

## WHO priorities and suggested nutrition interventions for Lebanon

Provide support to national institutions (MoH, NGOs) to:

- **Monitoring Food supplies** (distributed by WFP and other donators):

Ensure food security of the population, particularly the refugee population and from the poor socio-economic strata

Monitor Quality of the food distributed taking into account the Lebanese public health problems (e.g. High prevalence of diabetes, hypercholesterolemia and other cardiovascular disease risk factor)

Monitor food safety: expiring dates, no separate distribution of dry milk etc

- **Infant feeding**

Monitor infant formulas donation and distribution: working policy on the use of infant breast milk substitutes, close monitoring in areas with no access to safe water...

Monitor the quality of foods distributed for infant complementary feeds

- **Nutrition assessment**

- **Capacity Building**

Nutrition Department: to undertake rapid assessment of the nutrition status of the population. This may require basic training, providing with the necessary equipment and resources.

- Collaborate with the Food & Nutrition Department of the American University Beirut, to train postgraduate f&n students to assist in rapid assessment of nutrition situation.

- In most vulnerable areas (e.g. refugee camps), organize monthly rapid nutritional assessment among under five children in order to identify and treat cases of malnutrition and monitor the evolving situation.

- **Coordination and mapping**

Elaborate a monthly mapping of "Who's doing what and where" in the area on nutrition in emergencies.