Reconstruction:
Works progress in Packages 1, 2 and the schools. Finishing works continue in block N2. The main sewerage pipes have been connected. As for access to water in Package 1, water pipes have been connected from the Iranian well in the adjacent area. The design for fencing the whole of Package 1 has been finished. The tender will be prepared and launched before the end of February. The Furniture Grant Committee has and submitted its report. The recommendations will be discussed by UNRWA and the Popular Committee. Once the methodology for payment and the amounts of the grants are agreed, a statement will be published to the community.

Note for Clarification: It appears that there has been some confusion over the manner to raise different issues related to reconstruction, in particular questions about the designs of the apartments that are under construction. To raise questions or objections, please submit a letter to UNRWA staff who are present and working in the NBRC office.

Visits to NBC:
On February 11, the US Ambassador to Lebanon, Maura Connelly, visited NBC and the adjacent areas. The Ambassador was briefed on UNRWA's emergency and normal services with a focus on the NBC reconstruction. The Ambassador's visit ended in UNRWA's Health Clinic II, built thanks to a US donation. There, the Ambassador was briefed on the health and hospitalizations services provided to NBC refugees.

A Town Hall meeting to discuss payment of the grants for the rehabilitation in the prime areas:
Last week, under the patronage of the NBC Follow Up Committee, a town hall meeting was organized in Al Rabie Hall for the residents of the prime areas. The meeting was organized to present the mechanism of the payment of cheques under the Italian funded project. The meeting was attended by the Popular Committee, members representing the Lebanese Fund for the Displaced, the Follow Up Committee, and the contracted NGOs. The mechanism for issuing checks will be the following. First, a technical check up to the house will be conducted. Second, a contract will be signed. Third, 60% of the grant will be provided to start the work. Fourth,
another technical check up will be made to gauge the progress of works. Fifth, to receive the remaining 40% of the funds, residents will need to fill out a form to send to the Lebanese Fund for the Displaced for approval. During the meeting, the community voiced concerns over the timeline of the Italian Project, the release of A Prime, rehabilitated homes at personal expense, and questions about the totally destroyed houses.

On February 21, a symbolic ceremony to hand over cheques will be held in Al Rabie Hall in NBC at 11:00 am. It will be attended by the Italian Ambassador. The formal issuance of cheques of the beneficiaries on the first list will take place within days of the ceremony. As soon as the schedule is finalized by the NGOs, the NBC Updates will publish the dates, timings and the paperwork each will need to bring with him or her.

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Education:
On February 16, UNRWA staff from different departments met to form a group to prepare the next school year in the three new NBC schools. The group is made up of NMU management, education management, engineering, procurement and logistics, and communications. During this first meeting, the group discussed all the steps which need to be put in place to get the new schools ready to receive students in September.

Health:
UNRWA has signed a contract with a psychiatrist for the NBC and Beddawi health clinics. The doctor will provide community members in need with psychiatric support. For more information, please go to the health centers and request to make an appointment. Bear in mind that UNRWA has instated an appointment system in its clinics. This is to reduce wait time and increase consultation time. We encourage you to take advantage of the appointment system.

Relief:
In last week’s update, there was a misprint in the Arabic version with regards to the distribution of the food assistance for the SHC families. The correct schedule is as follows:

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NGOs News:
Today on February 18, under the patronage of the Director of Literature, Humanities and Sciences at the Lebanese University in Qubba, the Palestinian Arab Culture Club is holding a ceremony to honor the Palestinian university graduates in the north. The ceremony will take place in the Palestinian Youth Hall in Beddawi camp.

The registration for the pastry and sweets courses is still open at the Women’s Program Center in NBC. The course will last four months.

Announcement:
NEW GRANTS FOR FEMALE RUN BUSINESSES IN NBC: Under the Austrian funded project, Capacity Building for Women and Girls from NBC, all NBC women whose businesses were destroyed in the conflict and who have re-opened without benefiting from any other grants are invited to apply for grants in the WPC/NBC on Monday, February 21 and Tuesday, February 22. The grants are limited to women from NBC only. The two Community Credit Assistants will accept applications only during these two days! Please note, the submission of an application does not necessarily mean that an applicant will be automatically eligible for a grant.
Clarification Note on the Issuance of New Registration Cards

In December 2010, UNRWA started to issue the new registration cards through a new computerized registration system. One month after the start of the use of the computerized system, the Agency would like to clarify the following:

1. The Agency would like to reiterate that new registration cards are only issued when a modification to the personal status on the registration card needs to be made such as:
   - new births
   - separation because of marriage
   - divorce
   - death
   - etc

   Apart from this, all old registration cards remain valid for eligibility to all UNRWA services and for the issuance of any travel documents for Palestine refugees by the offices of the Lebanese Sûreté Générale.

2. As per usual, when making a modification to the registration card, go to the Area Registration Offices in your area. In the absence of spelling problems, a new registration card can be obtained on the same day.

3. If there appears to be a difference in spelling between the computer database and the names on your old card, changing the names and issuing a new card will take 48 hours and will be available for collection at the registration office.

4. Registration offices in all five areas are open daily from 7:30 to 12:30.