

**Protection Working Group Meeting
UN Office, Tyre, Houche
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II – Child Protection Briefing - UNICEF

Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict:

Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict Radhika Coomaraswamy completed a three days fact finding visit to Lebanon. The Special Representative has met with Lebanese officials and UN heads of Agencies in Beirut, Tyre and Naqoura. In addition, the Special Representative has visited a number of war affected villages and Shatilla camp.

Fact finding and discussions were focused on the impact of war on the children, UXOs and cluster bombs, attacks on schools and hospitals and the denial of humanitarian services to children.

The special representative suggested setting an informal monitoring/reporting system focused on child protection in Lebanon - an issue that will be discussed on the next PWG.

For any additional information or communications UNICEF and/or OHCHR could be contacted.

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Projects:

- UNICEF will launch a workshop on violence for volunteers
- Starting mid may, UNICEF will start a Psycho social training for 30 social workers.

III- Protection projects sustainability and drug abuse

Projects sustainability:

The issue of projects sustainability, namely, child friendly spaces was discussed; it was discussed that the SDCs and/or the municipalities could potentially take the lead on that.

Drug abuse:

It was suggested that “raising awareness on drug abuse” should be included in the projects especially that the rate of abusers is increasing in Beirut universities and schools.

IV- Protection monitoring and capacity building projects – DRC / INTERSOS

Danish Refugee Council:

The Danish Refugee Council is implementing a UNHCR funded project for capacity building of select Social Development Centers (SDCs) of the Ministry of Social Affairs, in conflict affected areas of Beirut/Dahye, Bekaa and South Lebanon. The project includes a needs assessment and distribution of equipment to the select SDCs. Another component of the project includes workshops for SDC staff and partner NGOs on issues concerning participatory assessments, child protection, the elderly, people with disabilities, as well as prevention and response to sexual and gender based violence. The DRC project also incorporates protection monitoring and an assessment on the situation of the Iraqis in Lebanon. Through this project, the SDCs will be supported to develop projects and activities related to protection and relief for children, youth, the elderly and other vulnerable groups among IDPs and host community.

INTEROS:

INTEROS is implementing a UNHCR funded project in the Kadas of Tyre, Nabatiye, Bint Jbeil and Marjayoun targeting extremely vulnerable individuals (E.V.I), Grass root organizations and community. The project aims to assess the protection needs in order to be able to describe the trends and patterns Another component of the project is the quick impact projects that will be found during the assessment in addition to networking and capacity building of local organizations through referring cases and organizing trainings, workshops and focus groups.

V- Next meeting

- Next meeting: Tyre Houche- 13:00, April 27, 2007