



**Inter-Agency
Coordination**
Lebanon

INTER- AGENCY WORKING GROUP



Agenda

- Introduction to 2020 by North IA coordinator (UNHCR HoO) and IA National Coordinator
- MoSA and MoIM briefing on communication with local authorities
- Sectoral updates
- AoB



Basic Assistance

Winter Cash Assistance for Syrian Refugees:

- 86% of the eligible winter beneficiaries received/ will receive the assistance by January.
- MCAP cases will receive 3 months of winter cash assistance (USD 225).

Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM):

- 1,032 MCAP + Food beneficiaries in the North (2,490 cases nationwide).
- 1,503 Food beneficiaries in the North (2,930 cases nationwide).

Winter Assistance for Vulnerable Lebanese - UNHCR through Caritas 'Together We Give Warmth', winter campaign:

- 341 families received MEDCO fuel cards in Wadi Khaled and Bcharre.
- One-off cash assistance (LBP 300,000) to 7,767 families.



Shelter

Weatherproofing Assistance:

- Shelter Sector partners distributed 5511 shelter kits and 648 cash as part of weatherproofing assistance in the North

Critical Shelter Needs:

- Shelter rehabilitation to prevent refugees downgrading their shelters and ensure security of tenure.
- Unoccupied shelters rehabilitation: responding to socio-economic and protection needs.
- Fire kits –needs for fire kits still exist in 727 informal settlements.
- Site improvement with a focus on cleaning and improving the storm water channels.

PROTECTION

Two return movements took place on 3 and 26 December, with approx. 1,175 returnees in total, most of whom were returning to the Homs area.

12 families were evicted from a collective shelter in Barsa, Koura over solid waste management concerns.

PROTECTION COORDINATION:

The Emergency Cash Coordination Group has developed a draft of suggested harmonized ECA amounts which was discussed in the last meeting with partners in December.



SGBV sector Plan of Action – North

- Create a **joint platform** with livelihood, basic assistance, mental health, and education sectors by establishing closer referral pathways amongst the four and to check existing capacities and gaps for joint programs
- Conduct **awareness-raising programs** on key SGBV issues, including child marriage, sexual exploitation, trafficking, targeting parents and schools
- Harmonize **early marriage tools** amongst partners
- Regularly share information on the accessibility to **CMR services** (SGBV WG to CMR TF) and to support the development of CMR national strategy



SGBV sector Plan of Action – North

New in 2020:

Community engagement in protection against SGBV is ensured

- To promote activities that focus on shifting negative social norms affecting women and girls in the community
- To collect/share best practices on communities/community based interventions to address SGBV
- To assess gaps and challenges in the existing community structure and to provide more systemized support (on-site coaching, key informant and focal points, etc)



Child Protection

Key & Important Updates:

- Geo-split exercise for 2020 is ongoing for Case Management and PSS services.
- No major CP concerns were raised after the extreme weather conditions, however CP actors working in the affected sites are approached to assess the situation. No results/ updates to be shared right now, since the assessment just started.
- Due to the current deteriorated situation in the country, CP trends observed increasing are:
 - Child labor and children on street: IRC and Himaya are active on this level and coordinating among each others.
 - Violence against children: allocation of new resources for 2020 to cover the Case management needs, this is being done on the level of the CP sector.
 - School drop out: UNICEF through its partners and other actors on the ground started already ABLN services for most vulnerable children out of school and working children, this is covering partially the needs however due to the whole country unstable situation drop out from schools is increasing.
 - Arrests of children due to drug addiction: in case of minors arrest Himaya and UPEL are supporting, in addition to small initiatives being done by actors and by Tripoli municipality.



Education

Key & Important Updates:

- Frequent roads blockage and demonstrations interrupted teaching in some schools and caused low attendance in others during the last weeks of 2019. Same for NFE courses delivered outside schools.
- Reduced ability to pay transportation cost is expressed by some parents.
- A make up test for children to enroll in Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) is scheduled on 14 January in 9 schools in North and Akkar. 421 students are expected to sit for the test.
- No major impact of winter weather conditions on Education.

