



Food Security Sector meeting – Post Beirut Blast response

Meeting minutes

Location: Teams meeting

Chair: WFP

Date and Time: 28 September 2020, 15:30 – 16:45

Attendees: WFP, FAO, SCI, PU-AMI, Global Communities, MCC, B&Z, SCI, IRC, IRL, ACTED, CAMEALEON and Oxfam, Mercy Corps, Michel Daher Social Foundation, PU AMI, Global communities, ECHO, ACF, HCC, DRC, AMEL, OCHA, MERATH, IHH, ACT4tomorrow, Antiracism movement, UNDP

Agenda:

1. Assessment Updates
 - i. WFP VAM
 - ii. latest provisional anonymized and cleansed MSNA data (18/9)
 - iii. assessment is still ongoing/sensitive data request
2. Partners Updates
 - i. Referrals (Yes/No; referral monitoring and feedback, WFP self-referrals, etc.)
 - ii. In kind distribution: plans and harmonization
3. Response monitoring updates- IM
 - i. Update on AI reporting
 - ii. OCHA reporting calendar
 - iii. Updated dashboard
4. Sub-Sectors feedback
 - i. Cash-based transfers
 - ii. Nutrition task force
 - iii. Presentation MercyCorps on MSMEs assessment
5. Presentation secondary data review- OCHA
6. Field Coordination Update- Co Chair ACTED
 - i. Updates on the help desk
7. AOB

1. Assessment updates

Updates from WFP -VAM

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- MSNA: 18th of September latest provisional data. Partners that sent to OCHA and LRC a sensitive data request will be receiving an agreement template to be signed

2. Partners updates

WFP

- Multi-purpose cash transfer that include food had started
- Target 10,000 HH; reached 3,400 HH in September
- The transfer value is 250 \$ for 6 months
- Received self-registration for referrals

B&Z

- Proceeding with Beirut blast response
- Response include CBT (600,000LL) + food parcels + hygiene kits
- Now short with assistance for COVID but will proceed back within 2 – 3 days with normal activities
- Since had been in contact with municipalities regarding COVID they had been receiving directly request for support from municipalities
- Started our rehabilitations for Beirut blast
- Covered around 40 House rehabilitations
- Will be accepting referrals yes usually through WFP

MERATH

- 15 of local churches and partners had been distributing food vouchers
- Many affected areas in Beirut
- Partners are coordinating at local level also with the WASH sector for the hygiene kits
- Winterization programme
- ~1,650 food vouchers in greater Beirut area, including Nabaa, Bourj Hammoud, Mar Mikhael, Gemmayze, and Karantina, from September through March 2021.
- Don't accept referrals at this time

IRC

- Finished targeting
- Finalized harmonization with CBT task force (USD 1,6 million LBP)
- Due to COVID restriction had to delay the distribution
- MSMEs supported since August; reached 40 out of 55 targeted
- Not accepting referrals but looking for organization to accept them from IRC as they needed to reduce the case load

MCC

- Finished targeting last week; Will start implementation this week
- Distribution of in-kind parcels for 1000HHs per month in Karantina and Burj Hammoud starting early October
- MCC can accept referrals

WHH

- Working with LOST
- Selected 103 MSMs; Have rehabilitated 92 MSMEs
- Worked in different areas in Beirut
- With Jafra have plans to work on waste management and rehabilitation

IRL

- Problem in reporting on Activity info; started distribution of food parcels from August to September
- Had to stop this week and will resume next week
- 5,500 food parcels in different areas
- Accept referrals in all Beirut

Referrals: list of partners accepting referrals in attachment to Newsletter 2 October 2020

Ad hoc meeting with partners working on in kind food assistance. Meeting planned on 7 October at 14.00

3. Activity-info reporting

- Deadline early last week to submit reporting on activity info for August-September 15 progress
- The reporting very low. Maybe some partners didn't do anything during August or still planning; Even partners that appealed didn't report
- For the FSS it is stated only 3 NGOs did report on activity info
- As OCHA uses AI to prepare maps and dashboard, advice from sectors was to publish the map with disclaimer referring to sector dashboard
- The database will be unlocked to report progress from 16 to 30 September; partners that didn't report yet will have an opportunity to enter also the data for August
- Urgent appeal request who represent the organization to ensure that have the access to activity info, if not to ask for access
- For the 2nd reporting period the FSS coordination team will send a reminder

4. Feedback from the task forces

CBT

- Finalizing the Mapping of Emergency Cash Assistance Programs September 2020 report to include final updates and last minutes changes

Nutrition

- Advocacy brief translated to Arabic
- There are discussions at HTC level to have a full-fledged nutrition sector
- Distribution ready to eat complementary food for children -only 1 partner expressed interest

Support to SMEs

- Discussion how to coordinate this response is ongoing; next week discussion with LCRP colleagues

Beirut MSMEs support – Beirut blast response Mercy corps

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Referral for MSMEs – DRC/RIMS

- Focus on coordination and referrals
- Referrals are extremely important to support the businesses mostly in need
- Decided to use RIMs, allows to send referrals to partners and non-direct partners
- Mapping of organizations providing support to MSMEs
- The purpose is also to provide timely support and abiding to the referral minimum standards

5. OCHA Second data review

- Ongoing: the 2nd data review
- To provide inputs on emerging needs
- En lieu of multisector need assessment for entire country

6. Field coordination

- Help desk preparation is on-going
- Looking for volunteers to man help desks

Upcoming Meetings - Monday 5 October **NB change in time 11.00**