CPWG 9 July 2019 Call

Participants:

CPWG members: Adriana Estrada (Spanish Red Cross), Fredrick M. Orimba (Kenyan Red Cross), Moore Anne Katherine (Swiss Red Cross), Mareike Tobiassen (German Red Cross), Marianna Kuttothara (American Red Cross), Jo Burton (ICRC), Caroline Holt (IFRC),) and Shirin Narymbaeva (IFRC).

Excused: Lisbet Elvakjaer (Danish Red Cross), Klug Wolfgang (Austrian Red Cross), Emma Delo (British Red Cross), Orhan Hacimehmet (TRC).

Introduction, review of the agenda

The CPWG meeting began with the review of the agenda. The deadline to comment on the minutes of the face-to-face meeting held in 17-19 June was extended to 18 July. If no comments are received by then, the minutes will be considered final.

Updates

Caroline Holt will be taking the role of the Deputy Director for the Europe Regional Office role for 3 months from 15 July to 15 October. It will mean that she will be stepping down from the CPWG Chair role. Joseph will take the role of the Cash Lead for the period in Geneva. However, there will be a need for a co-chair to fill in during Caroline's absence. In terms workload it will include a CPWG call in September to prepare for a meeting with the Cash AG, keep track of progress and forming the agenda for the face-to-face meeting. Any volunteers to act as a co-chair for Jo, please send your expression of interest to Caroline and Jo.

German RC Cash FP is working on the feedback to the Common Donor approach on Humanitarian Cash ahead of the meeting next Wednesday.

Comments

- Advocacy WG is focusing on the Movement, however, if there is an interest among the CPWG to prioritize the development of messages for external audience around such topics as Common Donor Approach, Advocacy WG can work on it as well.
- Common Messages and speaking notes of the meeting that the CPWG chairs had on Common Cash were shared. CPWG is encouraged to support these messages with supporting examples.

Action points/Decisions:

- Anyone interested in acting as a co-chair with Jo, please send your expression of interest to Caroline and Jo. During Caroline's absence, co-chairing does not have to be limited to one person. It could be several people working with Jo on different pieces of work.
- Kenyan RC will host CPWG's meeting with the Cash AG (23 October) as well as the CPWG face-to-face meeting (21-22 October). Shirin from the CPWG and Frederick from the Kenyan RC side to follow up on logistics.
- CPWG members to encourage their partners to look at the membership pack and solicit interest.
- Membership: As there has not been extensive interest in CPWG membership, the suggestion is to keep it open with reviews once per quarter to assess new interest. Admission of new members should be aligned with face-to-face meetings, so that new members start with

- face-to-face meetings. Until there is a significant interest, the CPWG membership can be kept open with no deadlines for NSs to apply when they are ready.
- Co-chairmanship: all members of the CPWG are considered as potential candidates and are
 eligible to be co-chairs. Current chairs are looking to have people who would complement
 each other in terms of skillset, interest and NS origin. The suggested process is that during
 the October meeting members will vote for the new chairs. If there are members who have
 reasons that make them unable to lead the group, please notify Caroline and Jo via e-mail.

Next call dates

The agenda of the call to include: (1) final preparations for the two October meetings, and (2) the CPWG workplan (activities against the strategic elements of the roadmap). There is a workplan that originates from the Strategic Framework.

Action points

CPWG Coordinator to send out draft workplan to CPWG prior to the September call. CPWG
is to then to consolidate a work plan by prioritizing, which in turn will feed the face-to-face
meeting in October.

Cash AG Meeting Preparation

Ideas proposed by the chairs:

- Updates on progress against the targets set last September highlighting achievements and challenges.
- Advocacy messages developed by the Advocacy WG.
- In advance of the International Conference taking place in December, Geneva, a cash pledge
 to scale up the use of cash is being prepared. CPWG is to lobby for the pledge to be
 positively received.
- Regional and National sustainable structures on cash how we are working within the Movement keeping localization, NS preparedness in mind.

Comments:

- Review of the recent cash operations. This can be packaged in topics such as NS' system upgrading, etc.

Action points

- CPWG members are to brainstorm and send more topics for both events in October.

AOB:

- Rotational Delegate Programme in Greece is open for applications. The advertisement was sent out to the CPWG.
- Cash Preparedness sub WG shared a mapping of where people are engaged in cash preparedness. Following discussions from the June meeting, more innovative methodology to exchange, display and manage this data needs to be developed.