WASH

- New Geosplit for WASH activities in ISs for the North and Akkar (Ieb Relief, SI and LRC) starting Jan 2020.
- Reporting on AI for December extended till 14 of January
- Advocacy with NLWE for the rotation of 2020 sector meetings is ongoing
- Water Sector Action Plan finalized.
- Coordination workshop: Thematic working groups proposed, responsibility and expected products.
- Upcoming events:
 - Protection Risks Analysis workshop – 21st of January
 - Training on AI by the end of January (27 – 28 – 29).



Health

Key & Important Updates:

- Challenges in accessing healthcare mostly secondary remain in light of the economic crisis in the country:
 - 58 cases faced challenges such as delay in access, AMA discharge and baby detention
 - Hospitals are struggling to purchase medical supplies and materials
 - SAMS decreased case load from 70 per month to 40 (nationwide)
- UNHCR support with drugs to MoPH at central level
- Vaccination campaign completed
- Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support trainings were provided to 171 nurses from 10 contracted hospitals in the North by Balamand Medical Simulation Center
- 30 management staff from 10 hospitals were trained on leadership and management by the same center.

Sites and Affected Population

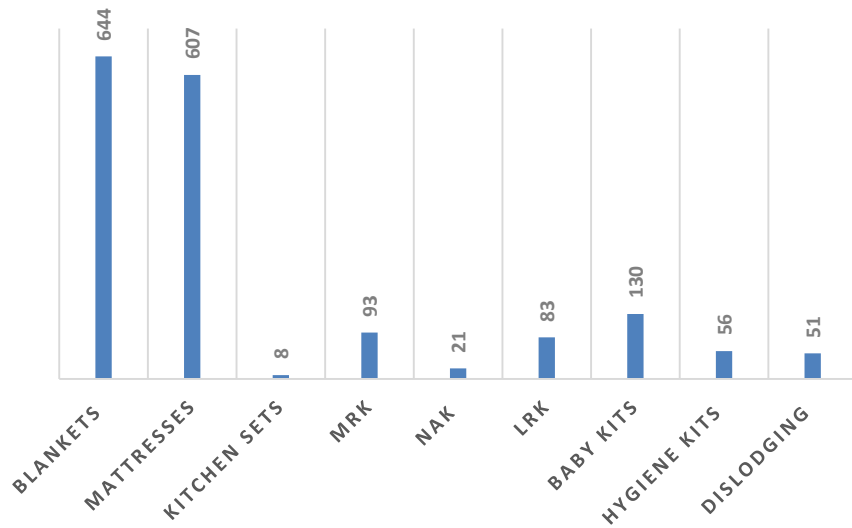
Until 07 January, 223 informal settlements and 35 collective shelters reported affected.

RNA partners confirmed 135 affected informal settlements and 14 collective shelters.

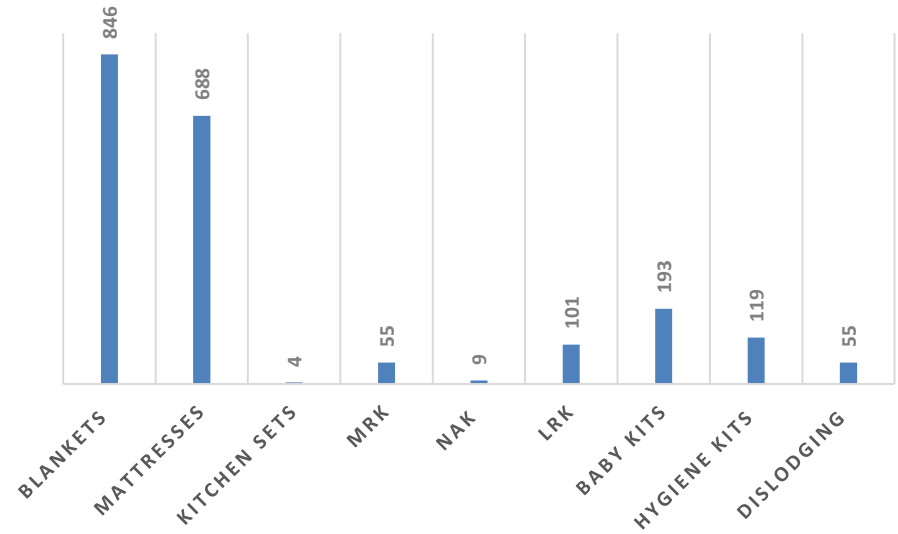


Needs and Response

NEEDS WET TOOLS



RESPONSE (RNA PARTNERS)



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