



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

Minutes of meeting

Chair: WFP

Date and Time: June 24, 2021; 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Participants: WFP, FAO, Oxfam, Amurt, UNIFIL, ADRA, ANERA, MSD, MCC, SCI, Al Majmouaa, CARE, WVI, DCA

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)
- Presentation by the FSS PSEA focal point on sector PSEA actions points
- Presentation by WFP on the MADAD project
- AOB

1. WFP/RAM food security analysis and shop closure

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Other related updated:

WFP:

- Financial support card:
 - ✓ The latest update is that the governmental plan which stated prior that they would be covering up to 750,000 families providing them with an average of about 137\$ per month the exact amount varies according to the HH size. This plan has been sent to the parliament and is currently being studied by the parliament committee.
 - ✓ However, we heard that there are lots of opposition to this specific plan, they have been reviewing the numbers, also political parties had been sending their own plan... Therefore, discussions are still on-going.
- Funding source:
 - ✓ Previously the PM mentioned the possibility of using the remaining foreign reserve for that but there was a huge opposition even from parliamentary members.
 - ✓ Now what we heard from the media news, not officially confirmed is that there is a possibility to look at some of the previous World Bank loans that were done for Lebanon and were not yet used to might be utilized for such plan
- Threshold for foreign reserve:
 - ✓ The threshold was lowered from 15% to 14% which free up to 1 Billion USD dollars
 - ✓ The main purpose of that lowering that was mentioned regarding the disbursement of the USD dollars from all the accounts, is that the central bank will use money from the



reserves to pay for the dollars account (of 400 \$). They will be covering half of that and the commercial banks will be covering the other half.

- There had been any other talks of lowering the threshold again.

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: 1609
- Number of Beneficiaries receiving hot meals/ready to eat meals: 1971
- Number of Beneficiaries receiving food vouchers: 9374
- Number of Beneficiaries receiving multipurpose cash assistance: 2155
- Number of Mothers/caregivers receiving at least one counselling session by a lactation specialist: 72
- Number of MSMEs Supported with Direct Cash Assistance: 96
- Total Amount of Money Disbursed for Cash for MSMEs (USD): 59284
- Number of Individuals supported with Cash For Work: 676
- Total Amount of Money Disbursed for Cash for Work (LBP): 31,590,000

Partners presence map for May is available here in the PP

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

FSS

- At the end of the year the humanitarian country team and coordinator would like to put in place a whole comprehensive type of response for the year 2022
- The humanitarian country team is putting in place a response for 5 sectors including FSS; there will be a more coordinated response for Lebanese and migrant workers, cohorts not only covered by the LCRP
- The intervention by WFP on FS and others will have to report under Activity info; next month there will be other development that will be communicated to you

ADRA

- The organization is working in Mar Mikhale and Karantina
- Currently distributing Food e-cards and will be ending the assistance in August as well as the cash grants for the MSMEs
- Trying to get an extension for 2 more months

WVI

- Finalized the assistance in April for the BB response
- For the COVID response, it is very shy for now
- MPCA still on-going only in Sin El Fil

WFP

- Maintaining the same transfer value for now
- We have asked for an increase of the transfer value to 12,000LBP to meet the SMEB food value; request submitted to the MoSA. If accepted, we will implement it for July cycle
- We are trying to push with our FSP and PDL to obtain a higher exchange rate



- No expansion in July, we are maintaining our target for this month
- For the Food e-cards beneficiaries we are aiming to reach 290,000 beneficiaries
- For the cash for work 330,000 beneficiaries and same for MPC beneficiaries
- For refugees and other nationalities, 8000 beneficiaries will receive food parcels from WFP
- WFP NPTP assistance: We are currently scaling up the activities. Right now, the target is 31,500 and by July we will be around 34,000 beneficiaries. They are receiving the same transfer value of 100,000 LBP and additional cash for food assistance 200,000 LBP per HH the assistance is kept at 6
- Crisis response in BML & South: Scaling up the response and will be targeting 47,000 HHs. Started distribution and already have identified 38,000 HHs out of the 47,000 HHs. Started in Aley, on-going in South and Nabatiyeh until December.

TCA

- BB response: currently conducting the payment for the target beneficiaries, project expected to end by end of August
- Calculating the new rate
- Re-programming to see if we need to add new beneficiaries
- Project is in partnership with B&Z; mostly working in Burj Hammoud, Qarantina, Nabaa and other areas affected by BB

Al Majmouaa

3 on-going projects in response to BB

- Impact Lebanon: will be finalized by end of June and targeted 156 MSMEs
- Expertise Lebanon: will be ended in August and targeted 85 MSMEs
- WFP will last until March 2022

UNIFIL

- Implementing quick impact project with budget less than 20,000 USD
- Projects tackling agriculture and COVID-19 related projects
- Currently closing all the projects as the end of the financial year is end of June.
- Had to cancel 1 project in Fardis as supplier is having problem to cash in USD

4. Presentation by the FSS PSEA focal point on sector PSEA actions points

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5. Presentation by WFP on the MADAD project

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6. AOB

Next working group will take place on July 29 at 11:00 AM