Food Security Sector coordination meeting: Beirut Blast

Meeting minutes
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Location: Teams meeting

Chair: WFP

Co-chair: ACTED


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Agenda:

1. Assessment Update- WFP VAM
   - Please check the attached presentation
   - Who is collecting or planning to collect expenditure data and can share it? No one
   - Discussion on short term and long-term risks. The situation difficult to predict; many uncertainties related to the political situation and how political parties will be acting, the reprisal of talks with IMF is still not clear, bank restructuring can also have impact on the exchange rate. What we can see is that the situation is not going to be much better
• AMEL receiving requests from people affected by the blast that have moved to other areas (beyond the 3 Km): they can contact the FSS for follow up
• When the results on mVAM will be available? Still analysing the data, will keep you posted

2. Updates of IM on the upcoming trainings on activity-info
• Email sent regarding the trainings for the Beirut blast response data base on ActivityInfo
• The training will be tomorrow from 12:00 to 14:30. OCHA will conduct this training
• The training and reporting is not only for those who appealed under the Flash Appeal but also for those who didn’t appeal and are or will provide support for the Beirut blast.
• Those partners who did the AI testing, can join tomorrow training to fix any trouble shouting they might have encounter
• Reminder to partners that so far used the 5W matrix, that now Activity info will be the platform to use to report on progress twice a month. They will continue to use the 5W for the planned activities as they cannot be updates on AI

Partners presence map
• The objective of the dashboard is give overview on sector progress and provide snapshot on the activities
• Partner can provide feedback on the format
• Partners presence map is based on the updates on the 5 W that partners have been providing
• Going forward will do gap analysis
• Frequency of update? Depends on the frequency of the 5W

3. Service mapping – Inter Agency referral tool by UNHCR
• Minimum standard on referral tool
• Inter-sector service mapping and need to develop monitoring tool
• Inter-sector service mapping: the unified tool, 1 system in place that is used by all the sectors
• For the blast we have the 5W the same is used by all sector, this was created only for Beirut blast and is temporary
• We can still use the interagency service mapping where they can add the emergency referral-services on the blast
• All can use the system
• In order to make any referral: make informal consent of the beneficiaries – so need to give transparent and accurate info about the services
• Helps to identify gaps and respond on timely basis
• Everyone can have access to it
• Check the attached presentation and contact Rasha (akhil@unhcr.org) for further info and access the service mapping

4. Gender sensitivity and PSEA by UNWOMEN
• Check the attached presentation
• Aim to reduce gender imbalance and to make food assistance programs more inclusive
Tip sheet has 3 sections:
1. Assessment and analysis including info about the beneficiaries, many assessments planned, there are info, UN women is happy to support organization to do gender basis analysis in case info collected
2. Strategic planning and resource mobilization: important to consult with relevant experts. Not all organization have enough resources to do so, need of support.
3. Implementation important to use segregated data

- To PSEA: Important to be aware about the monitoring, trainings available online
- Important to register women as primary recipient
- Important to ensure safety concerns, ensure services for child-care, have age limit
- Ensure assistance is received equality for all gender, people with disability
- To contact UNWOMEN for further info (olivia.schmitz@unwomen.org

4. CBT task force updates
- All emergency cash response is in LBP under the Beirut Blast response; unless beneficiaries are expected to use the money to buy things in USD (imported materials)
- Trying to map the cash assistance under different activities
- Humanitarian coordinators will try to have NGOs to have access to preferential exchange rate (7,700LPB) through a fresh account and an account at the central bank
- If not possible, partners can provide assistance in USD
- Some NGOs use the 400,000 LBP cap set by MoSA; the humanitarian coordinator will talk with MoSA to increase the cap
- With regards on the mapping: for MPCA still seeing misalignment, what will be doing is reaching out to those agencies
- Support to small businesses, job well done, have info what to target, some cash grants are conditional
- Cash for work: as part of this sector 4 agencies have reported on this, not much alignment with the transfer value; suggest to align with UNDP and ILO
- LRC announced that they will distribute 300$ while according with WFP it was agreed to 250$ which was recommended; WFP tried to adjust the value but is not possible
- ICRC also will be distributing 300$

Nutrition task force
- Advocacy brief is finalized and being translated
- Based on the advocacy brief developing key messages
- Assessments – will share update
- Will be working closely with the FSS on specific targets based on needs

Field coordination
- Helpdesk: running in 2 areas, shifts are covered in Gemayze and Mar Mikhail areas
- They managed to have all the materials to have help desk functional
- Trying to collaborate with organizations hat already have desk in those 7 areas
- Train volunteers
- Will be using RIMS for reporting on incidents