



PROGRESS REPORT

Reporting UN Organization	:	United Nations Development Programme
Country	:	Lebanon
Project No.	:	00063594
Project Title	:	<u>LRF-18 Recovery Coordination Support in Lebanon</u>
LRF Signature date	:	24 October 2008
Project Start date	:	30 October 2008
Project Timeframe	:	Two years
Reporting Period	:	1 April– 30 June, 2010

I. PURPOSE

Project Summary:

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:

1. Enhance coordination of recovery activities at the field level;
2. Improve information sharing between actors and raise awareness on recovery activities, thus providing a gateway for various actors working or planning interventions;
3. 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, and
4. Work towards joint programming amongst various actors.

Project Outputs:

1. Enhanced coordination at the field level through strengthening of existing coordination sub-offices, and
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 Reconstruction Goals:

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 Implementation Partners:**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. 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, and
- Bilateral and multilateral donors (i.e. EC, WB).

For the RC sub-office in the South:

- UN agencies with a presence in South Lebanon, UNIFIL, UNDP and ILO, plus others involved in sector meetings and emergency preparedness, eg UNRWA, UNICEF, FAO, UNSCOL and UN-Habitat.
- 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, and
- Donors.

II. RESOURCES

Total budget approved	:	USD 747,122.00
Total disbursements as for 30 June 2010	:	USD 515,085.42
Commitments for next quarter	:	USD 100,000
Available Balance	:	USD 232,036.58

CATEGORY	TOTAL BUDGET (USD)	TOTAL EXP (USD) as of June 2010	TOTAL EXP (USD) April-Jun 2010
1. Personnel (Incl. staff and consultants)	USD 368,040.00	USD 282,524.31	USD 66,731.49
2. Contracts (Incl. companies, professional services)	USD 50,004.00	USD 126,722.78	USD 5,655.21
3. Training	-	-	-
4. Transport	USD 54,800.00	USD 10,886.05	USD 2,217.40
5. Supplies and commodities	USD 81,200.00	USD 35,989.76	USD 3,696.72
6. Equipment	USD 63,800.00	USD 13,505.99	USD 3,526.50
7. Travel	-	-	-
8. Miscellaneous	USD 80,400.00	USD 11,759.35	USD 1,491.70
9. Agency Management Support	USD 48,878.00	USD 33,697.18	USD 5,832.33
TOTAL	USD 747,122.00	USD 515,085.42	USD 89,151.35

III. RESULTS

Progress in Project Implementation:

Project Outputs & Activities	Status
<p>Output 1 Enhanced coordination at the field level through strengthening of existing coordination sub-offices.</p>	
<p>1.1 Liaise with regional and local authorities:</p>	<p><u>RC Sub Office in the South</u></p> <p>The sub-office continued to liaise with regional and local authorities on a courtesy and information sharing level with little success during this period with regard to their active participation in coordination meetings due their involvement in municipal elections.</p> <p>The next quarter work plan includes re-establishing close ties with the newly elected municipalities and inviting them to present the needs and assessments of their constituencies.</p> <p><u>RC Sub Office in the North:</u></p> <p>The Sub-Office continued liaising with LPDC and the latter has a field officer that regularly participates in the cluster meetings. UNRC is post-elections arranging a “One UN” introductory meeting to municipal mayors.</p>
<p>1.2 Liaise with civil society, national and international NGOs, donors</p>	<p><u>RC Sub Office in the South</u></p> <p>Meetings were held with local stakeholders (EMDH, LPHU, JBDA, ADR, DPNA, CESVI, Africa 70, Action Against Hunger, Intersos, Imam Sadr Foundation, Nabaa, ICRC, IMC, Red cross among others) aiming at strengthening ties for a re-enforced cooperation. In parallel the sub-office reached out to new partners such as US AID, International Relief, Save the Children Sweden, The World Federation for Women for Peace, The Mighty Oak Tree Organization (MOTO), the Arab Medical Union and other local associations advocating for the rights of vulnerable groups.</p> <p><u>RC Sub Office in the North:</u></p> <p>The Sub-Office continued collaborating with civil society, national and international NGOs in both NBC and Beddawi Camps to enhance the participation of local and international NGOs in the clusters meetings.</p>
<p>1.3 Strengthen coordination mechanisms</p>	<p><u>RC Sub Office in the South</u></p> <p>Five Inter-Agency meetings were conducted in Tyre. UNRWA became a regular and active member on these meetings. Five GCMs were held and witnessed effective coordination among UNIFIL Civil Affairs /CIMIC/ Battalions, UNDP ArtGold, Youth Programms, UNRWA and ILO. For instance the UNIFIL Belgian Battalion organized classes for youth groups supported by UNDP.</p> <p>A Livelihoods meeting was conducted under UNDP lead. Presentations were provided by ILO, Tyre Youth Group and participating International and Local NGOs.</p>

The Sub-office assisted Mr. Michael Williams visit to Nabatiyeh on April 2010 by compiling relevant documents and background papers from UNDP, UNRC and ILO.

