

MINUTES OF MEETING

NFI sector meeting

17 June 2020

Online via WebEx

Present Agencies GVC, GOPA, RESCATE, RSRP, SSSD, TGH, UNHCR, UNICEF
Chaired by NFI Sector

Action	Focal Point	Timeline
1. Provide inputs to Online NFI Catalogue – pending from last meeting	Sector partners	ASAP
2. Share the two-month plan with partners who didn't receive it	NFI sector	After the meeting
3. Share OCHA's questionnaire on impact of economic situation on humanitarian actors	NFI sector	Once received next week

I. Review of Action Points:

- Recirculate – NFI catalogue, Safe Distribution Guidelines and Distribution guidelines during COVID-19 – done
- 4Ws to be shared with the two-month plan – done
- Provide updates on how COVID-19 has affected NFI distributions: e.g. postponing, taking additional precautionary measures or shifting assistance <https://enketo.unhcr.org/x/#fSubYCCM> If additional guidance is needed contact the sector – done
- For people in need of hygiene items outside of camps and collective shelters – please share locations with the NFI sector as soon as possible to refer to WASH for HKs – HCR – did
- Provide comments on safe distribution guidelines no inputs received
- Provide inputs to Online NFI Catalogue – pending
- Post distribution monitoring follow up with NES and NWS on conducting PDMs - pending

II. COVID Update

1. We continue to conduct mapping to understand what projects are going forward, humanitarian impact, gaps and disruptions to services
2. The sector provided updated guidelines in the beginning of July reflecting lessons learnt from those who conducted distributions and inputs from HI (formerly Handicap International)
3. Response plan – immediate referrals to WASH and repairs to camps and CS
4. UNICEF and Rescate have trained their partners/staff who are distributing NFIs on the ground on the trainings provided by WHO and guidelines provided by the sector. GVC plans to start trainings shortly.
5. RESCATE trained their staff as well.
6. Partners reported that due to shortage of available PPEs in the market, , partners mainly distributed the PPEs to the health workers and when needed in the distribution points.

III. Updates

National Exams

The sectors were asked to support students crossing from crossline and Lebanon to take the exams. Exams were postponed for the 9th graders; for 12th graders, about 13,000 students were planned. The time frame was very short, UNHCR has stepped up. Each student will receive from UNHCR the following items: mattress, blanket, mattress cover.

Each 5 students will receive 1 solar lamp, keeping in mind that all WASH related work has already been done, and NFI needs will be covered.

An update from Aleppo field focal point on the students received in Aleppo:

521 male students were received today with 18 supervisors in 3 centers. Female students will arrive later, once they arrive Aleppo field office will provide us with the figures, these students will be received in 7 other schools.

SHF - the allocation will most likely be released early July after Brussels. It is expected to focus on prep for a possible 2nd outbreak, multi-sectoral responses, and increasing resilience. Geographic areas are including Jebel Saman and districts of Aleppo we identified as well as part of Hama, Homs and Rural Damascus. Emergency prep – which includes winterization

2020 HRP update and timeline:

- Mid-year review is scheduled to start mid-July – will communicate timelines.
- In advance, the Sector will be updating NFI PiN
- Mtgs with government on HNO and HRP: OCHA have had a couple of meetings with the ministries including the inter-ministerial meeting was held on the HNO/ HRP moving forward, we are expecting the midyear review will start shortly. Number of people in need of NFI will be updated based on recent events in the NES and NWS and COVID-19, the updates will be shared once we get the outcome of this meeting.

IV. Seasonal NFIs

- The sector developed guidelines for pillows and bedsheets.
- Agencies update:
 - RESCATE was planning to distribute some items as in kind NFI for this summer, but due to the inflation, and unstable pricing they decided to shift their response to multi-sectoral cash/ vouchers including NFI. This modality will be implemented in Rural Damascus and costal area.
 - SSSD is facing some difficulties in procurement, due to the constant changing in pricing, and because suppliers cannot commit to the same price for a long period of time, therefore they cannot commit to any NFI plan in the meantime, on the other hand they are willing to assist any partner or agency on the ground in their distribution if needed, since their teams are available in Idleb, Al Hasakeh and are familiar with the process.
 - UNICEF: Planned their distributions mainly in Al Hasakeh camps (Al Hol and Nawrouz camp) children summer clothing kits (6 months to 14 years) will be provided to 37,000, procurement process is ongoing. All accessible areas in Idleb will be targeted (Sinjar, Khan Shaikhon and Abu Al Dohor) around 8,000 kits will be provided.
- We will be sharing next week a questionnaire developed by OCHA on concrete evidence how the economic situation is having an impact on humanitarian assistance, once received the sector will share with all the partners, each agency should fill it accordingly.

V. AOB

- 4Ws and 2-month plan