



Food Security Sector coordination meeting: Beirut Blast

Meeting minutes

5 October 2020

Location: Teams meeting

Chair: WFP

Co-Chair: ACTED

Date and Time: 5 October 2020, 11:00- 12:45

Attendees: WFP, FAO, UN Women, IRC, TA NUT SCI, Michel Daher Social Foundation, OCHA, MCC, PU-AMI, Caritas, Islamic Relief, MERATH, Global Communities, Dorcas-Tabitha, PARCIC, CAMEALEON & Oxfam, ACF, AFDC, ADRA, WVI, Al Fadael, Ajjalouna, ACT4tomorrow; IRC; SCI, ARCS, IHH

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Agenda:

1. FSS coordination:
 - i. Tracking of response: financial and projects progress (HC request)
 - ii. Meeting with FER
 - iii. Feedback on coordination MSMEs
 - iv. Partners working on in kind modality: ad hoc meeting 7 October
2. Assessment Updates
 - i. WFP VAM
3. Partners Updates
4. Response monitoring updates- IM
 - i. Update on AI reporting
 - ii. OCHA reporting calendar
5. Sub-Sectors feedback
 - i. Cash-based transfers
 - ii. Nutrition task force
6. AOB: bimonthly meetings? 12-26 October

1. FSS coordination

- i. Tracking of response:
 - financial and projects progress: Partners received email regarding tracking the response as the humanitarian coordinator is preparing for the oncoming donors conference and needs to have an update on financial tracking for flash appeal and other sources.
 - Activity info is now the only tool used by OCHA to extract information for response maps and interactive dashboard
 - Sector partners have started filling into AI for the period 16-30 September but overall not all partners have reported for the August-15 September period
- ii. Meeting with the FER

- Sector holds periodic meeting with FER and share updates plans and dashboard
- Last meeting on Thursday: they would like advice on how to identify most vulnerable households in the LCR database and see if sector partners are willing to support those households with in kind food assistance
- We'll discuss this with partners on the meeting planned this Wednesday and revert back to FER

iii. Coordination for support to SMEs

- There is currently no specific mechanism to coordinate MSME support under the Beirut blast. MSMEs support is currently part of the flash appeal under the FSS. There is a need to avoid duplication of assistance and ensure complementarity on MSME programming. The Beirut blast response, for the time being, is time bound and supposed to end at the end of November
- Need to have a space to have a conversation on support to SMEs in the context of the Beirut blast
- Way forward is the constitution of a thematic group that meets regularly to provide temporary operational support to local actors working on support to MSMEs. This group, co-chaired by the FSS and DRC will meet on a regular basis until the duration of the flash appeal. It will meet after the BML livelihoods working group on dates to be decided
- Partners will report their activities under the AI database developed for the Beirut blast response. After the Beirut blast response, if the group wants to continue to discuss support to MSMEs at national level, it can be absorbed by the LCRP livelihoods working group

iv. Partners working on kind modality

- Meeting on Wednesday to discuss: switching of modality; targeting and eligibility criteria; de-duplication exercise; sector guidances

2. Assessment update WFP-VAM

- Check attached presentation

3. Updates from partners

IRC: Main constraint staff self-isolation because of COVID; Slow down MCA transfer; because of alignment of transfer value had to reduce the number of HH to half; Can't accept referral but looking for agency can accept referrals. Come across other needs for example older people disabilities and other services and referred them

FSS: We have now a table with partners accepting referrals. All partners are invited to update it and consult it and update the AI service mapping as well

MCC: In kind assistance at the moment; considering to switch to the vouchers. Updates in the distribution for October: A week behind the schedule; 1000 HH per month

Dorcas Tabitha: Will send updated by email

ACT4 tomorrow: invite to World Food day event on October 16

ACF: Next week will start small project support MSMEs; Will start assessment; support in between 1000 to 1500\$ for 40 targeted MSMEs and will start with 26 cases first

WV: We are about to identify the 70 businesses micro-enterprises to support and Targeting the micro-business in Beirut

4. Reporting on Activity info – IOM

- We need to report as FSS in order for the HC and HCT and OCHA to have a picture on what is going on the ground. Deadline to enter data for second half of September today.
- Sector IMO and OCHA available to support if any problem
- Issues reported about reporting by zone

5. Task forces feedback

Nutrition: The nutrition task force is asking to create a sector on nutrition in parallel to other sectors, same as in other countries. HCT will decide on this matter

CBT No major update

6. AOB

- Bi-monthly meeting for the Beirut port explosion instead of weekly meeting

Upcoming Meetings - Monday 12 and Monday 26 October