



Food Security Sector coordination meeting: Beirut Blast

Meeting minutes

28 October 2020

Location: Teams meeting

Chair: WFP

Co-Chair: ACTED

Attendees: WFP, FAO, ACF, ECHO, LRC, Helpage, SCI, OCHA, ICRC, IRC, IOCC, ACTED, MCC, CAMEALEON, OXFAM, UNHCR, Michel Daher Social Foundation, WVI, , ACF, ADRA, Global Communities, UN Women, AMEL, WHH, SCI, MERATH/LSESD, Dorcas/Tabitha, OCHA, ShareQ, PARCIC, Farah SC, Caritas

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Agenda:

1. WFP/VAM updates
2. FSS coordination:
 - i. Coordination MSMEs: action points
 - ii. De-duplication exercise: updates and food assistance actors
 - iii. Presentation protection sector: Intersectoral document on Inclusion of Older Persons and PwD in the Blast Response
3. Partners Updates
4. Response monitoring updates- IM:
 - i. AI reporting
 - ii. Indicator on USD disbursement for MPCA
5. Task-forces feedback:
 - i. Nutrition task force
6. AOB

1. WFP/VAM updates:
Please refer to the presentation in attachment.

2. FSS coordination:
 - i. *Thematic group on coordination support to MSMEs*: next meeting on 5th November. Please reach if you want to be added to the mailing list. Main agenda items geosplit, deduplication exercise for SMEs.
 - ii. *De-duplication exercise (Updates deduplication working group)*

Deduplication System Progress: The deduplication sub taskforce/WFP has provided a training on the deduplication system and the web-portal for assistance coordination on October 26th. Link to Training Session:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-9-tBQ-2kKuAck3MjziBYK1M8OfemCEz/view?usp=sharing>

WFP will draft MoU and share with partners to ensure partners understand role and responsibilities and define processes involved in joining the platform and resolving issues. A detailed user manual will follow on October 27th. It is very important that organizations sign the user access form (attached to email) as soon possible, guidelines on the user access form below:

1. Each organization needs to submit access request forms for two users. Assistance coordination tasks on the webportal need to be signed off by two people per organization.
2. Please remember to insert the organization’s name in the dedicated section of the form.
3. To help us manage the admin workload, please name the files according to the following format: “Lebanon Humanitarian Interorganizational Assistance Coordination - User Access Form - [User Official Email Address] - V20201026.pdf”. For example “Lebanon Humanitarian Interorganizational Assistance Coordination - User Access Form – houman.haddad@wfp.org - V20201026.pdf”. The numbers after the “V” at the end should be the date the form was signed in YYYYMMDD format (e.g. V20201026).
4. To help us manage the admin workload, please send one PDF file per user. Do not scan multiple user forms in the same file. Please name each PDF file for each user as per the naming convention above.
5. Please send your completed forms to duncan.oyando@wfp.org and maroun.dagher@wfp.org, and keep krayem@unhcr.org, fabio.tranchitella@wfp.org, and houman.haddad@wfp.org in cc.

Issues with Attendance/Deduplication System Participation: Many actors have not responded yet on their participation in the system/encrypted data sharing. Please make sure you get in touch with cash taskforce in case you have any concerns/have decided against participating in the system. We are trying to include all actors to have a holistic view of cash assistance in response to the blast, in addition to detecting the majority of duplicates within each category.

Support to Small Businesses: No confirmations

Al Majmoua	Possibly depending on household consent and protocols
IRC	
ADRA	
World Vision	
ICRC	
Save the Children	

Danish Refugee Council (DRC)	
CARE international	
ACTED	
ILO	
Dorcas/Tabitha	
ACF	
Near East Foundation	
LEB RELIEF	
Mercy Corps	Maybe
Concern WorldWide	
Al Fanar	

Action points:

- Ask deduplication talk force if the duplication can be done also between partners that provide food assistance in kind and those providing MPCA, which has a food component as well. Point related to the CBT TF. Response will be conveyed via email or in next Sector updates.

iii. Presentation protection sector: Intersectoral document on Inclusion of Older Persons and PwD in the Blast Response

Helpage presented the intersectoral considerations to ensure the Inclusion of older persons and persons with disabilities in the Beirut Blast Response. A few points from the presentation are summarized below:

- It is important to ensure that distribution points are accessible for people with movement impairment e.g. including by wheelchairs and ensure reduced waiting times for PwD and older people.
- Use outreach strategies such as home delivery or volunteers to deliver food distributions, to older people and PwD who may face barriers to reaching distribution points, despite efforts to make them accessible.
- Accommodate preferences of older people and PwD to choose between in-kind and Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance/food voucher distributions.
- Ensure information related to distributions is accessible, e.g. by making information available in different formats.

Please also refer to the presentation in attachment.

2. Partners Updates

ACF: A new programme will be starting in December 2020 for Beirut, Bekaa and South. It will include different components: support t SMEs, small farmers and cooperatives, IYCF practices and MPCA.

Vulnerability assessment ongoing with subsequent targeting focusing on certain categories (elderly, households with PLW, families with young children , etc)

Dorcas/Tabitha: direct implementation of the hot meals programme distribution started until end of 2020. For the food parcels procurement is in taking place.

WHH: LOST, WHH partner, has concluded the first phase of the project with support to 106 SMEs, support mainly in kind. Next step will be with Jafra, implementing partner for CFW on roof top gardens. They will share the list of SMEs that were rehabilitated to avoid duplication with the thematic group on support to SMEs.

In December 202 they will be conducting an assessment on the SME that were supported.

WFP: MPCA loading will be done in October for 11,137 households, which will include the households assisted in September. Part of the assistance will start being redeemed through e vouchers in WFP shops, with same level of assistance (USD 250). Top up for NFI will be done through Western Union. By the end of November 12,000 households will be reached, including additional people. On the monitoring side, a PDM on the process will be done to assess how things are working on the ground with Wester Union, which is going fine except for a few individuals that received LBP instead of USD. On the outcome level the baseline was done in September- October and after 3 and 6 months intervals recalls will be done.

IRC: 335 households were reached with MPCA; 255 SMEs were assisted and the caseload was increased because the size of the grant for the MSE was smaller than what initially foreseen.

MCC: they finished the distribution of food parcels for 1,000 HH for October (first month out of the 12 month planned period). Depending on funding availability they are considering moving to vouchers in January 2020.

3. Response monitoring update – IOM

- Next reporting period on ActivityInfo for partners will be during 2-4 November
- One indicator on disbursement of assistance for MPCA actors has been added to AI to be able to monitor amount of USD or LBP disbursed.

4. Sub-sectors feedback

CBT task force

1. Update on Cash Mapping Exercise per Sector/Activity:
 - a. Support to Small Businesses:
 - i. Missing input from Leb Relief
 - b. Cash for Work Activities:
 1. UN Women program, still unconfirmed, any update? (reminder sent)

Nutrition task force updates

- TF has been reviewing indicators, wording and budget for nutrition inputs for update of LCRP 2021 under different sectors. ; they are also mapping activities for nutrition under the Beirut

blast and LCRP responses; the coordination of the IYCF committee is in place with a dedicated coordination in place.

- They are working closely with the Army on BMS to achieve better coordination and control of donations.
- Need to have an assessment of nutrition, so they are assessing what data could be collected. The decision on whether the nutrition sector will be constituted will be known next week

AOB: the sector will plan the monthly meeting with FER. If there is any issue to be raised by partners pls address them to the sector coordination team.

Next meeting: 9 November, 2020