

PROGRESS REPORT

Reporting UN Office	: United Nations Resident Coordination
Country	: Lebanon
Project No.	: 00063594
Project Title	: Recovery Coordination Support in Lebanon
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Project Start date:	: 30 October 2008
Project Timeframe	: One year
Reporting Period	: 01 April - 30 June 2009

I. PURPOSE

Project Summary & Objectives:

The project aims at strengthening the coordination capacity of the Resident Coordinator sub-offices in the north and south of Lebanon to ensure a more effective and efficient delivery of recovery interventions in the most affected areas of the country.

- i ***Enhance coordination at the field level through the RC sub-offices:*** the primary function of the sub-offices is to facilitate and promote coordination of recovery efforts at the field level to avoid duplication and promote synergy and complementarities, strengthen community outreach in the regions, and act as interlocutors with different partners and stakeholders (decentralized units of line ministries and government agencies, NGOs, civil society organizations etc.).
- ii ***Support to Data Management and GIS functions:*** one of the key coordination functions that can help make a difference in the recovery effort is to provide information on recovery and reconstruction to the national government, local and international partners, donors, and media. A successful recovery response is dependent on the collection, analysis and distribution of information on the work of development partners on the ground to support the recovery and reconstruction efforts.

The ultimate goal of the coordination support structure is two folded: 1. to establish a coordination mechanism and information management system that allows the UN Resident Coordinator to ensure a smooth and coordinated implementation of recovery efforts and provide

information to national and international actors involved in the recovery effort. 2. To ensure the coordination support structure strengthens national capacity and ownership, in order for national authorities to better coordinate and plan their own reconstruction and development.

Project Objective:

- Enhance coordination of recovery activities at the field level
- Improve information sharing between actors and raise awareness on recovery activities, thus providing a gateway for various actors working or planning interventions.
- Contribute to provision of linkages among various UN agencies, local and international NGOs, civil society entities, the communities, and the Lebanese government entities both at the central and local level.
- Work towards joint programming amongst various actors.

Project Outputs:

- 1) Enhanced coordination at the field level through strengthening of existing coordination sub-offices.
- 2) Comprehensive information collection system at the field level established and shared with stakeholders and the public at large.

Project Linkages to National Priorities and Recovery:

In the absence of formal coordination mechanisms through sustained linkages between the UNRC office in Beirut and the Government, the project was able to reflect the government priorities towards the various UN and civil society organizations in the South. Moreover, the project provided a platform for the communities to share valid data on government interventions in a highly politicized environment.

Project implementing partners:

The project implementing partners are:

- **For the RC sub-office in the North:**
 - The main UN partners are UNRWA and the other UN agencies working in the NBC response operation (i.e. UNOHCHR, ILO, UN Habitat, UNICEF and UNDP)
 - National and international NGOs participating in the cluster system.
 - Lebanon Support
 - Local authorities (i.e. authorities of the NBC surrounding municipalities)
 - LPDC
 - Palestinian representatives
 - Bilateral and multilateral donors (i.e. EC, WB)
- **For the RC sub-office in the south:**
 - UN agencies with a presence in South Lebanon, mainly UNIFIL, UNDP and ILO and Habitat, and others involved in cluster meetings and emergency preparedness, like UNICEF and FAO.
 - Government officials at the central and regional level

- Local authorities, regrouped in Unions of Municipalities and steering committees including national and international NGOs
- Local and international NGOs
- Donors

II. RESOURCES

Total budget approved	:	USD 747,122.00
Total disbursements as for 30 September 2009	:	USD 109,099.00
Commitments for next quarter	:	USD 60,000.00
Available Balance	:	USD 638,023.00

CATEGORY	TOTAL BUDGET (USD)	TOTAL EXP (USD) To Date
1. Personnel (Incl. staff and consultants)	USD 368,040.00	71,139
2. Contracts (Incl. companies, professional services)	USD 50,004.00	-
3. Training	-	-
4. Transport	USD 54,800.00	5,889
5. Supplies and commodities	USD 81,200.00	15,915
6. Equipment	USD 63,800.00	6,159
7. Travel	-	-
8. Miscellaneous	USD 80,400.00	2,860
9. Agency Management Support	USD 48,878.00	7,137
TOTAL	USD 747,122.00	USD 109,099

