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**The first distribution Cluster Meeting in Shatila Camp
- July 10th, 2007 -**

Lebanon-support held its first Distribution Cluster Meeting in Shatila Refugee camp on Tuesday July 10th, 2007, in presence of the UNRWA and a number of NGOs working on the relief of IDPs fleeing to Mar Elias region, Shatila and Burj El Barajneh camps.

At first, Lebanon-support Data Coordinator, Ghassan Abou Char identified the main objective of the present meeting, as to link between parties working in the distribution field, and coordinate their different activities, i.e. distribution of FI and NFI, as well as to identify the quantity and category of the distributed items.

Food Items (FI):

At first, the UNRWA provided the attendants with information about the Food distribution.

Distribution of Food parcels to IDPs fleeing from Nahr El Bared towards Shatila and Burj El Barajneh (twice for IDPs families and once for the host families), and considering a second distribution for host families.

UNRWA is distributing one food parcel for each family every 15 days.

During July, UNRWA has distributed 9.700 parcels and 2.000 children parcels, and is intending to distribute the same quantity during August.

Each parcel contains:

Rice – sugar – pasta – milk – oil – tuna cans – cheese – tea – jam – salt – food cans.

The same parcel is being distributed to all families, and is sufficient for 15 days.

It is to be noted that the UNRWA has set a distribution plan especially for Ramadan.

Nahr El Bared Campaign

The above mentioned campaign is distributing 300 parcels per week to 212 families in Shatila camp and its neighborhood.

Each parcel contains:

Lentils – rice – tea – food cans – milk – sugar – halawe – jam.

As for the **Women Association Emergency Committee**, it has distributed meat and vegetables inside Burj El Barajneh camp.

On the other hand, the **CYC** is intending to distribute 225 parcels as of Thursday July 12th, while the **Organization of the Liberation** will start the distribution after identifying the unavailable Food Items.

Al Aqsa Association

The above mentioned association has distributed food parcels that contain:

Cheese – food cans – milk for babies – rice – sugar.

Furthermore, it has distributed meat twice, and it will be distributing feasts all along Ramadan.

On the other hand, Al Aqsa Association is ready to deliver drinking water if provided by any party or actor.

As for the **Najdeh Association**, it has organized a workshop about the IDPs needs and has checked for the following gaps:

Clothing – shoes – water – electrical lighters.

Non Food Items

UNRWA said that it has storage of mattresses, pillows, pillow covers, hygiene kits, water gallons, etc. ready to be used upon the IDPs return.

The above mentioned organization provided the list of associations that are ready to offer non-food items.

The UNRWA will keep on distributing assistance to schools.

The IDPs families from Nahr El Bared got cash money in order to meet their needs of clothing, shoes and underwear, the same goes for pregnant women in their fifth month.

Al Aqsa Association

It has distributed a pair of shoes, two pillows and two mattresses for each family, and is providing diapers for babies, on weekly basis.

The **Nahr El Bared Campaign** has distributed diapers and toilet papers.

The **CYC** has provided 225 clothing kits.

At the end, the associations agreed that gaps at the distribution level are the following:

Drinking water and bread, the two basic needs that haven't been distributed since the beginning of the crisis, as well as vegetables and fruits...

Suggestions given during the meeting:

To take into consideration the UNRWA assessment of families;

To sign a contract with a Water providing company and to rely on a voucher system;

To distribute bread to the IDPs families;

To find a joint storehouse for the UNRWA and all associations;

To inform the association/ distributor of what have been previously distributed.

Agreements and commitments:

To contact Hezbollah and ask same to fill the water tanks inside the camp with water.

To approve that, distributions will be alternately from now on.

The Distribution Activities:

July 12th, for the CYC

July 20th, for the Nahr El Bared Campaign

August 1st, for the UNRWA

It is to be noted that the association that finishes the distribution must give a check list of same to the other concerned associations.

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