



## Minutes of INTER-AGENCY MEETING Beirut, 4 December 2015

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| <b>Meeting Location</b>    | MoSA-7 <sup>th</sup> floor conference room  | <b>Meeting Time</b>     | 10:00 A.M |
| <b>Chair person</b>        | Aimee Karam– MoSA   | <b>Meeting Duration</b> | 2h        |
| <b>Co-Chair person</b>     | Kerstin Karlstrom<br>Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator UNHCR  |                         |           |
| <b>Minutes Prepared by</b> | Lara Techekirian – Coordination Associate UNHCR   |                         |           |
| <b>Purpose of Meeting</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Protection update</li><li>2. Update on Back-to-School from MEHE</li><li>3. UNICEF/UNFPA mapping of youth interventions</li><li>4. Resilience &amp; Development Forum (RDF) by UNDP</li></ol> |                         |           |

### Summary of discussions and action points

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Protection update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ In the Bekaa, around 20 informal settlements received new LAF eviction notices; all of the sites are located in Zahle Maallaqa Aradi. The cases are being referred to WASH and shelter partners in order to provide them with the needed assistance</li><li>▪ Onward movements dropped compared to October (40%)</li><li>▪ The executive summary of the 2015 VASyR is finalized and will be presented shortly</li><li>▪ Handicap International with support of UNHCR and partner agencies organized a one day workshop on protection disability mainstreaming</li></ul> |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Update on Back to School campaign from MEHE</b>   |

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|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maps of the enrollment in public schools from 2011 until October 2015 were outlined</li> <li>▪ Total Registered refugees:1,078,228 (GoL estimates 1.5 m of Syrian refugees)</li> <li>▪ Education situation analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 132,000 (3-5) school aged children</li> <li>○ 350,045(6-17) school aged children</li> <li>○ Out of 482,034 school aged children 157,082 are enrolled in public schools (42% in the 1<sup>st</sup> shift and 58% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift)</li> <li>○ School enrollment over the 5 regions was highlighted (Bekaa with the highest number of registered refugees: 36,165 enrolled and Beirut 98%enrollement )</li> <li>○ Issue of children enrolled in more than 1 school/ non-attendance was noted</li> <li>○ Non Formal Education (NFE) framework to be finalized as support to formal education</li> <li>○ Early Childhood Education (ECE): a preparation programme that compiles the competences of 3 years of pre-school ages</li> <li>○ Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) is a certified pre-formal programme that targets Lebanese and non-Lebanese girls and boys aged 9 to 17 who have been out of school for more than 2 years</li> <li>○ Basic Literacy and Numeracy (BLN): These activities are currently managed by UNICEF in partnership with NGOs and run in temporary learning spaces or community-based centers</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Issue of centers teaching the Syrian curriculum was noted, As per the Lebanese law, teaching the non-Lebanese curriculum is prohibited</li> <li>▪ Questions were raised in terms of figures/ tensions between refugees and host communities, any issues related to violence in schools to be reported to MEHE for action.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>3.</b></p> | <p><b>UNICEF/UNFPA mapping of youth interventions</b></p>  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The mapping of youth interventions and actors within the humanitarian response is a collaboration between UNFPA and UNICEF</li> <li>▪ The study aims at mapping out actors involved in the youth humanitarian response to the Syrian crisis to identify who is doing what and where, and reviewing available material used by youth groups or any organization working with/targeting the youth in humanitarian settings.</li> <li>▪ Findings of the study included but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A number of organizations got involved particularly in the humanitarian sectors associated with: Employability, Protection, Non-formal Education, GBV, Human Rights...</li> <li>○ The types of involvement of these organizations are mostly associated with capacity development and public awareness and outreach activities</li> <li>○ The available services do not reach all youth in need of humanitarian services due to various reasons such as limited resources, socio-cultural challenges, lack of commitment, increased tension between the Syrian refugees and hosting communities.</li> <li>○ It was noted that youth favored engaging in types of activities where they had an active role in their implementation( recreational and peer to peer activities)</li> <li>○ The use of social media platforms to connect with youth is limited among the youth actors</li> <li>○ Active involvement of volunteers was noted (Syrians and Lebanese)</li> <li>○ Collaboration with NGOs/INGOs and UN agencies was highlighted within almost all sectors</li> <li>○ Organizations Expressed Capacity Building Needs of the youth actors</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ A set of recommendations were proposed relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Youth humanitarian needs to be addressed</li> <li>○ Youth actors capacity building</li> <li>○ Material for youth and youth actors within the humanitarian</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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|           | <p>response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Programming approach for youth interventions within the humanitarian response</li> <li>▪ Partners discussed the importance to avoid duplications and waste of materials and resources and take in consideration the adaptability process.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Resilience &amp; Development Forum (RDF) by UNDP</b>  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Resilience Development Forum (RDF) was held by UNDP at the Dead Sea in Jordan from 8 to 9 November 2015</li> <li>▪ Aim is to create a fundamental shift in the way the international community is responding to the continuing crisis in Syria and the surrounding region, and to build a platform for a consistent and collective vision that clearly articulates short, mid and long-term milestones</li> <li>▪ The Five Core Principles of the Resilience Agenda and action points were outlined.</li> </ul> |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>AOB</b>   |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LCRP plan is endorsed, work is ongoing on formatting/editing the layout</li> <li>▪ Launch of the LCRP is expected between 14 and 16 December at the grand serial (date TBC)</li> <li>▪ Next IA meeting to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2016.</li> </ul>   |

#### Attachments

| Document        | Location  |
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| IA Presentation | <a href="http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=9939">http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=9939</a> |