

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

Minutes of the Meeting

Chair: WFP

Date: March 1st, 2021

Attendees: WFP, FAO, OCHA, PARCIC, Intersector, CARITAS, ADRA, EU, UNIFIL, JAFRA, WVI, SHEILD, DORCAS, MERATH, ACF, INSAN association, MCC, CARE, Preemptive Love Coalition, ACTED

Agenda:

1. WFP/VAM monthly updates on FSS indicators
2. BB Sector Updates: AI reporting, and partners' presence map
3. Partners' updates (BB and LCRP appeal 2021) and impact of lockdown on operations
4. LCRP Sector Updates: AI reporting, COVID food assistance response
5. ACF presentation on Agriculture Livelihoods intervention in the South
6. AOB (partners ongoing assessments on agriculture)

1.WFP/VAM monthly updates on FSS indicators

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2.BB Sector Updates: AI reporting, and partners' presence map

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Links to partners' presence maps for December 2020, January and February 2021:

<https://fscluster.org/lebanon/document/beirut-explosion-response-dashboard-1>

<https://fscluster.org/lebanon/document/beirut-explosion-response-dashboard-0>

<https://fscluster.org/lebanon/document/beirut-explosion-response-dashboard>

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/lebanon/infographic/beirut-explosion-response-dashboard-february-2021-en>

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/infographic/beirut-explosion-response-dashboard-january-2021-en>

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/infographic/beirut-explosion-response-dashboard-december-2020-en>

3. Partners' updates (BB and LCRP appeal 2021) and impact of lockdown on operations

ACF

- 1 project funded by the French Embassy
- 50 HH to be supported with MPCA.
- 7 SMES selected
- Waiting for the end of the lockdown to provide cash assistance

Dorcas-Tabitha

- FP distribution: still taking place in Beirut area
- School meals: programme continues, waiting for school to restart
- Hot meals distribution with MSD is taking place again

SHEILD:

- BB response: with WFP last batch of E-cards distribution for MPCA
- With WFP still distributing food parcels under the COVID-19/socioeconomic crisis response, this month 1600 families, in Beirut area

FSS coordination:

Support to SMEs group: 2 waiting for the 3RF if they are ready to step in and coordinate the group

Raised to OCHA that support to agriculture activities and cash for work would need to resume, waiting to hear from OCHA if these activities can resume implementation or need to be kept on hold

MCC

- During first weeks of lockdown not able to distribute the food vouchers as no approval was received by the authorities,
- Were able to get approval during the 3rd week of February from the municipality for the BB affected families

UNIFIL

- Not much updates
- Under the COVID response: approved ad-hoc request regarding the cleaning of the beach in Tyr area with the municipality of Tyr
- Agriculture projects: still under review right now, including the pond rehabilitation in Baachit
- Priorities: even if the COVID-19 remains an issue in the area, the key request is related to Livelihoods.
- 2 projects now: Mazen Jabal governmental hospital, Souwane municipalities and developing a project related to benefit from garden, basic hygiene for small ruminants, dairy production. Oncoming projects related to agriculture equipment, olive and dairy production

MERATH

- Took advantage of the lockdown to review contract with the service providers
- Vouchers started to be dispatched



- 700 in kind foods parcels were distributed in January
- During the lockdown were able to distribute the winterization kits

WVI

- World Vision in Marjayoun & Bent Jbeil, COVID-19, will be distributing masks and sanitizers to municipalities, stakeholders and front liners, as well as supporting positive cases with disinfectant kits
- Cheifat helped to distribute 50 food parcels in the area. MOIM restrictions did not allow to fully operate.
- Not all the members of the teams received the approval to be able to go on mission
- World Vision BML are continuing COVID-19 and port explosion responses for food parcel distributions as well as disinfections kits. MPCA support in Sin El Fil and SME support is also continuing

ADRA

- During the month of Feb 160 beneficiaries got cash assistance under the MPC project , and 26 SME received support with cash assistance. Ongoing Food E cards for food beneficiaries will continue until the end of this month , March 2021.
- As for the MOIM permission to operate under the lockdown, we are applying the weekly activity plan and we are getting the approval accordingly.

PARCIC

- Distributed food to 1500 families in Beirut
- Under the LCRP, in Aarsal microgardening projects pilot continued after the distribution of seedlings in October

4.ACF presentation on Agriculture Livelihoods intervention in the South

Check attached presentation

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

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6.AOB (partners ongoing assessments on agriculture)

Please fill the excel sheet shared for the on-going assessment on agriculture