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| **MAQ Coordination Meeting** | | | |
| **Date** | 30/05/2017 | **Time** | 10:00 am |
| **Location** | UNHCR Zahle | **Duration** | 1 hr |
| **Chair** | UNHCR |  |  |
| **Attendance** | UNHCR, UNICEF, GVC,NRC, UNDP, ACF | | |

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| **TOPIC** | **ACTION** | **DUE DATE** |
| 1. **Sector Updates, as well as action points necessary** |  |  |
| GVC is still receiving newcomers from Deir ElZour and Raqqa due to the security situation in the area. Around 240 people segregated among male, female and children (children being the highest number). **Kindly find in attachment**  Kurdish forces are very close to Raqqa so people are traveling out sometimes to the desert, de facto Kurdish controlled area to the airport and then to Damascus, then onto the Syrian border but they are not able to cross the Lebanese border in Masnaa and hence they are being smuggled by van drivers to MAQ – generally head to MAQ due to the presence of extended family members.  Knowing that GVC had no center in MAQ they are conducting outreach visits on daily basis to record newcomer cases and refer accordingly.  One family reportedly has a one month old child that ate yogurt for a whole month due to sitting in desert. This malnutrition case of the child is being followed up closely.  Families arrive to Lebanon with debt usually and no savings(lend money to pay for travel,  GVC is referring cases to UNICEF to follow up with education, lost was following up closely. | Note | Note |
| Regarding the legal aspect, GVC continues its coordination with NRC by referring birth registration cases. 128 newborn cases in need of registration so far. 13 of them are registered up to Al Nufus stage.  One case is still pending – a case of a child under 1 years old.  New arrivals are receiving access to birth registration- detecting cases and referring to NRC to transport cases to follow up with lawyer and get documentation.  NRC noted that they are taking cases that are not registered as well and get them to Al Nufus stage in MAQ. Success of the process is to be confirmed. | Note | Note |
| Regarding shelter, GVC is not distributing weatherproofing kits to everyone due to lack of funding by ECHO but will distribute for newcomer cases, burned tents- emergency cases- Up until now 12 newcomers and three burned tents received.  Firefighting material and training not being provided by any agency (gap) as well as site improvements. | Note | Note |
| In regards to WASH, the standard is being adopted ( 1 latrine per 15 people, 1 water tank per 14 people)  This year the focus is in installing latrines (around 180 cases) to people with disabilities and establishing water connections from wells to tanks and tents since fertilizers are being used for agricultural purposes and hence families rely on other water sources as to have drinking water.  Water quality analysis and ground water from well monitoring are still ongoing.  Water tanks to be distributed to increase storage capacity also since especially during winter (agriculture season is low- landlords turn of their wells or put on less frequently and hence no storage capacity). It is important to know that due to its agricultural nature, almost in all lands there are wells. | Note | Note |
| UNHCR protection unit is receiving the referrals for newcomer in MAQ and crosschecking them against existing database to check for duplication.  Up until today they have a clean list of 161 individuals but as GVC mentioned that there seems to be 240 additional cases of which GVC have to share the information to crosscheck with registration.  Next week UNHCR protection unit will conduct a mission on Wednesday and Thursday along with field safety and they will take note of the families’ details; however, the purpose is not to be communicated except that UNHCR is only “taking information” as to not attract attention and hence UNHCR would do the process on its own and refer to partners accordingly.  UNICEF states that since there are 172 new arrival children mentioned it is important to understand their status. | Note | Note |
| Each sector is to update the information on the google docs regularly. Since the last update was made in April.  IRC entered 3 weeks ago to MAQ and initiated their protection and legal work they will communicate with NRC to have coordination over division of the area. They will be covering GBV, education, child protection, case management and focus group activities, they are also referring to partners in case they come across newcomers.  NRC stated that IRC and NRC already communicated to discuss this issue but discussions were delayed due to Reyak eviction, NRC is focusing on relocation areas at the moment. | Note | Note |
| 1. **Update on access to GSO residence** |  |  |
| GSO renewal exercise is still ongoing.  Last year it was said that GSO will renew free of cost but this wasn’t done on a country wide level. We contacted GSO on BO level to get clarity from GSO as to how to deal with residency renewal as part of new circular ‘country wide free renewal criteria”- valid certificate, housing attestation and other requirements.  Baalbeck or Hermal GSO are renewing residencies, but few families from MAQ are actually attending due to the travel cost and difficulty in coming to UNHCR to get their certificates renewed.  UNHCR stresses again that registration and protection are both working together into assisting the GSO offices and supporting them with the process of renewal. Registration for now will continue to invite the families to UNHCR premises. If some deemed unable to reach UNHCR, registration unit will look into mobile registration/renewal. This most likely will happen end of September or October. Mobile renewal depends on GSO if they want to do renewal there.  Also UNHCR is asking GSO to operationalize checkpoint between Al Qaa and MAQ. If they are willing UNHCR can go as soon as possible and begin renewing; however, GSO does not seem to have the intention to do so.  According to GVC individuals with proper documentation can pass back and forth, but those who do not still cannot do so. | Note | Note |
| 1. **Update on opening of the border** |  |  |
| There are talks regarding the border between Syria and Lebanon might re-open. There are discussions ongoing on both sides.  Following UNHCR’s mission, protection unit spoke to both locals and refugees they were pleased and thought would provide positive impact on trade, businesses and job opportunities but on the other, especially if there wasn’t a mechanism between both checkpoints, more Syrian refugees are in MAQ and some might be unaccounted for.  There is no need to address border monitoring until there is clarity regarding the decision to open the border. Keeping in mind that attaining security clearance to MAQ takes time at the moment. | Note | Note |
| GVC inquired if there is any Border monitoring in Masnaa.  Important to note that UNHCR does not conduct border monitoring on the Syrian border and agrees that cases that are unable to pass the Lebanese border should and are monitored at Masnaa.  UNHCR is to invite border unit to explain more on the issue. In deed no border monitoring in Syrian side is not lack of willingness but restriction by the government. | Note | Note |
| **AOB** |  |  |
| ACF are interested in entering MAQ to take over activities related to mental care practices and WASH. Discussion on granting clearance is still ongoing. | Note | Note |
| GVC states that there is a gap in responding to medical cases, especially when it comes to newcomers in Hermel and MAQ. Cases are being referred to UNHCR and IRC but the response is slow.  UNHCR advocates and encourages to send reminders especially for emergency cases that need immediate follow up. | Note | Note |
| **Action Points** | Partner | Date |
| GVC to send names newcomers to include next weeks mission. (Today preferably). | GVC | Done |
| NRC to have update on outcome of referrals and coordination results from NRC and IRC. | NRC | 22/06/2017 |
| GVC to send reminders on cases in need of immediate follow up | GVC | 2/06/2017 |
| UNHCR to inform border unit to attend the next MAQ coordination meeting | UNHCR | 20/06/2017 |
| Update the google docs with all the gaps/ongoing activities undertaken in MAQ  <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GYJq2_C_h-UtfUOVA0DoQnnMlmy8kV2uF1uQ5INhYtE/edit?usp=sharing> | All Partners | ongoing |
| **Proposed date of next MAQ coordination meeting** | **22/06/2017** |  |