



FSAS Partners National Monthly Virtual MEETING

June 14, 2022

Agenda

1. Introducing the new FSAS National Sector Coordinator: Mr. Frederick Martin
2. Food Security and Market Situation Analysis – WFP/RAM updates
3. Activity-info updates (LCRP, ERP...) / Q1 Dashboard
4. Sector's updates on:
 - a. ERP 2022 revision updates
 - b. LHF 1st standard 2022 allocation
 - c. Call for Interest of NGOs/INGOs – FSAS Core Group members
5. Updates on partners' interventions:
6. WFP updates on Monitoring
7. Updates from other partners
8. NRC – AUB presentation : “The impact of Covid-19 on Syrian people over the age of 50”, focusing the effect of the pandemic on food security and livelihoods.
9. Presentation by FAO: “Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable smallholder farm families affected by the economic crisis and COVID-19 pandemic
10. AOB

PARTNERS ATTENDING: 78 participants from 44 agencies including the Sector Coordination team. ACF Spain, ACTED, ADRA, AICA, Al Majmoua, Al Midan, ANERA, Arche Nova, AUB, AVSI, Basmeh Zeitoneh, Care Liban, Caritas, DFID, Dorcas, FAO, GIZ, IR, Leb Relief, MCC, Med Global, MERATH, Mercy Corps, mission East, MOA, Nabaa, NRC, Parcic, PUI, Rahma Hospital, RI, RMF, Saint Porphyrios, SCI, ShareQ, Secours Islamique, Solidarités International, UNDP, UNHCR, URDA, WFP, WHH, WP, WVI.

1- WFP RAM: Food security and market situation analysis

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- Food import continues to decrease in 2022. A decrease of 13 percent is registered when comparing the first four months of 2022 to 2021. Import in April 2022 stands at nearly similar level as April 2021.
- Food Stocks availability remains stable in May 2022
- Supply chain delivery system: Scarcity in products further improved in May 2022 and back to previous levels.
- Informal market rate stable again after Central Bank latest intervention. There is a growing difference between informal and “ Sayrafa ” rates.

- Food SMEB cost continue to increase: 14 percent between April and May 2022, at LBP 792,000 per person
- Gasoline prices skyrocket, affected by international oil price increase mainly
- Central Bank continue to provide USD for import of gasoline only through Sayrafa platform

2- FSS September updates

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- [Partners' progress update in April 2021](#). For more information, please refer to the presentation slides, or check the sector's [dashboard](#)

3- Sectors' Updates

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- ERP 2022 Light Revision:
 - Project submission deadline was extended to 17th June.
 - FSAS coordination team to review submitted projects.
- LHF 1st allocation:
 - A total of 7 projects were shortlisted and were technically reviewed on 7th June.
- Elections of the core group:
 - As per the ToRs of the sector, elections will be held.
 - The four organizations (2 NGOs and 2 INGOs) that receive the highest number of votes are onboarded onto the Core Group.
 - Each organization will vote for 2 NGOs and 2 INGOs (one person per organization will vote)
 - Voting will take place on an online platform.

4- WFP updates on Monitoring

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- Average redemption of 99% between December 2021 and May 2022
- \$20.5 M redeemed of \$20.8 M loaded
- 170 BLF ATMs used + 3 non-BLF ATMs
- 422 shops

As of February 2022, WFP and LOUISE-participating agencies have scaled up crowd management and monitoring activity through cooperating partners to the 41 most-busy ATM locations across Lebanon.

The average withdrawal time (from when the beneficiary comes to the ATM, until the transaction is finalized) has significantly reduced from 42 minutes in December 2021 to 26 minutes in February 2022 and is maintained at 26 minutes in April 22 despite the increase of the transfer value.

WFP monitors key redemption figures, trends, and potential anomalies each month using transaction data received daily from the financial service provider. Results of the analysis, triangulated with field monitoring and process monitoring data, help to answer key questions and drive evidence based decision making.

5- NRC – AUB presentation : “TRACKING ADHERENCE OF OLDER REFUGEES TO COVID-19 PREVENTIVE MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO CHANGING VULNERABILITIES: A MULTI-LEVEL, PANEL STUDY TO INFORM HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN LEBANON”

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Study objectives:

- Assess how barriers, enablers, and underlying vulnerabilities are associated with adherence to COVID-19 preventive/control measures.
- Examine how adherence to COVID-19 preventive/control measures varies over time in response to change in underlying and emergent vulnerabilities.
- Inform humanitarian programming in response to COVID-19 in older Syrian refugees (above 50 years old).

Key messages:

- First large panel study focusing specifically on older Syrian refugees – tracks them over time during COVID-19.
- A large majority do not work, and rely on humanitarian assistance and loans.
- Despite over 50% receiving MPC and over 75% receiving cash for food, older Syrian refugees still report:
 - Primary reason for not accessing needed health care is cost
 - Primary reason for relocation and evictions is inability to afford rent
 - Water insecurity is on the rise
 - A large majority are food insecure and crisis coping strategies have increased over January-March 2022
- Next steps: using the panel structure of the data to understand the who experiences worsening of food insecurity and other vulnerabilities over time.

6. FAO Presentation: “Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable smallholder farm families affected by the economic crisis and COVID-19 pandemic”

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- Impact:
 - Reduce poverty
 - Increase resilience
 - Sustain production capacity
 - Focus on women
 - Address climate change and environmental degradation
- Outcome:
 - Enhanced and more equitable livelihoods and food security of 4,600 smallholder farming families most affected by the economic crisis and COVID-19 pandemic across rural areas of Lebanon.
- Objective:
 - In the short-term, livelihood and productive capacity restored through provision of vouchers to 1800 vulnerable farmers (at least 800 women).

- In the medium term, access to and control over livelihood and food security is enhanced through the provision of productive assets for homestead farming and agri-food processing enterprises to 1,800 vulnerable smallholder farmers (1,250 women).
- In the long term, supply chains of compost and fodder crops strengthened to improve access by small holder men and women farmers.
- The theory of Change of this project includes:
 - Increased opportunity for women’s economic empowerment through the provision of productive assets and tools to women farmers
 - Capacity building and business skills enhancement, at the individual and collective levels
 - Action-oriented knowledge generation and awareness-raising on gender equality and GBV at household and community levels.
 - Disrupting the prevalent gender power dynamics and relations at the private and public spheres through building women’s agency to voice out their concerns and opinions, enhancing their knowledge, capacities, and self-confidence; and promoting leadership to actively participate in the decision-making at the local community and household levels
 - Supporting institutions and service providers to operate in a more gender-responsive manner.

7. AOB

- PSEA Sector focal point to be confirmed.
- The nutrition Sector is developing SOPs on baby milk formula issued during Beirut Port Explosion response to inform an inter-sectoral do-no-harm approach.
- In parallel with Q2 Dashboard: Sector Mid-year Review:
 - Take stock of progress towards targets/ Red flag
 - Review of PIN, targets update Work plan
 - Guidance will be shared by the IA
- Ongoing in-focus thematic briefs:
 - Cash assistance.
 - Municipalities: situation faced by municipalities/ impact on operations (livelihood, water, health, social stability sectors).
 - Solid waste situation (Bekaa and Akkar) – MoIM and Mo Env. / sub-national task forces in the areas.
 - Youth support (social stability).
 - Persons with disabilities and elderly persons.

Upcoming FSAS Meetings:

- National meeting: July 12 at 11:00 – 13:00
- North regional meeting: July 26 at 11:00 – 13:00
- Bekaa regional meeting: July 27 at 11:00 – 13:00
- BML-South regional meeting: July 28 at 11:00 – 13:00