Food Security Sector coordination meeting: Beirut Blast

Meeting minutes

27 August 2020

Location: Teams meeting

Chair: WFP

Co-chair: ACTED


Agenda:

• Introduction
• Flash appeal updates – FSS coordination
• Assessment update – WFP-VAM
• Field coordination update – Co-chair ACTED
• Sub-sectors feedback
  ➢ Cash-based transfer
  ➢ Nutrition
• Partners updates (Highlights, 5 min max per partner, detail sitrep to be sent via email/Update 5Ws on a weekly basis before deadline 28/08/2020, mapping)
• Issues for discussion:
  ➢ Duplication of assistance
  ➢ IK/Cash food assistance
• Link to 5 W
• AOB

We would like to use the 5W to create maps. Deadline to share updates for this week in Friday 28/8/2020 COB

Flash appeal updates – FSS coordination

• Concluded in the past few days
• Amount of the flash appeal for the sector reached an amount of 100.4 Million, 21 partners, 22 projects
• There were some revisions upon request from OCHA to include in the system project that were already funded. That is why there is a slight change in the budget
• Projects included in the flash appeal should include activities implemented for 3 months even if the project is longer
• OCHA according the update provided to us will upload the Flash Appeal on the system tomorrow morning so that the donor can start feeding in the financial tracking system.
• There is going to be updates as well related to the response monitoring related to the flash appeal, there was an ad-hoc meeting on that the past few days, and the reporting indicators for the sector will be defined by the end of this week
- Request to discuss the currency issue in the next WG meetings
- Question about the Lebanese government cut subsidies on food

**Assessment update – WFP-VAM**

Check VAM presentation

**Field coordination update**

- Very challenging task
- The idea is to have all organizations know what others are doing, and to coordinate on field level activities and to harmonize the approach as well as reduce duplication
- Discussion regarding the help desks, suggestion to have 7 desks in 7 different locations
- The idea is to have representatives from organizations and volunteers that can share and access the information
- Idea is to have those structures will be helping to reflect what is happening on the field as well all the concerns from the sectors
- These ideas and will be discussed with the LHF and EOC
- Ask for partners to also share their ideas
- Field coordination meeting at Karantina tomorrow at 10:00 AM
- Whatsapp group created

**Sub-sectors feedback**

**Cash-based transfer**

- There is a cash-based transfer task force,
- Discussion on currency debate continues
- Agreement between all stakeholders: in USD they will benefit the max
- There will be a paper that will be shared with the organization regarding the pros and cons to use either the USD or LBP to be able to make an informed decision
- Discussion on the stakeholder analysis, overview who has interested in cash issue....(recipients of the humanitarian assistance, bank, government...)

**Nutrition**

- Working to finalize the advocacy note that can be directed to the organizations and donors
- Can guide parties working on breast milk subsidies, like milk formula...
- This will be finalized in the next 2 days, and it will accompanied with an SOP to support organizations to conduct rapid assessments and to be able to make decisions based on those assessments
- Finalizing the structure of the task force
- Getting in touch with organizations having funding and how to guide and use therapeutic food that are usually use in malnutrition prevention...
- Mapping of services will make sure that all are updated
- Importance to integrate nutrition and food security
**Partners updates**

**MERATH**

10 local partners

Were able to distribute 200 multi-use vouchers this week for affected population

Distributions taking place in different areas

Raising fund to expand vouchers programme

**ACF**

Trying to work on a programme submitted for the flash appeal

Coupled with nutrition support and counselling

Targeted population: pregnant women, lactating women, people with special needs, people with children under the age of 2...

All component in line with what they are doing in the nutrition sun sector

Will be coordinating with different actors working on this matter specifically, make sure not working in the same areas and to avoid duplication

Action point: **5 W template:** a revised template will be circulated on Monday and submitted to the attention of partners for their feedback including planning interventions.