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Syria Operation Interagency Meeting 26 November 2013

Attendees:

Hayat Abdel Rahman (RCHR), Madiha Ahmed (WHO-CO) , Fayrouz Aly (IRW), Omar El Khawas (IRW), Mohamed Abdel Rahim (Plan Egypt) , Enda Shieh (Plan Egypt) , May Gaballah (Save the Children) , Marwa Saleh (CRS) , Sarah Hassan (CRS) , Matthew Flynn (UN- Habitat) , Kiri Harder (Refuge- Egypt) .

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Elizabeth Tan (chair), Margarida Fawke and Mirvette Abed Rabo

UNHCR Updates:

Registration numbers are low (less than a 200 people per day). Outreach missions are taking place in other governorates (Asyut, Ismailia) but registration rates are also very low there.

RRP6 projection was 180,000 Syrians registered by the end of 2013. However, with 128,000 registered by end of November, we are not likely to reach that number.

Regarding detention in Alexandria and the North Coast, there are 205 detainees in Alexandria in different detention centers. Some 50 detainees have been on hunger strike for 3 to 5 days. The situation is quiet worrying and our team is trying to convince them that the hunger strike is not going to result in resettlement. The Governor of Alexandria has discussed the release of the Syrian nationals with National Security and there is hope that this may have a positive outcome. The departures from Alexandria have stopped because of the bad sea conditions and not new arrests have been reported.

On the other hand the Syrian Authorities announced that the Palestinian habitual residents of Syria who have left Syria are not allowed to come back. UNHCR is checking this information.

The UNHCR Director of International Protection in Geneva is coming to Egypt this weekend. He will be meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other officials to discuss protection issues.

Margarida Fawke added that as we are reaching the end of the year, UNHCR is monitoring implementation rates of each partner and planning for 2014 is underway. Partners were requested to send UNHCR their project proposals latest by Thursday (continuous or new activities).

Regarding RRP6, the second draft was sent to Amman and circulated to all partners and a number of donors. Any comments must reach UNHCR by next Tuesday. Donors had some concerns regarding the planning figures, the lack of measurable objectives, QIPS and prioritization. These comments will be incorporated into the final draft.

Partners Updates:

CRS:

We have provided 21,800 students with as per last week. 1,600 students were assisted in Alexandria; CRS target is to assist 25,000 students by end of the year.

CRS livelihood project assessed 150 individuals, 320 job opportunities were received and 50 jobs were offered.

WHO:

Five training courses were given for physicians and nurses. Monitoring of Polio campaign in 6th of October City where 4,028 children were vaccinated. In Masaken Osman around 1,000 Syrians have very difficult access to health services.

CARITAS ALEX:

11,000 cases (31,000 individuals were assisted), half of them did receive their cash assistance. They have finished reassessing the cases after 6 months of assistance. Caritas is providing anti-natal care and for the cases with special needs they are referred to specialized centers.

SAVE THE CHILDREN:

Save organized with UNHCR a series of workshops with different the host and refugee communities in el Tagamo' el Awel to promote coexistence. New child friendly spaces have opened in Obour and are about to start in Ard el Lewa and Haram. Save the Children worked with Tadamon, Fard and Syria El Ghad on the Polio Campaign in the areas of 6th October, Obour, Faysal, Haram and Ard el Lewa.

Save is supporting a new PHC in Ard el Lewa and the findings of the Health and Nutrition assessment in Masaken Othman are out and will be shared next week.

REFUGE EGYPT:

Also worked on the national polio campaign this month.

IRW:

13,000 families are assisted and assessments continue though numbers are down. IRW assessed 864 individuals during the Hurghada mission, 161 individuals got emergency assistance on the spot. In Ismailia 123 families were assisted.

WFP:

95% were reached during Damietta distribution. Targeting 76,000 beneficiaries in November and December.

Next Meeting: 10 December 2013 10 am