

## Summary of Key Points

7 October 2024

<b>Venue</b>	UNHCR Office KS1
<b>Present Partners</b>	Ayadina Charity, CARITAS, EPDC, GOPA, ONG RESCATE, TDH, MEDAIR, SHEILD, SOS Villages, UNHCR Homs, UNRWA, ZOA
<b>Chaired by</b>	Mahamat Alhadi, Senior Shelter Cluster Coordination Officer.

Action Points	Focal Point	Timeline
<b>1. Partners to update their funding statuses</b>	Partners	With the September 4Ws
<b>2. Initiate TWG for the new winter kit price</b>	Sector	By 22 October
<b>3. Share the MOM of Rural Damascus suboffice related to the recent emergency in Lebanon</b>	Sector	With the MOM of this meeting
<b>4. Partners to report their winter activities through the 4Ws on monthly basis</b>	Partners	Monthly

### **I. NFI Sector Update:**

By the end of August 2024, NFI sector partners had provided essential supplies (including core relief and winter items) to over 120,000 individuals. However, this figure accounts for less than 11% of the targeted population, primarily due to critical funding shortages and newly implemented approval processes that delayed distribution.

To address these challenges and ensure timely preparedness for the upcoming winter season, the NFI sector strongly encourages partners and stakeholders to begin winter planning early. This proactive approach will be crucial in effectively supporting vulnerable populations during harsh weather conditions.

### **II. Updates the displacement from Lebanon Emergency:**

On October 7, the "SYRIA: Inter-Agency Emergency Appeal" launched in Damascus. Over 220,000 individuals have crossed the border since September 23. UNHCR has expanded its presence at a fifth border crossing "Jesr Al Qmar".

Airstrikes near Masnaa on October 4 temporarily reduced arrivals through Jdaidet Yabous, other border points remained operational.. UNHCR and SARC provided bus services to displaced families. The Syrian government extended the waiver for mandatory currency exchange, facilitating entry for Syrians fleeing Lebanon.

Urgent Needs: Protection risks, especially for women and girls, require urgent attention. Winter items and core items are needed for families in need. Humanitarian assistance must be scaled up to meet the growing needs of displaced populations.

Hosting Centers: Local authorities have established hosting centers for vulnerable Lebanese families. As of October 5, 1,997 families (9,983 individuals) are being accommodated in these centers. Partners are providing essential items and mitigating risks for women and girls.

### **III. Beginning of Winter Season 2024-2025 update:**

The NFI sector estimated that 3.3 million people are in need of winter NFI assistance, with the winter target set at over 1 million individuals. Participants discussed prioritized target groups and locations, considering factors such as vulnerability, geographic location, and accessibility. The meeting also delved into partner capacity, assessing their strengths, weaknesses, and potential areas for collaboration.

Identified gaps in resources, funding requirements, and potential funding sources were discussed. Participants outlined key advocacy messages and target audiences for raising awareness and mobilizing support. Specific guidance and recommendations were provided to NFI sector members based on the discussions.

A clear framework for winter reporting was established, including frequency, data points, and reporting channels. The structure of the post-winter PDM was also outlined, encompassing key activities, timelines, and responsibilities.

#### **IV. Partners update:**

UNRWA: in reference to the crisis in Lebanon, UNRWA distributed around 825 kits to Palestine refugees HH coming from Lebanon through the Syrian borders. On the other hand, 1,525 HH from those who were affected by the earthquake received assistance including Blankets. this delay is because of postponement in the logistics for blankets. And with that the EQ distributions will be finalized. For the upcoming year of 2025 there no funding secured so far for the NFI, but UNRWA is working on it.

TDH: distribution of 450 winterization kits in Maskaneh in Aleppo, and the plan for October is to distribute 450 winterization kit in Rhaibeh in Rural Damascus. On the Lebanon Emergency, the funding is not secured at the moment but there is a plan to distribute 1000 winterization kit to Syrian returnees in Rural Damascus and Lattakia.

CARITAS: through there partners caritas there is a plan to reach 3,000 HH outside of emergency response starting from November it will be one payment as per the recommendation by the cash working group.

GOPA: for NFIs the focus is mainly in Al Hasakeh and Daraa and Hama, during the emergency, GOPA opened their centers to returnees and refugees to receive multiple assistance. There is also a plan to interfere with winter assistance in Saydeh Zainab in Rural Damascus.

ZOA: focusing on 3 governorates, Rural Damascus, Qunitra and Sweida, the mainly with Bio-Wood heaters and the Bio-wood.

RESCATE: will continue the distribution of 1,800 heaters and 3 patches of bio-wood in Deir Ezzor, which has been shifted from last winter season to this one.

Medair: plan to distribute 350 NFI kit in Rural Homs in Al Qusaier.

Ayadina: during October the main focus is on the returnees from Lebanon where distribution of winter clothing kits and shoes is happening, for future plan its still a bit vague due to lack of funding.

EPDC: confirmation from SHF was granted and some routine process is ongoing at the moment, once finalized distribution of heaters to 1,350 HH in 5 communities in Busra Al Sham in Daraa Governorate. Regarding the Lebanon Crisis EPDC has the ability to assist in the hosting centers with items including NFIs but the funds are limited.

#### **V. Reporting & IM.**

- The sector IM reminded the partners of the main IM reporting deadlines and the various sector products.
- Partners are encouraged to contact sector IM for any needed clarification.