



## Child Protection in Emergencies Working Group Lebanon Meeting Minutes

**Date :** 10 February 2015, 10:15am-12:35pm  
**Location :** Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), 7<sup>th</sup> floor conference room

**Participants :** 27 participants, 17 organizations, 2 government ministries:  
Danish Red Cross, DRC, Himaya, IOM, IRC, Mercy Corps, MoSA, MoPH,  
Mouvement Social, NRC, SeraphimGlobal, SCI, TdH-L, UNHCR, Unicef, UNIFIL,  
UNRWA, WCH, and WVI, plus one independent consultant, CPiE Sector Coordinator

### Revised Agenda

1. Review of last meeting: action points and minutes
2. Presentation: Recommendations from street and working children workshop and the juvenile justice system
3. Update: Border regulations
4. MHPSS update
5. Presentation: NRC birth registration update
6. CPiE LCRP: AI roll-out & reporting; 'What if..' exercise
7. Update: Case Management Technical Working Group

#### 1. Review of last meeting: action points and minutes

- Minutes from 13 January 2015 meeting endorsed.
- Most action points begun or completed. Some postponed. Minor edit to January table, border regulations accidentally written as registration.
- **Action Points:**
  - *Re-circulate info for child marriage CP-SGBV group for volunteers.*
  - *Follow-up on outstanding action points from last meeting to continue until completed.*

#### 2. Presentation: Recommendations from street and working children workshop and the juvenile justice system

- Workshop held 15-17 December 2014 (under the IRC/UNHCR street children project in Beirut) on "*The Future of the Child Protection response to Street and Working Children*", including MoSA, MoJ, MoIM, Juvenile Judges, ISF, plus other civil society actors, including NGOs and UN.
- Purpose to identify gaps and challenges in current framework and response of protection needs, and to draft recommendations
- Many recommendations from workshop. Recommendations will be shared with participants to the workshop prior to finalization and links will be highlighted with the ILO-SAVE UNICEF, street children report, and other previously ongoing initiatives developed at government level.
- **Action Point:** *Findings and recommendations to be shared with members once finalized.*

#### 3. Update: Border regulations

- MoSA shared official government position to close borders to all kinds of displacement, with exceptions to be made in severe, extreme cases.
- Humanitarian exception criteria not adopted yet, still under discussion. Few extreme humanitarian cases have been referred to date – all of whom have been admitted.
- GSO to train all MoSA staff; GSO to refer potential humanitarian cases to HCR who will refer to MoSA.
- MoSA will train its border team to do interviews and determination (pending money and set-up of offices). Will let humanitarian actors know what support needed.

#### 4. MHPSS Task Force update

- Brief presentation by Chair of the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Task Force (MHPSS TF) of the Health Sector on their work and priorities for 2015 (see slides).
- Task force has four sub-committees, suicide prevention, community mobilization, staff care, and referral system.

- MHPSS TF priorities for 2015: rolling out mental health and psychological first aid, 4Ws mapping, referral process, staff care, updating training calendar, and better coordination with other sectors.
- **Action Point:** *MHPSS action plan and meeting schedule to be shared with CPiE sector to share with members.*

#### 5. Presentation: NRC birth registration update

- NRC presentation on newly published report: “Birth Registration Update: The challenges of birth registration for refugees coming from Syria in Lebanon.” (see slides)
- Report covers all refugees from Syria: Palestinians and Syrians.
- 97% of refugees report being able to obtain birth notification (step 1); difficulties in completing next two steps: 70% approach Mokhtar and only 18% approach Noufous – required within first year after birth to avoid legal procedures.
- **Action Point:** *Coordinator to re-share report.*

#### 6. CPiE LCRP: AI roll-out & reporting; ‘What if..’ exercise

- AI roll-out in all five field locations now complete. Feedback and inputs compiled and will be discussed at indicator review meeting to finalize definitions and any remaining changes to framework/database. Meeting tomorrow (Wed 11 March) at 10am at Unicef.
- ‘What if’ exercise: discussion on framing of request, ability to decide prioritization when funding tagged by donors for certain activities. Decision to phrase what could be done based on funding per activity/output in appeal.
- **Action Point:** *Coordinator to share table with funding/activity information, members to assist drafting ‘What ifs’ by email.*

#### 7. Update: Case Management Technical Working Group

- Arabic translation of Practical Guidance still being reviewed for finalization and final approval by MoSA.
- Concerns were raised with regards to the SOP as it only focuses on children in conflict with the law in Tripoli+5, Akkar, and Mount Lebanon and does not address issues of emergency referral of children at risks and victims of violence and abuse anymore. ISF is also not part of the SOP.
- There will be a meeting on alternative care to follow-up.
- **Action Point:** *Coordinator to share minutes from last CM TWG.*

**Next Meeting: 10 March 2015 @ 10am  
UNHCR Lea 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room**