Additionally the RCO sub-office:

- Hosted in Tyre the ITF mission to Lebanon in June 2010 and gave a briefing on that occasion.
- Continued to be the normal channel for weekly briefings and updates on security issues, and coordinates UN agencies' inputs to the bi- annual Security Risk Assessment sent by UNIFIL to New York.
- Provided support to the main office and assistance to the UNCT and IWGs meetings.
- Participated in the "Teach-in" sessions launched by UNV/UNIC during the Education For All week 23 to 30 April 2010, where UN staff members visited 36 Lebanese schools (private and public) from different Lebanese regions, effectively reaching over 5000 secondary High school students. The sub-office covered four institutions in Tyre (El-Afak Institute for development, Kadmous School) and Saida (Rafik Hariri Secondary School, El-Hajj Bahaa El-Deen El-Hariri).
- Organized the Second Child Protection meeting for the South in order to launch a platform involving all stakeholders. On this occasion, UNICEF agreed to take the lead for centralized meetings in Beirut while at the same time will be assisting the South, where UNIFIL and two NGO's would take the lead.
- Attended Kafa/OXFAM launching event of the ToT (for women and men to end violence against women), and the 14th Annual Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East on "UN, Human Rights and Women: a Partnership for Empowerment and a Culture of Peace", held in Cyprus from 11 to 14 May 2010, with the participation of 70 women representing 20 different countries. The UNRC Office provide a presentation on the situation of women in Lebanon from a UN perspective, based on inputs gathered from the IWG on Gender, the IWG on HR, and relevant agencies including ESCWA Centre for Women and UNIFIL.

The sub-office is involved in the day to day management, providing a support structure at the UN House in Tyre including logistics and financial support to the main office. The sub-office continued to respond to a number of inquiries and requests regarding UN agencies and NGOs (contact lists, funding and available data on villages and municipalities).

Finally, the UNRCO is strengthening its capacities by providing training to the staff including on-line training. In June, the sub-office Logistics Assistant benefited from a training in International Humanitarian Law in Conflict and Post Conflicts Zones. This Advanced Training Program on Humanitarian Action, (ATHA) is a joint initiative between the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), HPCR International (AISBL) and the

	<p>Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research at Harvard University.</p> <p><u>RC Sub Office in the North:</u></p> <p>One General Coordination Meeting took place during this reporting period. The UNRWA North Management Unit Project Manager updated the international and national non-governmental institutions on the UNRWA relief and recovery programs as well as Camp reconstruction. It is worth noting that several participants expressed their concern on the delay in the NBC reconstruction.</p> <p>The first UN Interagency meeting for the North was also convened in which UN agencies updated each other on their activities in the area. UNRC presented the mapping on UN interventions and the agencies discussed the areas where coordination and collaboration might be possible.</p> <p>UNRC staff provided technical support to the MDG-F Program Conflict Prevention and Peace Building in North Lebanon (UN Joint Programme).</p> <p>Eight cluster meetings and one UN interagency meeting took place during the reporting period April-June 2010:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Health/Mental Health Psychosocial • Three Education • One General Coordination Meeting • One UN Inter-agency <p>UNRC commenced an initiative outreach to Akkar area through participation in the MDG-F activities (meetings & field visits) in addition to participating in workshops and roundtable such as the latest that were held by Relief International.</p>
<p>Output 2: Comprehensive information collection system at the field level established and shared with stakeholders and the public at large.</p>	
<p>2.1 Display comprehensive database on the webpage</p>	<p><u>RC Sub Office in the North:</u></p> <p>The North Sub-Office continued uploading information to ensure an accurate update of all recovery operations information on the NBC website.</p>
<p>2.2 Development, production and dissemination of maps</p>	<p><u>RC Sub Office in the South</u></p> <p>The sub-office assisted in its efforts to re-design a centralized data management system.</p> <p><u>RC Sub Office in the North:</u></p> <p>The mapping of UN interventions in the North was completed and sent to the agencies for their review. The Sub-Office is also mapping the activities of all organizations working in Akkar, Minnieh/Dinnieh and Tripoli. This information will be incorporated into the UNRCO central information management system.</p>

