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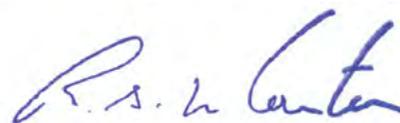
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Foreword

In an effort to improve living conditions in Palestinian Gatherings in Lebanon, UNDP and UN-HABITAT have put out this report to provide an insight to the urgent needs in Palestinian Gatherings. The report presents a call for action to provide adequate and inclusive services in these “grey areas” that continue to be home to 110,000 Palestinian refugees and now an additional 30,000 Palestinians and Syrians who are recent refugees from the conflict in Syria. Often falling through the cracks in terms of support availability, Palestinian Gatherings are among the most vulnerable host communities in Lebanon. This situation has been exacerbated with the influx of Palestinian and Syrian refugees over the past three years. As such, they deserve more attention to alleviate pressures and social tensions.

We believe that through enhanced information on the situation in these communities and their increasing needs, a more effective and coordinated response can also be achieved by organizations active in the Gatherings. This report profiles all 42 Palestinian Gatherings and summarizes their principle needs and identifies a set of recommendations that could allow for improved response to the gaps in services and increasing needs in these areas. This report may be seen as a quick reference guide for different stakeholders and a basis for inspiring the design of effective and integrated interventions. I hope this report will stimulate discussion on how Palestinian Gatherings that are serving as host communities for refugees can be supported both for the immediate emergency and to introduce medium and long term sustainable development solutions.

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Executive Summary

This report is produced in the context of the UNDP / UN-Habitat programme in Palestinian gatherings in Lebanon, implemented in partnership with the Lebanese – Palestinian Dialogue Committee (LPDC). The Programme aims at enhancing access to basic urban services, mainly WASH, and improving shelter conditions in these areas which have been hosting refugees from Syria mainly since 2012. It aims at profiling the 42 Palestinian gatherings in Lebanon, summarizing the main needs and providing a set of recommendations for better response in these areas, especially following the accommodations of new refugees. The main objective is to use this document as a draft for enhancing response to the host and the new refugee communities among organizations active in the gatherings.

The report summarizes the main findings of a qualitative Rapid Needs Assessment (RNA) which was carried out between April and July 2013 and updated until May 2014. It focuses on the needs of the host refugee communities (PRL), taking into consideration the implications of the accommodation of refugees from Syria (PRS) and the specific needs of this group as well. The RNA covered all 42 gatherings in the regions of Beirut, the North, Saida, Tyre and

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