



**Inter-Agency
Coordination**
Lebanon

Minutes of INTER-AGENCY MEETING Beirut, 6 February 2015

Meeting Location	MoSA-7 th floor conference room	Meeting Time	10:00 A.M
Chair person	Hala Helou – Advisor to Minister of Social Affairs	Meeting Duration	1.5 h
Co-Chair person	Kerstin Karlstrom Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator Afke Bootsman – Inter-Sector Coordinator UNDP		
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Purpose of Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Registration – trends of new registrations2. Protection update: GOL update on Humanitarian Criteria3. WFP validation exercise4. MRR/host community support5. AOB		

Summary of discussions and action points

1. Registration (UNHCR)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Total registered as of 3 Feb. 2015: 1,169,350 with 20 days waiting period▪ January Registration: 11,362 individuals registered (13,400 in December)▪ Renewal-Verification: Over 26,500 individuals have been verified▪ Inactivation: Over 5,600 individuals inactivated through the five verification methodologies.▪ Appointments Requested: Approximately 14,000 appointments requested vs. 19,500 requests in December;



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Profile of Registered in January was outlined (in terms Age/Gender/Family Composition)-Similar breakdown in December 2014 was noted▪ 20% single males and 61% Male Headed in December 2014▪ To take into consideration distinction between male and female headed HHs.
2.	Protection update: GOL update on Humanitarian Criteria (MoSA)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Recap on Regulations for the entry of Syrians to Lebanon -took effect on Monday, January 5-the purpose of the new GoL policy is to stop displacement▪ These include: Restricting Syrian refugees from entering Lebanon, save for those with an exceptional humanitarian case▪ Following cases are considered as humanitarian case; unaccompanied children under the age of 16 having relatives inside Lebanon, elderly people, people with disabilities, severe medical cases that cannot be treated in Syria, cases will be dealt by MoSA case by case▪ The criteria is being implemented with the GSO- the plan is to have MoSa's presence at six official borders crossings▪ Willingness to revisit the humanitarian admission criteria-New set of criteria to be recommended and shared with partners▪ Partners raised questions and concerns regarding the new regulations- gaps re-procedures to be resolved at the GoL level▪ GSO Hotline 1717 to be disseminated to agencies that seek info on requirements for specific cases▪ To advocate for an expansion of the humanitarian admission criteria -, to be applicable on all persons fleeing violence in Syria and seek refuge in Lebanon▪ It was noted that the development of this criteria is a partnership between MoSA/UNHCR/partner agencies to achieve best interest of everyone with respect to the GoL policy and sovereignty.



3.	WFP validation exercise (WFP)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Validation exercise is a verification exercise to ensure that cards are being used by beneficiaries. Not a verification of their eligibility▪ Exercise started on 29 January (for one month- can be prolonged if needed)▪ E-card holders are requested to come to validation sites along with their registration certificate▪ 30% of no show rates in T5 was noted- in this case a HH visit will be prioritized▪ A refresher session on e-cards to take place in various field offices.
4.	MRR/host community support (UNDP)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lebanon Host-Communities Support Project (LHSP) is a joint initiative between MoSA and UNDP▪ LHSP aims to address the impact of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon through responding to the needs of Host communities and reduce the level of tension in targeted areas▪ LHSP targets communities with higher risk of tension and conflict due to the high number of Syrian refugees reflected by the RATIO between them and the Lebanese population (The communities are located in North, Bekaa, South, Mount Lebanon)▪ The governance structure of the LHSP was highlighted▪ LHSP interventions are focused on 4 sectors (Livelihood, Education and Health, Basic Services, Social Stability/Peace Building)▪ LHSP intervenes through a participatory approach▪ Project selection occurs through the methodology of Mapping of Risks and Resources (MRR) MRR = conflict sensitive PRA used in local development planning and intervention▪ This methodology is implemented by MoSA with technical assistance from UNDP▪ Next Steps:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Establish a coordination structure at central and local level○ Capacity building for MoSA staff



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Prepare for TG and Steering committee to discuss and adopt improved strategy.▪ A comment was raised to envision a way to present other agencies invested in host community support▪ A tracking system to take place with CDR to rationalize projects taking place in local communities- CDR to present what is being done/ planning for 2015▪ MRR to be disseminated and shared with GoL counterparts.
5. AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A question was raised re-the storm expected to occur in Lebanon early next week and agencies preparedness and response activities<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ UNHCR has been preparing emergency stocks consisting of fuel vouchers, blankets, stoves and food parcels since October as part of its winter program○ Additional distribution of sealing off kits, plastic sheeting, weather-proofing kits, floor-raising kits, blankets, mattresses, stoves, winter clothes, etc.○ UNHCR stocks of shelter material and NFIs are made available for partners who request them○ Donors/agencies provided emergency assistances during the last storm-additional assistance will be provided○ UNICEF: preparedness measures were taken before and in line with the winterization programme especially to cover most vulnerable population living in high altitude▪ Partners were encouraged to share possible agenda items to be raised at the IA level.

Attachments

Document	Location
IA Presentation	http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=8159