



Minutes of INTER-AGENCY Donors' MEETING

Beirut, 3 October 2014

Meeting Location	UNHCR-Lea 1 st floor conference room	Meeting Time	12:00 P.M
Chair person	Kerstin Karlstrom-Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator	Meeting Duration	2 h
Minutes Prepared by	Lara Techekirian – Inter-agency Coordination Associate		
Purpose of Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration Update 2. Protection Update 3. Aarsal Update 4. Funding Gaps for Remaining of the Year 		

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	Registration Update by Rana Ksaifi-Registration Officer-UNHCR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total registered as of 30 September 2014:1,173,617 with 2 day increase in waiting period: 23 days ▪ 5% decrease from August due to data clean up that led to deactivation, some 42,500 individuals were verified and 56,000 inactivated after verification ▪ Low Registration numbers since May due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expansion of verification portfolio ○ Staff involved in other tasks ○ Significant increase in number of new Iraqi asylum seekers ○ High now show rate in Aarsal ○ Government policies and Ramadan ○ Border Restrictions ▪ August Thematic Registration Questionnaire was developed (1,225 HH Surveyed)-Theme: Access to Education and Information on Education- for further info access the web portal. ▪ Planning figures for 2014/2015: 1.2 end 2014 and 1.5 end 2015.
2.	Protection Update by David Welin-Senior Protection Coordinator-UNHCR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Border crossings are officially open, but with heavy restrictions ▪ Number of Syrians entering Lebanon decreased significantly in September ▪ Reports suggest criteria for entry are applied by border authorities; No clear communicative criteria has been shared ▪ UNHCR is working with GOL to develop criteria for humanitarian exceptions ▪ 2015 Planning Process: To set new initiatives in order to deliver protection interventions in sustainable and cost effective way ▪ Improve Clear Criteria on how to prioritize Individual case management ▪ Centralized repository for protection incidents - including evictions, security raids and retaliatory acts ▪ Develop Mediation interventions and capacity building strategy of local NGOs.



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3.	Arsal Update by Maeve Murphy- Senior Field Coordinator-Bekaa-UNHCR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to Arsal remains restricted since early-August clashes ▪ Developments in Arsal have led to over 30% of the refugee population to leave the town ▪ To date 262 families were recorded to change their addresses ▪ 25 Sep; Raids have been conducted by LAF on refugee residences - 8 IS and 1 CS were impacted by the raids; the estimated affected population is 4,534 individuals ▪ Reports indicate that between 300 and 500 men and minors were arrested-Most of those have been released following rapid background check conducted in the 8th Brigade's headquarters in Laboue ▪ Outbreak of Hepatitis A Virus - at least 250 people were afflicted - 40 Cases were reported by MoPH ▪ As of 1 Oct, a total of 21 sites/locations in central and north Bekaa are affected by LAF evictions ▪ Total number of tents affected by the evictions: 845 (288HH already evicted): -The total number of impacted refugees is 5,500 ▪ Capacity to respond to growing evictions issue highly limited from shelter perspective ▪ Contingency planning discussions have taken place.
4.	Funding Gaps for Remaining of the Year by Kerstin Karlstrom- Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator-UNHCR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current funding of RRP6 was highlighted • Overview of funding Needs, Gaps and Consequences by agencies; LHIF/UNICEF/UNRWA /UNHCR/WFP • Overall consequences of a trend of 50-60% underfunding • Recap on the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP), Objectives and Budget.

Attachments

Document	Location
IA Donors Presentation	http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=7175