

# INTER AGENCY MEETING - Minute – 17 May, 2013 – Beirut

Meeting			
<b>Name</b>	Inter-Agency meeting	<b>Meeting Date</b>	17/05/2013
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Grand Serail	<b>Meeting Time</b>	9:30 A.M
<b>Chair person</b>	Mr. Felipe Camargo – Assistant Representative Coordination Mr. Ramzi Naaman - Parliament Office Mr. Makram Malaeb - MOSA	<b>Meeting Duration</b>	1 hr.30 min.
<b>Minutes Prepared by</b>	Malak Rahal		
<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on response to tented settlements</li> <li>- RRP5 Updates</li> <li>- IA Contingency Plan Updates</li> <li>- UNRWA's presentation</li> </ul>		

## Summary of discussions and action points

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>General update MoSA/UNHCR</b></p> <p><u>Government opening remarks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanking all partners for the effort to respond to the refugee crisis</li> <li>- Additional efforts to increase government capacity in various areas (coordination, registration, support to individual cases)</li> </ul> <p><u>MOSA opening remarks :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RRP5 exercise is a useful tool to enhance coordination and understand what is happening on a bigger scale. A special thanks to NGOs and UN Agencies who have been effective on the ground</li> <li>- A visit has been done in south and a women's center and the feedback gotten was very positive</li> <li>- Coordination at the national &amp; field level is very important to enhance service delivery &amp; targeting</li> </ul> <p><u>Ninette Kelley's opening remarks :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reminder that last June there were 50,000 refugees, today there are 470,000 Syrian refugees registered and a lot of efforts have been done by all to respond to the emergency. The level of dedication, kindness and support towards refugees has to keep on increasing.</li> <li>- The registration waiting period has been reduced from 60 days to 31 days this month and the number of people approaching UNHCR for registration has increased to 4,336 persons per day.</li> <li>- The biggest increase in the number of registered refugees is in the last 5 months</li> <li>- A lot of high level visitors are coming to Lebanon in order to check the work on the ground</li> <li>- UNHCR is looking for a new place for coordinators to have a better synergy and sector coordination.</li> </ul> <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More field visits is advisable form the Beirut level in order to strengthen the coordination and the technical</li> </ul>
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	<p>support in the field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sector Coordinators have to attend the field meetings</li> <li>- Cross sector meeting to be organized regularly</li> <li>- All sectors, NGOs and UN Agencies to send inputs for better information analysis and better mapping</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Update on Shelter response and Informal Tented Settlements (I.T.S.)</b></p>
	<p><b>SHELTER RESPONSE</b></p> <p><u>A survey has been conducted through phone interviews and underlined the following points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 11% of registered refugees are living under tents nationwide and 22% in Bekaa</li> <li>- MOSA is interested in the system of mapping at the field level and wants to look at the 11 % living in the tented settlements</li> <li>- MOSA and UNHCR are looking carefully at identifying sites for camps or “reception sites”.</li> <li>- Come out with 1 global report for assessment, to convince politicians and limit the damages on refugees.</li> <li>- UNICEF designed and conducted an assessment on health/protection. A Basic simplified form will be ready to be sent out to all sectors by 18 May 21, 2013</li> </ul> <p><b>ITS RESPONSE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SOPs and questionnaire for ITS is going to be drafted by Monday 20 May and a finalized by the end of the month</li> <li>- Information Management is supporting with the consolidation of all the inputs on the questionnaire, creating one format</li> <li>- First mapping exercise of ITS is finalized for Bekaa and North in collaboration between UNICEF, UNHCR and other partners. A detailed map has been produced and it’s now available</li> <li>- Critical issues regarding tented settlements : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Pressure on local committees causing a tensed environment</li> <li>✓ Risk of becoming permanent tents</li> <li>✓ Common approach should be approved politically</li> <li>✓ Municipalities should be involved</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Monitoring the I.T.S :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The field should create a cluster of agencies to help with regular monitoring</li> <li>- Mapping should be done by with the support of ngos and local authorities</li> </ul> <p><u>Update on the survey about public land reception site done by UNHCR &amp; MOSA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 weeks ago UNHCR met with the municipality of Chaat-North Bekaa that gave them a land for 10,000 People in an exceptional site.