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| **Arsal Coordination Meeting** |
| **Date**  | 14/03/2017  | **Time**  | 11:00 am |
| **Location**  | UNHCR Zahle  | **Duration**  | 2.5 hr |
| **Chair** | UNHCR |  |  |
| **Attendance** | UNHCR, UNDP,IRC, DRC, UNICEF ,DRC, ACF, Relief, URDA, WFP, NRC, MoSA, Municipality Representative |

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| **TOPIC** | **ACTION** | **DUE DATE** |
| 1. **Follow up on VIP mission of 27th of February**
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| A VIP mission was held on the 17th of February including UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, OCHA and the Minister of state for Refugees’ affairs. The purpose of the mission was to address the waste water sanitation in Informal Settlements and the host community. The Minister addressed the community and then this was followed by a meeting held in the municipality with the mayor and community representatives to discuss the situation and ways forward.The Minister stressed that Arsal is a priority especially regarding waste management, water and electricity.  | Note | Note |
|  ***2) Waste water management /Dumping Site***  |  |  |
| UNICEF states that no strategic decision was made up until now regarding the waste management plant and stresses the importance of having the approval of the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Power, and Ministry of state for Refugees.  | Note  | Note  |
| Follow up with senior management in Beirut on updates regarding the situation.  | All Agencies  | 17/03/2017 |
| Follow up with the minister is to be made regarding their views and decision on the long term solution proposed.  | OCHA through HC | 17/03/2017 |
| DRC starting implementing projects from 2012-2014, they include small livelihood programs and started initiating assessments to try and aid in finding a dislodging site.  | Note  | Note  |
| Ministry of Environment received the environmental impact of a waste plant studies conducted by different actors.  | Note  | Note  |
| Relief for development proposed a project that could serve as a short term solution.The project consists of waste management channels that could be developed in communities where there is a large concentration of Informal Settlements, example being the Omani Informal Settlement. These channels could be beneficial to both the host community and the refugee community where the waste water could be treated to be used for irrigation in agriculture. This project is said to be practical, cost effective and rapidly achieved by summer time. Relief for Development proposes that a meeting be held between them, Ministry of Environment and the WASH unit to discuss and study the possibility of implementing such a project for the short term. | Note  | Note  |
| Relief for Development to share the documents/findings of the studies made regarding waste management in Arsal electronically with UNHCR. | Relief for Development  | 17/03/2017 |
| The new site in Arsal is located in the new street named Wadi Zaarour, and recently today the local residents of the area expressed their rejection by protesting and blocking the road preventing only the dislodging trucks to pass through. This site will not be allowed to use beyond 31 March 2017.ACF confirmed that they are only allowed to use this site up until the end of March and hence there is a crucial need to find a new site before the end of the month. ACF also confirms that the proposal of the two trucks was rejected by the LAF considering there are technical problems (space, hose...) associated with this proposal. UNHCR stresses that given the chronical lack of options, the two-truck option needs to be kept on the table and assessed technically. If necessary advocacy could be done with LAF centrally. | Note  | Note  |
| Municipality is thankful and appreciative of all the hard work the agencies have been doing in Arsal; however, agencies should know that due to several problems faced in Arsal, the municipality has limited resources and capacity to identify a site and requires the assistance and support. Agencies stress that they will support the municipality in their needs, but they should take the lead in identifying a site as they are better aware of the community. Municipality stresses the importance of addressing the waste management issue since it has many replications including the spread of health issues among both host and refugee community. They also stated that the waste water is flooding into wells and contaminating the potable water of Arsal. At the moment there are 23 trucks, including the 11 trucks of ACF, used for dislodging and are deemed as not enough.  | Note | Note |
| Municipality urges the agencies to adopt the proposition made by Relief for development as it offers a short term solution rather than waiting for the long term solution (waste water plant) that might take a year or two to establish. Relief for development also encourages the implementation of the proposed project especially since there exists no accurate mapping of Arsal and the long term solution might take a while to be implemented. They state that a solution should be found since this issue is creating tensions among the host community and the refugee community.  | Note  | Note  |
| URDA proposed that as a short term solution, agencies can agree on installing tanks just like 90% of other areas in the Bekaa are doing; however, ACF states this does not solve the issue of dislodging.  | Note  | Note  |
| Relief for Development and Municipality stated that agencies should come together with the presence of LAF and respective ministries to draft a new strategy for Arsal. They also believe that it is important to reorganize the Informal Settlements in Arsal since its unorganized dispersity is one of the reasons there is not a consistent channels.  | Note  | Note  |
| 1. **Livelihood Study**
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| TORs for a baseline on livelihoods, focusing on the employment market, are to be finalized by UNDP and UNHCR late this week. Once a contractor selected, the study is expected to last for two months. It will be done in close coordination with the Municipality and cover Syrians, local Lebanese and returnee Lebanese. | UNDP/UNHCR  | 17/03/2017 |
| A meeting between UNHCR, UNDP and the municipality of Arsal to discuss the final draft of the TORs regarding the livelihood project.  | UNHCR/UNDP/Municipality of Arsal  | 24/03/2017 |
| 1. **Summary Action points**
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| 1. To follow up on the issues discussed during the VIP mission to Arsal on 27th Feb, each organization to follow up with their senior management in Beirut on further discussion/development at BO level and to share progress with the Field
2. Relief for Development to share the documents/findings of the studies made regarding waste management in Arsal electronically with UNHCR.
3. Municipality to coordinate with other state actors to identify new dumping site asap
4. Municipality to find long term solution to the issue of dumping site asap
5. Livelihood TORs are to be finalized by UNDP and UNHCR late this week
6. A meeting between UNHCR, UNDP and the municipality of Arsal to discuss the final draft of the TORs regarding the livelihood project.
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| **Proposed date of next Arsal coordination meeting** |  | **11/04/2017** |