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

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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 if 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
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 MSEMs 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.