

FSS WORKING GROUP Monthly Virtual MEETING

October 12, 2021

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Logistic Cluster update – fuel and gasoline access update
3. Emergency Response Plan (ERP) –coordination, funding, and PIN
4. WFP – RAM: presentation on analysis/updates on Food Security
5. FSS sector update – LCRP Dashboard
6. RET Liban - Food security intervention planning
7. WHH Project planning
8. AoB

PARTNERS ATTENDING: 86 participants from 55 agencies including the Sector Coordination team ACF Spain, ACS, ADRA, Ahla Fawda, ana-aqra, ANERA, AUB, Bassma, Borderless, Canadian Embassy, Care Liban, Caritas, Caritas Leb, CCP Japan, Concern, COOPI, Corus international, DCA, Dorcas, DPNA, ECHO, Embrace Lebanon, FAO, FRENCH Gov., GVC, IR, Jafra, KSR, Lebanese Food Bank, Imbc.education, LRI, MCC, MEDAIR, Merath, mercycorps, MoA, Nabaa, Order of Malta Lebanon, OXFAM, PARCIC, PU-AMI, RET liban, RI, SCI, Social worker Syndicate, Think of Others Association, UK Gov., UK Red Cross, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIFIL, WFP, WHH, WVI.

1- Logistic Cluster update : fuel and gasoline access update

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- CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS, two components:
 - Fuel deliveries directly to prioritised Health and WASH facilities: free
 - Fuel deliveries to UN /NGO offices: cost recovery
- WFP contracted local fuel suppliers to secure a bulk fuel pipeline to the end users by coordinating with the relevant Sectors.
- International superintendent company to ensure that the planned quantities are being provided to the designated end users.
- Coordination with relevant Sectors.
- Start of operations on 24 September 2021.
- Weekly meeting: for those who want to join please do contact the LWG coordinator

2- Emergency Response Plan (ERP) –coordination, funding, and PIN

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- Very limited funding for the FSS ERP partners (only 5%). Thanks to all ERP partners who reported planned activity at district level for enhancing coordination. This has been now mapped (see slides). Urgent funding is needed.

- ERP Projects and FTS (Financial tracking system):
 - Projects are online: FTS – FSS projects
 - FSS partners to report new funding (if any), and keep the FSS team update on funding status
- Total requested => **USD 115.4 M**
- Total secured funding => **USD 5,402,000** (LHF excluding Syrians): **5% only**
- TOTAL PARTNERS: 26 => **USD 11 secured funding** (LHF)
- Beneficiaries planned (funded projects): **44,407**
 - *Migrants: 5,475*
 - *Lebanese: 38,932*
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- OCHA acts as secretariat for the ERP: the reporting cycles will be aligned with LCRP reporting, on ActivityInfo, on a monthly basis. OCHA will develop the tool, organizing testing and training of partners by the end of October
- Timeline and reporting
 - *8-21 October: System Development: Activity Info (OCHA)*
 - *22-29 October: Piloting and training of partners (OCHA)*
 - *1-10 November: data entry by partners*
 - *11-15 November: data cleaning and sector calculations*
 - *15-20 November: Products e.g. Humanitarian Insight, presence (3w) maps*

3- WFP RAM: presentation food security analysis updates

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- A decrease of 10% is registered when comparing January to September 2021 figures to the same period in 2020.
- Traders continue to be able to restock despite challenges.
- Informal market rate resumed depreciating, trading at around LBP 19,000.
- Political developments and instability lead to historical high daily volatility.
- Revised Food SMEB recorded an 7% increase between August and September 2021, at LBP 415,518.
- Gasoline shortages improved following latest price hike, bringing prices closer to the non-subsidized ones. Queues temporarily returned late last week due to pricing confusion.
- Subsidies removal ongoing – potential alternative plan still to fully materialize

4- FSS September updates – LCRP updates

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- Partners' progress update in September 2021. For more information, please refer to the slides.
- Partners reporting on activity info: should be more timely to allow the FSS to analyse the information: PLEASE DO REPORT: only **16** partners reported against LCRP district level database. Reporting deadline extended to Friday 15th.
- If the decrease in reporting is due to shortfall of funding, please let us know.

5- RET Liban - Food security intervention planning

Contact: Ayman Abdallah: a.abdallah@retliban.org

- **Title:** Strengthening the resilience and peaceful coexistence of Lebanese and Syrian refugees through increased income generation in the agricultural and food production sectors
- **Project outputs:**
 - 1- Rehabilitation of basic infrastructure
 - 2- Agricultural inputs and training
 - 3- Capacity building of Local Authorities
 - 4- Social Cohesion Activities for Lebanese and Syrian target beneficiaries

6- WHH - Project Planning

Contact: Lennart Lehmann: Lennart.Lehmann@welthungerhilfe.de

- **Project outline:** Self-help capacities of vulnerable populations and social cohesion are strengthened
- **Region:** Baalbek-Hermel and North Governorate/Akkar
- **Start date:** October 2022
- **Donor:** BMZ
- **Project outputs:**
 - 1- Agricultural producers develop crisis adapted market strategies
 - 2- Increased capacity of agricultural actors, increased collaboration through cooperatives, buying/selling committees and other forms of solidarity based associations
 - 3- Vulnerable individuals gain access to much needed financial injections in CfW programs
 - 4- Improved social cohesion through psychosocial support
 - 5- Strengthening civil society: LOST and another local NGO as implementing partners
 - 6- Coordination with 3RF and LCRP, complementarity with GIZ
- **Implementing partners:**
 - In Baalbek Hermel cooperation with LOST is envisaged
 - WHH is still searching for the partner organization to implement the project activities in North Governorate/Akkar

7- AOB

- Upcoming National meeting: November 9th at 11:00 – 13:00