</li> <li>- MOSA sees the exceptional sites as a very high priority</li> </ul> <p><u>Action points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Highlight the issue of ownerships of the lands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ By Monday send the SOP and questionnaire to sectors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Final SOP and questionnaire will be ready by the end of the month</li> <li>✓ Unify the approach of rapid assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>RRP5 Update</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lebanon so far has the best inputs from the Regional Response Plan</li> <li>- By next week final draft will be sent to Headquarters</li> <li>- RRP5 launch in Geneva on 9 June</li> <li>- Total of \$ 1.5 Billion is a needs based ; already undertaken initial prioritization</li> <li>- Social cohesion and livelihood : \$ 30 Million mainly for host communities</li> <li>- It's the first time that RRP5 includes the Government</li> <li>- Received the strategy to be able to maintain the minimum support &amp; services in health</li> <li>- Donors are aware of what is being put as figures in the RRP5</li> <li>- Last contribution was from USA &amp; European Countries.</li> </ul> <p><u>Action points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prioritization should be done in regards to the expectation of available resources</li> <li>- Partners should be involved in coordination not just ask to be funded</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Interagency Contingency Plan ( C.P)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The C.P exercise is a technical /political document</li> <li>- Planning for 3 possible scenarios but the 3<sup>rd</sup> "a major epidemic outbreak" is a section of the overall UNCT CP.</li> <li>- Scenario 1 : A more massive influx of refugees into Lebanon</li> <li>- Scenario 2 : Mass internal displacement of refugees + IDPs due to violence within Lebanese territory ( occurs within Lebanon ; displacement area by area )</li> <li>- UNCT is a broader C.P that looks at catastrophic disasters and internal conflicts done in parallel to the Syrian C.P</li> </ul> <p><b>A.P : Make sure to highlight the in-terms of preparedness in the RRP5</b></p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Summary of the Coordination training</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNHCR &amp; OCHA did a coordination training on " coordination SKILLS" on May 9 &amp; 10</li> <li>- Over 65 participants joined</li> <li>- It was conducted in English on 9 May and Arabic on 10 May</li> <li>- The Arabic session was much more productive and interesting</li> </ul> <p><u>A.Ps :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to have language skills to deal better with Government &amp; Municipalities</li> <li>- Need to follow up on coordination on the National &amp; Field level</li> </ul>
<b>6.</b>	<b>UNRWA's presentation ( attached)</b> <a href="http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=2050">http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=2050</a>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Vulnerability Assessment/Profiling exercise – Updates by WFP</b>
	WFP/UNHCR/UNICEF are currently working with the support of other partners, on a Vulnerability Assessment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The questionnaire has been finalized &amp; approved by all sectors and will be endorsed by the Head of Offices</li> <li>- A follow up meeting is being done with key partners to have an update on the vulnerability assessment</li> <li>- Training for teams will be done starting Monday 20May for a week</li> <li>- Data collection will start on 27 May for about two weeks</li> <li>- The final report on vulnerability assessment will be the end of June.</li> </ul> <p>WHO : weren't invited in the Vulnerability assessment discussions</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>AOB</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DRC: the number of accidents at distribution points increased in Akkar and Bekaa (16 accidents in Bekaa "Arsal").</li> <li>- The next task force on hosting communities will be next on Friday 24 May</li> </ul> <p><u>A.Ps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNHCR will do a concept note that will reflect issues of targeting and information campaigns</li> <li>- Targeting needs to be done in view of the limited resources that we have; Gov., agencies should have a hand in this as it is a very delicate issue.</li> <li>- Sector leads should be present in all the big &amp; important decision making meetings</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">❖ <b>On behalf of the Government ; great appreciation is given to the efforts done by UNHCR &amp; agencies</b></p>

## Attachments

Document	Location
Presentations	UNHCR : <a href="http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=2040">http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=2040</a>  UNRWA : <a href="http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=2050">http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=2050</a>