Food Security Sector coordination meeting: Beirut Blast

Meeting minutes
7 September 2020

Location: Teams meeting

Chair: WFP/FSS

Co-chair: ACTED

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Attendees: WFP, FAO, ACTED, PU-AMI, ADRA, ARCS, IHH, SCI, WV, Farah Social Foundation, Share-Q, MDSF, AMEL, UNDP, B&Z, ACF,

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Flash appeal updates – FSS coordination
3. Assessment update – WFP-VAM
4. Field coordination update – Co-chair ACTED
5. Sub-sectors feedback
   a. Cash-based transfer
   b. Nutrition (presentation)
6. Partners updates (Highlights, 5 min max per partner, detail sitrep to be sent via email/Update 5Ws on a weekly basis, mapping)
7. Issues for discussion:
   a. Duplication of assistance
   b. IK/Cash food assistance
8. AOB

1. FSS information management updates
   • Inviting all partners to continue updating the 5W in order to monitor the current response and the planned for the activities until AI is up and running
   • Once the AI is functioning, all the partners who applied for the flash appeal will have to start doing the data entry on the activity-info twice a month, updating their progress. There will be in AI a dedicated space also for partners outside of the flash appeal to report.
- It is stated that reporting on zones will be mandatory in AI. We will share the operational zone map in the News from the sector on Friday
- From an operational point of view, reporting and planning on zones will facilitate coordination of who is doing what where and when
- LAF was also using this zoning
- Once we will review the activity info form, we will keep you posted with the invite to the training
- We are urging all partners to report. And all those who didn’t participate on the flash appeal also to report progress
- For planned activities all partners can continue to use the 5Ws

Quick feedback on the last EOC meeting on referral

- What system will be used?
- Food is one of the main needs expressed by the affected population
- Agreed to use the service mapping under activity info
- They can report under the same system indicating in the comments box that they are providing services under the port explosion response
- The tool is mainly for organizations, ad FSS regional coordinators can extract the mapping at many times. This could also be shared directly with individuals for self-referrals.
- Partners can directly use this system in case asked

2. Assessment update – WFP-VAM

- Check attached presentation
- In case if there is any assessment that is planned, as many of the partners who applied to the flash appeal mentioned planned or on-going assessment, please update us
- Meeting on the 9 of September for the partners that applied for the flash appeal; objective is to share more details on project proposals; strategy of the partners to mobilize fund for the appeal and to harmonize the strategy on CBT and firm up some importing milestone

3. Field coordination update

- Update on the Help desk
- There is a report sheet which the volunteers need to fill at the end of the day and share it with LHF who will do the referrals and share the info with OCHA and then will share it with the sectors
- Fadel and the team will be coordinating and harmonizing the referral from help desk level
- The link of the sheet:
  
  https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MYpuyQdGEcMfsBjFLChBoqaV_HYBYSqkuBEDohLz8o4/edit#gid=0

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- A lot of coordination is happening between active NGOs and local community members
- 2 WhatsApp groups: Qarantina and Mar Mickael
4. **Sub-sectors feedback**

**Cash-based transfer**

- Last week updated WFP situation regarding CBT
- WFP plan to provide 250$ food and non-food per HH after discussion with LRC
- The basis on the value we have the breakout of the items and did our best to have the best logic for value
- LRC will provide in USD and are aware the conflicts between affected population between population receiving in LBP or USD...
- But people in the same areas affected by the blast need to be treated equally
- LRC already received ok to provide assistance in USD
- WFP will start by the end of the week
- Not ideal that 2 organizations have agreed on this, so we have the breakdown and will be shared with you, to know how it is calculated so to be able to provide the same value
- In terms of coordination, Charles and Dima
- Concerns about the duplications, for the next round will be more systematized
- The coordinator called for a high-level meeting with heads of UN agencies donors and NGOs to continue the discussions, another meeting on Tuesday morning
- Trying to formalize the role of the CBT task force
- The final currency for FSS to be used on the cash level coordination will be discussed on high level and need to be updated
- The important is the have equal value as long as the amount is harmonized between partners
- Recommendation could be shared
- Breakdown 106$ food and rest are non-food items, Equivalent to 718,000 LBP for food
- Need for sector recommendation

**Presentation from the Nutrition sub-group**

- Check the attached presentation
- Strengthen the messages related to COVID
- Mothers ending up using wet nurses
- Nutrition of task force on Tuesday

5. **Map of partners presence - Beirut blast**

- Very important to report the location presence of the partners
- Name + modality of assistance per area
- Narrative dashboard with information to be shared
- Map that represents what is happening on the ground
- Trying to superpose the map with the social-vulnerability zones which cover only a part of Beirut
- Based on inputs to the 5W

Action points:
• FSS Advocacy document can be used by partners for their own advocacy purposes
• To share updates by tomorrow as need to be included in the sitrep
• WFP to share the 250$ MPC breakdown