeting Date	February 06,2014
Meeting Location	Al Marj Library	Meeting Time	11:00 am
Chair person	Maha Azzam	Meeting Duration	1 Hours
Purpose of Meeting	Monthly meeting: Distribution & Shelter ITS		

1	Introduction
	<p>The meeting began with a general briefing from previous meeting emphasizing coordination & participatory approach among the local & international actors to identify gaps & challenges of the district</p> <p>The agency's update within every meeting is consuming time, however it was suggested to be replaced by a local service note with monthly inputs from each agency (include agency contact person for the West Bekaa coordination group – optional)</p> <p>The UNHCR update on the registered refugees Bekaa region, in addition to education fact sheet was shared during the meeting.</p> <p>Theme of discussion: distribution & Shelter at ITS</p>
2.	Distribution & Shelter in ITS: discussion
	<p><u>Overview of informal tented settlements -ITSs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are over 250 ITS in the Bekaa (70,000 persons), having the highest concentration on Central Bekaa. • There are 71 ITS in West Bekaa <p><u>Winterization:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since August Winterization working group is coordinating the assistance • More than 15 agencies assisted the refugees in the ITS and outside ITS in the Bekaa with blankets, stoves, fuel and clothing. • Shelter winterization within ITS in the Bekaa is completed through Save the Children, Medair, IOM, Oxfam and GVC covering the North, Central and West Bekaa <p><u>Targeted Assistance (Registered with UNHCR but excluded from Food & Hygiene kits):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted assistance aims to provide assistance to those who meet vulnerability criteria (commenced in October 2013) • All refugees registered with UNHCR will continue to benefit from health, education and other assistance

- Qatari fund will be assisting the excluded families (16,000 HH)
- WVI assisted 1100 HH (outside ITS)

Agencies' discussion points:

Islamic Scout

- Active in West Bekaa area i.e. Qaroun, Lala, Baaloul, & Majdel Balhes
- Islamic Scout coordinates / cross checks new comers with DRC
- Provide assistance to a large number of Syrian families that are registered within their data base.
- Additional 40 rooms will be ready to receive families. Yet there is a need for WASH intervention at this site. (To coordinate bilateral meetings with the WASH respective agencies in the area)

Union of Relief and Development Associations:

- Active in 11 ITS around Lebanon- 8 ITSs in Bekaa region:
 - Two in West Bekaa: Kamed El Louz (25 HH) & Qaroun (to be established)
 - Two in Central Bekaa: Taalbayah (200 HH) & Bar Elias (to be established)
 - Four in Arsal: (2) having 150 HH, (1) having 80 HH, & (1) having 120 HH
- The association assists the Syrian refugees within these ITS with shelter program, NFIs, health, psychosocial support, food items distributions
- Also Distribution of food assistance for 10,000 individuals
- The association is receiving funding from the Qatari & Rahma Association (Kuwaiti)
- The Association requested support with tents & WASH that need to be channeled to the respective agencies

DRC:

- Requested to coordinate with DRC in West Bekaa for "New Comers"

INTERSOS:

- Highlighted growing security concerns in ITS due to targeting and messages conveyed through SMS for those excluded and the multiple visits agencies are doing

Identified Gaps:

- Distribution of NFIs outside the ITS
- Unclear referral contact persons / hotlines for distribution - needs to be coordinated among the agencies

Outcomes:

- Share West Bekaa ITS Mapping i.e. winterization (shelter & NFIs), new arrivals, WASH, Site improvement, etc...
- Local service note with monthly inputs from each organization to be shared among the agencies listing services with contact person

4. Raised issues

- Education updates
- Health Updates

5. Agreed points for Next Meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed next meeting topic : Health Updates • Next Meeting on March 6, 2014 at 11:00am

Attendance:

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