



Minutes of INTER-AGENCY MEETING Beirut, 2 October 2015

Meeting Location	MoSA-7 th floor conference room	Meeting Time	12:00 P.M
Chair person	Hala El Helou – MoSA	Meeting Duration	2h
Co-Chair person	Kerstin Karlstrom Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator UNHCR		
Minutes Prepared by	Lara Techekirian – Coordination Associate UNHCR		
Purpose of Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Protection update2. RAIS Overview3. Back to school Campaign4. Update on LCRP planning process5. AOB		

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	Protection update (UNHCR)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Total registered of Syrian refugees: 1,078,338▪ Total registered of Non-Syrian refugees: 20,127▪ September thematic questionnaire focused on family and community members and sources of remittances from abroad▪ October Thematic questionnaire aimed at obtaining information on “access to education” and results available in November▪ Lebanon and the Europe Refugee/Migrant Crisis: 520,957 arrivals to Europe by sea in 2015▪ It was noted that the majority of onward movement from Lebanon is transit directly from Syria (estimated 6-7,000 per week through Tripoli Port)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Briefing note on the “Seven factors behind the movement of Syrian refugees to Europe” was shared with partners ▪ Initial observations from protection monitoring partners in Lebanon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legal residency, cost of living, livelihoods ○ Individual experience of exploitation or protection concerns ○ Family reunification ▪ Continued advocacy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensure protection space and access to humanitarian services/ livelihood opportunities ○ Encourage greater burden sharing through resettlement and other humanitarian programmes.
<p>2.</p>	<p>RAIS Overview (UNHCR)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Refugee Assistance Information System (RAIS) is a complementary system to UNHCR’s registration database progress, an online, simple Assistance Tracking database ▪ In Lebanon, around 38 organizations (500 active users) are using RAIS ▪ RAIS Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keeps refugee information up to date ○ Prevents duplication of efforts ○ Helps to provide targeted assistance to persons of concern ○ Reduces fraud and abuse of assistance services ○ Provides efficient reporting tools ○ Maintains security of data ▪ RAIS can be accessed at http://raisunhcr.org (UNHCR must sign data sharing agreements with all partners (both IP and OP) as part of their role as service provider for edibility lists).

3.	Back to school Campaign (UNICEF/UNHCR)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Back-to-School Campaign (BTS 2015/2016) was launched by the minister of Education on September 21, 2015 to promote formal, free and accredited education for all Lebanese and non-Lebanese children ▪ Formal basic certified education in public schools is free for every child this year. ▪ BTS campaign involves all partners in the Education Sector with support of partners from other sectors (Protection, Child Protection, Shelter, Health, WASH and Basic Assistance) ▪ Outreach activities were conducted (including household visits, awareness sessions, distribution of leaflets and posters) ▪ Media and online campaign-the video can be accessed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8ZNoR3WSQk ▪ Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) is a certified pre-formal programme that targets Lebanese and non-Lebanese girls and boys aged 9 to 17 who have been out of school for more than 2 years ▪ A question was raised on individuals not being able to register due to incomplete vaccination cards, it was advised that families need to be referred to PHC centers to get the card. ▪ Issue of child labor and how to reach out was noted. Advocacy/Awareness campaigns are being mobilized to raise/resolve cases ▪ Issues/concerns to refer to MEHE for follow up/direct action
4.	Update on LCRP planning process (MoSA/UNHCR)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Timeline/Key deadlines were outlined ▪ LCRP 2016 – Needs assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specific Objectives for each sector: ○ To provide consolidated information about people in need and by governorate ○ To provide information on the needs of institutions/structures and geographical areas that provide services ○ To identify trends over the past 12 months ▪ Situation Analysis: Highlight major changes/ critical areas ▪ Sector leads to ensure Communication in a timely manner - field to Beirut in order to Identify/address the needs ▪ Consultation on the analysis with the partners involved in sector working groups at both national and field level ▪ Planning Figures (Lebanese, Palestinians, Syrians) ▪ Sector strategies is a GoL-led Process supported by the international community/civil society ▪ Targeting: State the total number of individuals, geographical area and/or institutions/structures in need- considering the fact that we cannot reach all in need (sectors to define targeting methodology) ▪ Plan to capture the mainstreaming of Social Stability, Gender, Youth, people with special needs (PWSN) and Environment ▪ Inter-sector linkages (sectors to identify the areas of linkages with the other sectors in order to avoid duplication) ▪ Partners were reminded; there’s no pot of money associated with the LCRP. LCRP is a joint strategic plan to fundraise.
5.	AOB
	<p>1) REACH-OCHA-UNICEF, Defining Community Vulnerabilities in Lebanon is finalized, the Report can be accessed at: http://www.reachresourcecentre.info/system/files/resource-documents/reach_lbn_report_defining_community_vulnerabilities_cc_0.pdf</p>

Attachments

Document	Location
IA Presentation	http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=9586