



FOOD SECURITY SECTOR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING – 13th February 2018

When: 13th of February 2018

Where: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Bir Hassan

Who: **23 participants** from AVSI, Dorcas/Tabitha, FAO, FSL Coordinator, Intersos, Islamic Relief, LOST, Mercy-USA, MoE, MoA, OCHA, PARCIC, PU-AMI, Safadi, Save the Children, SHEILD, SIF, UNRWA, WFP, WVI

Meeting Minutes

Link to the meeting presentation: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=15158>

The MoA sector focal point opened the meeting by welcoming all the participants. The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. **Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP) 2018 Update**
2. **Sector gap analysis (Sector targets vs Partner's targets 2018)**
3. **Activity Info Database update and training**
4. **Coordination Review**

1. Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP) 2018 Update

The official launch of the LCRP 2018 successfully took place at the Grand Serail on Thursday 1 February. LCRP will provide a solid framework for all organizations' response plans for 2018:

The LCRP, a joint plan between the Government of Lebanon and its international and national partners, aims to respond to these challenges in a holistic, comprehensive manner through longer-term, multiyear planning in order to achieve the following Strategic Objectives: ensure the protection of displaced Syrians, vulnerable Lebanese and Palestine refugees; provide immediate assistance to vulnerable populations; strengthen the capacity of national and local service delivery systems to expand access to and quality of basic public services; and reinforce Lebanon's economic, social and environmental stability. To achieve this goal, the LCRP seeks to set out an integrated strategy centred on needs which recognizes the interrelatedness and beneficial impact of the activities undertaken in the different sectors on the individual's protection and dignity. It is critical that the response maintain a strong focus on humanitarian assistance to all vulnerable communities, but also, in line with the commitments made at the London and Brussels conferences, strongly and continuously seek to expand investments, partnerships and delivery models that ensure recovery and social stability whilst enabling progress towards longer-term development strategies.

Useful links:

Food Security Cluster website <http://fscluster.org/lebanon>

LCRP 2018 <http://fscluster.org/sites/default/files/documents/lcrp2018.pdf>

FSS 2018 Logframe http://fscluster.org/sites/default/files/documents/fsslcrp_2018_sector_logframe.xlsx

LCRP press release <http://fscluster.org/sites/default/files/documents/pressreleaselcrplaunch01feb18.pdf>



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2. Sector gap analysis (Sector targets vs Partner's targets 2018)

FAO Representative gave a presentation on the gap between the sector targets and partner's targets 2018 per output for food assistance and agriculture and livelihood activities. Results are available in details on presentation link above.

Steps Forward:

- LCRP partners who didn't submit their indicative beneficiaries' targets per output. Deadline to submit COB February 23th
- Identify beneficiaries' targets helps to fill gaps and avoid overlaps, promote synergy and improve quality of Food Security Response

3. Activity Info Database update

In Lebanon, monitoring and reporting is done through Activity Info, an online monitoring tool. Each sector working group has a database in Activity Info that is organized to fit its specific requirements.

The database allows partners to store, access, manage, map and analyze data on defined indicators, and thus to monitor humanitarian projects www.activityinfo.org

- The Reporting Operational UN agencies and NGOs (herein: partners) working under the LCRP appeal, are accountable to report on all indicators; relevant to their project; agreed within the sectors on Activity Info platform.
- The partners are responsible to report before the scheduled deadline on the achievements of the previous month.
- The partners are accountable to report on indicators based on the definition of each indicator that was agreed on within each sector.

Activity Info (AI) database for the Food Security sector is open for 2018 reporting Database name: LCRP-2018-R Food Security

Action Points:

- If you don't have access to Activity Info (AI) database for the Food Security sector, contact the sector Information Management (sirin.elzuhairi@wfp.org).
- Activity Info training workshop will be held in Beirut next month, specific date is to be determined and will be relayed shortly. We would appreciate if you could send email to (sirin.elzuhairi@wfp.org) on who within your organization will be attending the workshop by the COB February 23th in order for us to be able to finalize the arrangements.



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4. Coordination Review

An online survey has been conducted by the inter-sector for all partners engaged in the work of the sectors, both at national and field level to provide their feedback about the existing coordination structures in Lebanon:

- The current coordination system in Lebanon is based on the Refugee Coordination Model that was established in 2013 and provides a framework for leading, coordinating the delivery of refugee operations. The Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP) is placed under the leadership of the Government of Lebanon and the Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator, with UNHCR leading on the refugee dimension of the plan and UNDP on the stabilization dimension. The LCRP is a partnership based on inclusive coordination under the overall leadership of the government and provides a platform for planning and coordinating operations. Sectors are connected to government-led mechanisms, and come together at operational coordination meetings. Coordination is decentralized and based on specific geographic areas where the highest levels of vulnerability have been identified.
- The system has evolved over time, including the recent transition from a two-year plan (2015-2016) to a four-year plan (2017-2020), reflecting the protracted nature of the crisis and the need for longer-term planning. The current LCRP addresses the increasing vulnerabilities of refugees and host communities, while increasing focus on supporting the government, local and state institutions and capacities. The plan has mobilized increasing funding support; however, the response has remained under-funded overall. This has impacted the transition towards longer term (stabilization) programming. At the same time, there has been general consensus among partners and stakeholders on the need to streamline the coordination architecture and improve its efficiency, and the overall effectiveness.

Steps Forward:

The results from the survey will be discussed at dedicated inter-sector meetings both at national and field-levels, and sector-specific feedback will be shared with the respective sector leads and coordinators for discussion in the working groups.

The next Working Group meeting will be taking place on Tuesday 13th March from 10.00 to 12.00 at Minister of Agriculture (MoA)