III. RESULTS

Project Outputs and progress per activities

Project Outputs and Activities	Status
<p>1. Coordination at the field level 1.1- Liaise with regional and local authorities:</p>	<p><u>For the RC sub-office in the south:</u></p> <p>1.1.1 Meetings took place with government representatives in the Health and Water sectors :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with the South Lebanon Water Establishment in Saida - Meeting with the MoH in the Saray in Saida <p>1.1.2 Meetings took place with government representatives and union of municipalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visits in May: Marjayoun and Tyre Union of Municipalities. - Visits in June: Jabal Amel, Bint Jbeil and Nabatiyeh Municipalities <p>1.1.3 Increasing the involvement of local authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invited the mayor of Hasbaya, Kamal Abou ghaida, to debate with IndyAct on environmental issues on 19 June 2009. <p>1.1.3 Conference attended: UNRC participated in the seminar organized by UN-Habitat and the Lebanese Physical Handicapped Union under the auspices of the Ministry of Interior on Friday 8 May 2009: 'Towards a Barrier-Free Environment'.</p> <p>1.1.4 Health: After several exchanges of correspondence and meetings of the preparatory working group for the Health sector, and after consulting with relevant UN agencies and the MoPH, a meeting took place on June 9th under the lead of Dr. Ali Jaber from the MoPH</p> <p>1.1.5 As for Water, the first SWG meeting took place in Saida on the 7th of April under the auspices of the SLWE with the participation of UNICEF, UNRC, UNIFIL, the Italian Cooperation, Action Against Hunger and Ricerca E Cooperazione.</p> <p>1.1.6 Livelihood SWG: UNRC participated in two livelihoods meetings organized by UNDP on a monthly basis. UNRC assisted in the logistic preparations.</p> <p>Meetings topics :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing sustainable agriculture in the South through preserving food heritage 2. Involving the private sector in development <p><u>For the RC sub-office in the north:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings continued to take place between UN agencies, Municipality of Muhammara and the Popular Committee (PC) in order to finalize the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that defines the joint-management of services and equipment between the two latter stakeholders. • UN system persistent efforts to facilitate the agreement between the Municipality of Muhammara and the PC were aborted when the PC refused to sign the MoU in April 2009. • UN agencies efforts are ongoing to bring back to the table the PC and the Municipality of Muhammara in order to resume talks on MoU.
<p>1.2- Liaise with civil society, national and international NGOs, Donors</p>	<p><u>For the RC sub-office in the south:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meetings were held with the following stakeholders: International Alert and the Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections representatives, The Carter Center and the EU election Observation Mission, MoH regional office; MoWE regional representatives; MoSA representatives and AI

	<p>Mabarrat, Fatima Al Zahraa medical and social center in Abbassiyeh: the only medical/social residence in the South for elderly people; in addition to other stakeholders attending GCM..</p> <p><u>For the RC sub-office in the north:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Numerous meetings took place between UNRC Tripoli Sub-Office, Lebanon Support and Islamic Relief to ensure proper follow-up on their activities in the field. - UNRC Tripoli Sub-Office held the first in a series “UN North Lebanon Strategy Workshop” on June 25, 2009. The workshop aimed at mapping actors’ current/future projects in the area. Workshop results are to be incorporated into strategic plan for North Lebanon.
<p>1.3- Strengthen coordination mechanisms</p>	<p><u>For the RC sub-office in the south:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During April –June, 5 GCM and 5 Inter-Agency meetings were conducted in Tyre and 2 Sector East Coordination meeting were held in Khiam and Marjayoun. A tentative list of speakers for July and August is already established. - At the occasion of these meetings, 8 presentations were given by participating international and local NGOs. - UNRC coordinated among UN agencies and Participated in the first UNIFIL /LAF CIMIC training course 1 June 2009: UNRC presented within this training course its mandate, achievements and activities to the LAF attendees - LAF representatives were hosted in the GCMs and were introduced to all UN agencies and NGOs active in the South along with their activities - Coordination with UN battalions were ongoing throughout the reporting period <p><u>For the RC sub-office in the north:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3 inter-cluster meetings took place from April till June 2009; the first one was about Gender mainstreaming within all UN agencies’ projects in NBC. The second inter-cluster meeting was held to present the latest updates on Relief, Recovery and Reconstruction operations by UNRWA. The last inter-cluster meeting was held on June 22, 2009 to launch a new “Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Sub-Cluster” and that is due to the growing number of new projects that are addressing Psychosocial issues in both Nahr El-Bared and Beddawi Camps. ✓ The following cluster meetings took place during the period of April-June 2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3 FI / NFI cluster meetings. ✓ 3 Health cluster meetings. ✓ 3 Protection cluster meetings. ✓ 6 Education cluster meetings. ✓ 6 Shelter cluster meetings. ✓ 4 WATSAN cluster meetings. ✓ 3 Livelihood cluster meetings. ✓ Cluster and inter-cluster MoMs (31) were disseminated to all participants and posted online at www.lebanon-support.org/nbc. ✓ All clusters’ Action Plans are being reviewed and updated on a regular basis. ✓ Collection of data for clusters’ assessments is over, and the RC Tripoli Sub-Office is working on hiring a consultant to analyze the collected information and to evaluate the Cluster Approach in NBC.

