

## FSSWG for BML & South and Beirut Port Explosion Response coordination meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

**Chair:** WFP

**Date:** February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Attendees:** WFP, PUI, Dorcas-Tabitha, ADRA, ARCS, UNIFIL, MERATH/LSESD, Caritas, ACS, WVI, ACF, LRC, SCI, Plan International, Pathways, Michel Daher Social Foundation, DRC RIMS, CESVI, OCHA, INSAN Association, IRC, SPHERE Building Tomorrow, ARCS, Preemptive Love Coalition, Beit el Baraka, MCC, AMEL, UNHCR, CARE, ShareQ, Common Effort, LRC, ACTED, CONCERN

### **Agenda:**

1. Announcement: merge with FSS Beirut/MTL/South regional working group: schedule monthly?
2. Reporting and monitoring for the Beirut blast
3. Presentation on sector referrals analysis Q3 + Presentation by RIMS on referrals in BML/South
4. Presentation by the NGO Sphere Building Tomorrow on their activities
5. Updates from partners: plans 2021 Beirut blast + COVID 19 + LCRP including agriculture/capacity to respond to referrals/impact of lockdown
6. Sector Updates: AI reporting, COVID food assistance response
7. Prioritization of sector activities in Q1 and Q2
8. WFP/VAM monthly updates on FSS indicators
9. AOB

### **1 .Announcement: merge with FSS Beirut/MTL/South regional working group: schedule monthly?**

No objection from partners to have both meetings merged with a monthly schedule

### **2. Reporting and monitoring for the Beirut blast**

- Sitreps:  
Last Sitrep n.16 covering the month of December was published and disseminated on Friday. This is the last Sitrep, although partners are requested to continue report interventions on AI.
- End of Flash Appeal report: report to be prepared in February by OCHA and sectors

- Activity Info reporting: Partners inside and outside flash appeal that are continuing to implement activities in 2021 are requested to continue reporting ON A MONTHLY BASIS on the AI Beirut Blast database, during the first week of the next month (i.e. first week of February for the month of January reporting and so on)

### **3. Presentation on sector referrals analysis Q3**

Check attached presentation

#### **Dorcac-Tabitha:**

- Currently conducting food distribution in Qarantina, Achrafiyeh and Burj Hammoud
- Lebanese and non-Lebanese
- Currently stopped because of the lockdown
- Hot meals distribution in Karm EL Zaytoun
- Receiving lots of request for food and cash assistance

#### **Presentation by RIMS on referrals in BML/South**

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- Important to understand the difference between the services provided under the FSS and BA sectors for referrals purposes; a clearer service list for all sectors will be re-circulated by the Inter Sector team. It is important that partners are aware about the difference about the assistance provided for both sectors and also they update regularly the service mapping with the services that they can provide, see below  
<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjojOTM2ZjFkY2UtODE1MS00ZmM0LWlzMmMtZjMxYmYzMDc2NTk1IiwidCI6ImU1YzM3OTgxLTY2NjQtNDEzNC04YTBjLTY1NDNkMmFmODBiZSIsImMiOiJh9>
- RIMS: cross sector referrals, we can see how well the partners know about the FSS referrals
- Massive referrals to BA and on the South less referrals. For MT Leb referrals to FSS fluctuates whereas for BA there is a massive increase

#### **Dorcac Tabitha**

- Receiving from hot line interagency referrals and not from RIMs for FS and BA + Child protection
- Receiving more requests during the lockdown
- Trying to respond to most of them or refer them to other organizations
- At the moment not aware about the other partners they can refer the cases to

#### **WV**

- Most of the time getting referrals from local community and some of NGOs using emails to support
- Trying to be as clear as possible regarding their capacity but can't longer than March; WVI is still responding in Beirut Blast in terms of food parcels as well but we will not longer than March to distribute
- Moving to a longer-term response. When receiving referrals from another FSS provider to other sector? For WV BML it is mainly from protection sector and implementation partners

**Major challenges during the lockdown:**

**FSS**

- Receiving referrals from community agencies
- Trying to use the tools they are already in place: service mapping and asking the partners to keep them updated as much as possible
- Issue is to update the service mapping; some organization are late to update the platform
- Another source of referral: call center for WFP and UNHCR

**4. Presentation by the NGO Sphere Building Tomorrow on their activities**

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**5. Updates from partners: plans 2021 Beirut blast + COVID 19 + LCRP including agriculture/capacity to respond to referrals/impact of lockdown**

**WFP:**

- WFP is finally able to resume the in-kind distribution for Lebanese vulnerable populations affected by socioeconomic crisis and COVID, (target 50,000 households) starting today in Nabatiyeh through their partner SHEILD, rotating villages
- WFP is asking daily authorisations and if possible will cover other governorates
- 1 more month of in-kind assistance remaining for March and might continue through e-cards
- CASH assistance for refugees loading will take place early February
- Redemption of the e-cards is 96%
- For BB MPCA: loading done on the 26 of January

**ADRA**

- In 2021, ADRA will continue with food assistance through the monthly reloading of vouchers in addition of starting next week in the implementation of the cash assistance to the selected 28 SMEs and we will be doing several visits to track the changes on site . A PDM will be also conducted to monitor food security of households that received food assistance

**Sphere building tomorrow**

- Distributed 250 Food parcels and Basic Assistance in Beirut (Karantina-Karam SI Zaytoun-Ashrafiyeh -Bourji Hammoud). They still have a stock of around 500 from now till first of April to be distributed, the number of requests for assistance has increased due to lockdown and economic crisis
- Together with Beirut Rises Again they will support 37 SMEs in Grand Beirut (Upon the delivered Presentation)
- For now they are not receiving referrals

**MCC**

- Under LCRP Voucher programming will continue for 3300 refugees (Syrians + Pales.) in Beirut and South; January distribution was completed before Lockdown
- Under BB: Distributing to 4500 beneficiaries; Until now been unsuccessful in receiving authorization to distribute. Hopeful beneficiaries could access to shops more easily in coming weeks

#### **ACF**

- Working in Bekaa and South to support vulnerable smallholders farmers
- Will support with cash grants and will be complemented with coaching

#### **Sphere**

- Protection + Agriculture project in Partnership with CARE in Akkar and Shouf
- Agriculture therapy trainings to youth
- Duplicated session deliverable to same way in 12 SDCs in Lebanon
- Right now doing an assessment for another small intervention with farmers to do capacity building on sale level on how to sell products in simple and straightforward way

#### **5. Sector Updates: AI reporting, COVID food assistance response**

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#### **6. Prioritization of sector activities in Q1 and Q2**

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#### **7. WFP/VAM monthly updates on FSS indicators**

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