<p>2.3 Develop strong links with other GIS staff</p>	<p><u>RC Sub Office in the South</u> A visit was conducted to UNIFIL in order to share and harmonize data entry and information collection with a view of creating a compiled matrix for the South.</p> <p><u>RC Sub Office in the North:</u> The North Sub-Office continued to maintain an updated contact list of all active stakeholders in both Nahr el-Bared and Beddawi Camps. This list is shared with partners on a regular basis. The Sub-Office is also developing a contact list for Akkar, Minnieh/Dinnieh and Tripoli.</p>
<p>2.4 Produce maps that support sectoral working groups</p>	<p><u>RC Sub Office in the South</u> Whenever possible, the Sub-office continued to maintain data entry of various information related to the NGO Matrix, Cooperative Assessment, UNDP Projects and provided information to the Map unit, the UNRC website and all stakeholders, and responded to few requests for maps.</p> <p><u>RC Sub Office in the North:</u> Cluster and inter-cluster minutes of meeting were disseminated to all participants and posted online at www.lebanon-support.org/nbc All clusters' action plans are also updated and disseminated on a regular basis.</p>

Implementation Constraints

For the RC Sub-Office in the South.

No ambitious accomplishments due to the lack of resources and time as a consequence of municipal elections and the involvement of local authorities diminished during this period.

For the RC Sub-Office in the North.

The challenge in staffing the Coordination and Reporting Officer position has impacted marginally the pace of work in the office.

Key Partnerships & Collaboration

For the RC Sub-Office in the South.

The reporting period witnessed enhanced inter-agency collaboration but also more interaction between UN agencies and NGOs present in the South.

For the RC Sub-Office in the North.

The North Sub-Office continued its partnerships and collaboration with the communities, authorities, civil society organizations, international and national NGOs, donors and UN agencies. It is worth mentioning that the Sub-Office is in discussions with the Norwegian Refugee Council and UNRWA regarding the development of a Camp Management Program.

IV. FUTURE WORK PLAN

KEY ACTIVITIES	July				August				September			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Output 1 Enhanced coordination at the field level through strengthening of existing coordination sub-offices.												
Liaise between the central and regional level	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	X
Strengthen relations with newly elected municipalities.	x	x	x	X					x	x	x	x
Support advocacy campaigns regarding the rights of vulnerable groups, Set up a child protection platform	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Work towards the creation of a gender platform					X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Coordination of Shelter/WatSan Cluster meetings (including agendas, MoM, and Action Plan)			X					X				x
Coordination of Education Cluster Meetings (including agendas, MoM, and Action Plan)			x					x				X
Coordination of Health/MHPS Cluster Meetings (including agendas, MoM, and Action Plan)				x			x				X	
Convening regularly General Coordination Meetings (including agendas, MoM, and Action Plan)				x			x					X
Attending NMU Meetings		x		x		x		x		x		X
Maintaining an updated contact list for active organizations in NBC	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Liaising with local and international NGOs					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Liaising with local authorities									x	x	x	x
Liaising with LPDC	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Liaising with RRC									X	x	x	x
Liaising with UN Agencies	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Hold a bi-monthly UN inter-agency meeting in the North composed of all UN agencies working in the area.					x	x	x	X				
Providing technical support to UN agencies in the North on a needs basis	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Output 2 Comprehensive information collection system at the field level established and shared with stakeholders and the public at large.												
Re-design the data management system and upload relevant info on the website	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Create promotional material and a newsletter.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Liaising with Lebanon Support and uploading necessary cluster documents to the website	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Conducting Media Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Releasing a regular newsletter that covers all UNRCO activities in Lebanon	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Establishing a GIS system	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Maintaining an updated contact list for active UN agencies, municipalities, donors and line ministries in Lebanon	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mapping the activities of all organizations working in North and South	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Adjustments to strategies, outcomes or outputs:

RC Sub-Office in the South

Revitalize relations with the newly elected municipalities in spite of an expected slowdown due to Ramadan.

Restructuring the office implies new adjustments.

RC Sub-Office in the North

The office has adapted its work plan to reflect the changes and demands of partners in the North.