

## **Food Security Sector joint Beirut blast coordination meeting + Beirut, Mount Lebanon and South Working Group Minutes of meeting**

**Chair:** WFP

**Date and Time:** July 29, 2021; 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

**Participants:** WFP, FAO, UNIFIL, AVSI, Oxfam, LRC, PU-AMI, Dorcas-Tabitha, UNDP, AL Majmouaa, SIF, B&Z, Farah Social Foundation, ADRA, SCI,

### **Agenda:**

- WFP/RAM food security analysis
- AI updates and partners presence map for BB (BB + LCRP +COVID)
- Partners' updates, gaps and challenges (BB, LCRP, COVID 19)
- Updates on the LHF fund
- Presentation by AVSI on their Agriculture interventions
- AOB

#### **1. WFP/RAM food security analysis and shop closure**

Please check attached presentation

Other related updated:

- Is the government urging the suppliers and supermarkets to lower the food prices since the rate had increased from 23.000 LBP to 19,000 LBP?
- WFP: we heard that the MoE asking this, then what happened that they asked for a couple of days before finalizing setting the prices. We will see I case there is any implication by next week, once we receive the new prices.

#### **2. Beirut port explosion AI updates and partners presence map for BB (BB + LCRP +COVID)**

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- Number of Beneficiaries receiving in-kind food parcels: 1947
- Number of Beneficiaries receiving hot meals/ready to eat meals: 2459
- Number of Beneficiaries receiving food vouchers: 9374
- Number of Beneficiaries receiving multipurpose cash assistance: 4680
- Number of Mothers/caregivers receiving at least one counselling session by a lactation specialist: 29
- Number of MSMEs Supported with Direct Cash Assistance: 150
- Total Amount of Money Disbursed for Cash for MSMEs (USD): 215,228
- Number of Individuals supported with Cash For Work: 36
- Total Amount of Money Disbursed for Cash for Work (LBP): 9,350,000

Partners presence map for May is available here in the PP

### **3. Partners' updates, gaps and challenges (BB, LCRP, COVID 19)**

#### **B&Z**

- Supporting small and micro enterprises
- New target: 40 MSMEs until the end of December
- No more budget for COVID responses and referrals
- We are creating 2 women procures group to produce dairy products within BB response

#### **ADRA**

- The project was extended until the end of October
- The organization is working in Mar Michael and Karantina
- Currently distributing Food e-cards for 1063 in Mar Michael and Karantina and still supporting 4 MSMEs until the end of July

#### **Dorcas-Tabitha**

- The organization is still distributing food parcels in Beirut for people affected by The BB and by the socio-economic situation
- The NGO is not able to take referrals as they have a long waiting list for people in need of support
- They are still distributing hot meals through their partners NSD in Ashrafiye
- Under the LCRP: we are providing school meals in 2 centers: Aley and Burj Al Barajne camps for children participating in PSS or education activities

#### **SCI**

- SCI is still distributing food parcels in BML & South
- The organization is not able to accept referrals at this stage due to the limited number of available food parcels

#### **SIF**

- SIF activities are still on-going in Burj El Barajne, Hay El Selloum and Tariq El Jdide

#### **ACF**

- ACF is not currently accepting any referral
- In September we will start a new MPCA project in Beirut with 600 HHs and will ask with referrals then
- No new Agriculture project

#### **UNDP**

- Currently finalizing the selection of our partner
- The Programme is targeting around 50 MSEM's under the BB with business development support, businesses support and cash grants
- The project will start in the second half of August once we have finalized the selection of our partner

#### **Al Majmouaa**

- The organization have implemented many projects under the BB and MSMEs; right now we are in the phase of post-activities monitoring
- The NGO has submitted some projects 2 are approved: under the first one cash assistant will be provided to some of the Vulnerable facilities affected by the BB and the second one is providing IT devices for vulnerable families
- 2 other projects are submitted in the pipeline:
- AFD consortium to support small holder farmers with cash assistance, training, technical assistance and access to finance
- EU MADAD consortium to support the economic recovery of MSMEs affected by the BB

#### **4. Updates on the LHF fund**

Kindy check the attached presentation

- 27 projects had been submitted under the FSS
- Available budget: 7-7.5M USD
- Activities: Food assistance + fresh produce
- Target population: Lebanese, Syrian, migrants, PRL/PRS

#### **5. Presentation by AVSI on their Agriculture interventions**

Kindy check the attached presentation

#### **6. AOB**

Next working group will take place on August 26 at 11:00 AM