



# Inter-Agency Meeting South– Minutes – 03 March 2016

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| <b>Meeting Name</b>     | Inter- Agency South Lebanon                      |                     |               |
| <b>Meeting Location</b> | Tyre, UNHCR FO                                   | <b>Meeting Date</b> | 03 March 2016 |
| <b>Chair person</b>     | Hytham Sayyad, MOSA                              | <b>Meeting Time</b> | 10.00         |
| <b>Co-Chair</b>         | Iman Khatib, UNDP<br>Marcel Van Maastrigt, UNHCR |                     |               |

## Summary of Action Points:

### 1. Security Brief

- Security situation remains overall calm, but volatile.

### 2. Brief on London Conference

- At the conference, the Lebanese Government presented a multi-year program on education and economic opportunities for refugees.
- In line with the discussions at the London conference, the Government of Lebanon will review the existing regularity frameworks related to residency conditions and work authorizations.

### 3. Access to beneficiaries: update on restrictions/conditions

- A number of municipalities do not accept “new” refugees settling in their villages.
- Distribution of shelter kits (SOK) is restricted in Marejyoun district.
- House Hold assessments are sometimes stopped, or escorted by authorities.
- **Action point:** Chairs to follow up with relevant authorities.

### 4. Cross sectorial issues: IA notes

- Sector leads and co-leads are asked to meet one week ahead, identify and prioritize (a minimum of) 3 issues to be addressed by the Inter Agency group.
- **Action point:** Sector leads to prepare a first note on cross sectorial issues by April 1st.

### 5. Update by WFP.

- WFP announced that the new funding, pledged during the “Supporting Syria and the Region Conference” in London earlier this month, will allow WFP to fully reinstate its food assistance to Syrians.
- Starting March, beneficiaries will receive \$27/month till the end of this year.
- UNICEF provides one time winter assistance (\$40) to children in ITS.
- **Action point:** IA advised to include vulnerable Lebanese, specially the elderly, in programs, where possible.

### 6. Anti-Fraud measures/PSEA

- Every humanitarian operation has been marked with incidents of sexual exploitation and abuse, as well as fraud.
- IA members are asked to adhere to standards related to the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), standards agreed upon by all humanitarian actors, UN agencies and NGOs.
- Examples include:
  - IA members to appoint a PSEA focal point for staff training etc.; IA chairs are ready to assist in the training.



- IA members to report on minimum standards towards PSEA: complaint boxes/procedure, staff code of conduct training, etc.

- **Action point:** IA members will issue a joint PSEA commitment.

#### **7. Rapid Assessment Core Group**

- **Action point:** Rapid Assessment core group will be held separately from the IA.

#### **8. AoB**

- **Action points:**
- UN-Habitat, Shield and ACFC will provide a short presentation on their activities in South, during the next IA.
- Terms of references will be circulated as a reminder.
- Mapping of incidents to be shared.

#### **Agencies who attended this meeting:**

MOSA, UNDP, CISP, UNIFIL, NRC, AVSI, WFP, YNCA, UNICEF, SHIELD, UNRWA, MC, UN-Habitat, IMC, OCHA, INTERSOS, WVI, IRC and ACF.