	<p>✓ A situation report was produced and disseminated to all UN agencies working in the North covering the latest updates that took place during April and May 2009.</p>
<p>2. Comprehensive information collection system</p> <p>2.1- Display comprehensive database on the webpage.</p> <p>2.2- Development, production and dissemination of maps.</p> <p>2.3- Develop strong links with other GIS staff.</p> <p>2.4- Produce maps that support sectoral working groups.</p>	<p>• <u>For the RC sub-office in the south:</u></p> <p>2.1 Data management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Maintained the update of UNRC NGO Matrix -Updated the Livelihood Matrix, containing Information about all the stakeholders and the participants in the sector working group in addition to their activities (where-what and when) -Updated the Cooperative Assessment -Contacted all UN agencies and NGO'S working in South Lebanon and updated the UNRC Contact List of 2009 - Updated UNDP's databases for all UNDP projects (SIDA2, Austrian, ECHO2, etc) and extracted these information in terms of excel sheets and charts tables -Maintained Data Entry of various information related to Ngo Matrix, Cooperative Assessment, UNDP Project -Provided information for the Mapping Unit -MOMs of GCMs and IA meetings were recorded and shared with all stakeholders <p>2.2 GIS and mapping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -During the reporting period the UNRC Mapping Unit was continuously updating the Operational Organizations Map and the Protection Map by referring to the information provided by the UNMACC - The office responded to requests for maps on a regular basis. Maps were produced related to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Itinerary map for the Human Security Trust Fund of JAPAN delegation to South Lebanon - UNDP activities in Southern Lebanon - Youth Project - Social and Economic Empowerment cluster bomb affected communities map in Southern Lebanon - UNDP Early Recovery Activities in Southern Lebanon between January 2008 and January 2009 - Water Management map - Touristic sites map - Functioning health facilities in southern Lebanon - Produced a poster for the Zalghootet el Cornish Festival event in Tyre <p>• <u>For the RC sub-office in the north:</u></p> <p>✓ The UNRC Tripoli Sub-Office keeps uploading all Meetings Minutes and Action Plans on www.lebanon-support.org/nbc website. The RC office maintains an updated contact list of all active stakeholders in both Nahr El-bared and Beddawi Camps and shares it with partners on a regular basis.</p>

Implementation Constraints

For the RC sub-office in the north:

- ✓ Security incidents in Tripoli have forced the UN agencies to postpone some of the planned cluster/coordination meetings.

Key Partnerships & Collaboration

Both RC sub-offices in the South and the North pursued their partnerships and collaboration with the communities, local authorities, civil society organizations, international and national NGOs, donor agencies and UN agencies.

IV. Work plan per activity for next quarter in 2009 (July - September)

Key Milestones Wks	July				August				September				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
1. Coordination at the field level through the strengthening of existing coordination sub-offices enhanced													
1.1 Liaise with local authorities at the central and local level to ensure overall coherence of recovery interventions in line with Government priorities. Work towards ensuring a smooth transition from recovery to development activities. Maintain vigilance of various actors in South Lebanon re-an evolving emergency situation whether through a natural disaster like an earthquake or a deteriorating security situation.													
1.2 Liaise with civil society, national and international NGOs, donors, and other multi-lateral partners to avoid duplications and promote synergies among the different recovery / reconstruction partners													
1.3 Set up / strengthen, as required, coordination mechanisms through the establishment of general and/or sector coordination platforms													
1.4 promote the implementation of joint assessments and joint programmes													
1.5 Support the analysis of assistance being provided through the implementation of sector studies in order to fill-in possible gaps, in close collaboration with partners on the ground													
2. Comprehensive information collection system at the field level established and shared with stakeholders and public at large													

2.1 Develop, produce and post on the webpage a comprehensive database covering the most affected areas in the 2 sub-offices with information at the municipal level													
2.2 Develop, produce and disseminate maps and related documents to support the recovery work, both in terms of assessment and sector interventions													
2.3 Develop strong links with other GIS staff in affected areas to promote coordination and information-sharing between organizations and government departments working on GIS activities in particular													
2.4 Produce maps that support sectoral working groups to strengthen collaboration and coherence													