



Minutes of INTER-AGENCY MEETING Beirut, 3 July 2015

Meeting Location	MoSA-7 th floor conference room	Meeting Time	10:00 A.M
Chair person	Hala El Helo – MoSA	Meeting Duration	2h
Co-Chair person	Kerstin Karlstrom Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator UNHCR		
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Purpose of Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Registration update2. Protection update3. Impact of reduced food vouchers4. GoL National Plan for children and women5. IOM update on registration6. Preliminary results VASyr – food insecurity7. Collective Site Management and Coordination (CSMC)		

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	Protection update(UNHCR)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Total registered of Syrian refugees:1,175,062 with no waiting period since new registration has been temporarily suspended as of 6 May 2015 as per the instructions of the GoL▪ Total registered of Non-Syrian refugees: 19,182 (84% Iraqis) with 24 days waiting period▪ Syrians Approaching UNHCR: 6,642 individuals in June- 51% decrease from May (13,676) due to circulation of information on suspension▪ May Thematic Questionnaire aimed at obtaining information on “Disputes” (Joint effort between UNDP, OHCHR and UNHCR).

2.	Protection update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A summary on Raids was presented, it was noted that the numbers of raids have increased significantly in 2014/2015 following security events taking place in Aarsal ▪ Renewals and regularization: Meetings were organized jointly by NRC and UNHCR in the field to better understand GSO practices in all regions and to inform advocacy ▪ Estimated 4,335 individuals residing in 33 informal settlements in the Sahel area of Akkar have been affected by an unprecedented mass eviction by LAF that continues on national security grounds. Around half of the settlements have been relocated. Partners are coordinating responses at the field level to help the most vulnerable including WASH actors.
3.	Impact of reduced food vouchers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continued funding shortfalls have forced Food Assistance activities to be scaled down. WFP is currently facing a further reduction from 70% to 50% the e-card value for July and August ▪ The Food Security Sector is working with inter-sector colleagues to consolidate information available on the impact of the reduction of food assistance on beneficiaries across sectors ▪ The household targeting exercise of Syrian refugees, by WFP, UNHCR and the Lebanese Cash Consortium will continue throughout 2015 to identify families that are food insecure and those most at risk of food insecurity ▪ WFP with UNICEF, UNHCR and partners have completed the collection of data for the 2015 VASyR. The preliminary results will be available in July ▪ The NPTP agreement for MoSA, WFP and the World Bank, covering food assistance for vulnerable Lebanese for four months, has been approved by the Council of Ministers.

4.	GoL National Plan for children and women
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MOSA and UNICEF presented the national plan to safeguard children and women in Lebanon ▪ The Plan is required to address the following challenges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increasing needs of the most vulnerable girls, boys and women ○ Insecurity, instability, and consequent restrictions on movement and access ○ Lack of information and access to reliable quality services close to communities ○ Need to Strengthen the capacity of and coordination between national actors, national service providers and Ministries/local government ○ Need for longer term funding to strengthen the Lebanese national child protection system and improve the protection of women ▪ A call was made to all NGOs working under protection sector to collaborate with MoSA's national plan in order to avoid duplication ▪ A public version of the plan to be uploaded on MoSA's website.
5.	IOM update on registration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preliminary findings of The registration and profiling project for Lebanese returnees was presented by IOM ▪ The second round of registration was completed from 20 April -31 May 2015 ▪ The objective of the exercise was to generate updated information on the situation and needs of all returnees (including those previously registered in 2013). By registering, individuals will ensure that they are known to different organizations providing assistance to Lebanese returnees.
6.	Preliminary results VASyr – food insecurity
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The preliminary results of the 2015 Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees was presented.
7.	Collective Site Management and Coordination (CSMC)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CSMC aims at strengthening the refugee community structures in order to be efficient and self-sustainable in managing their own lives at the collective sites ▪ Main objective: Ensuring full participatory approach in designing, monitoring and implementing a dignified and appropriate aid response

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ways forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strengthen Community based protection ○ Build upon resources/ maximize output ○ Shared ownership in identification and response ○ Transition from management to self- management ○ Strengthen Information sharing
8.	AOB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CBPF: the call for proposals was conducted on 17 June with 70% project proposal submitted on GMS by 31 NNGOs, 27 INGOs, 3 UN agencies.- a one pager on the second quarter allocations was shared with partners. ▪ The International Rescue Committee (IRC) announced the launch of IRC Service Info, an online platform that will enable the more than 1 million Syrian refugees in Lebanon to search and rate aid and commercial services – ranging from healthcare to financial services and retail – online or over the phone. Developed by the IRC and funded by a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, the IRC's Service Info project aims to provide a solution to an information gap for transient refugees looking for local services. The site URL is https://serviceinfo.rescue.org/app/

Attachments

Document	Location
IA Presentation	http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=9155