

CPWG Meeting Nairobi 21-22 October 2019

Participants:

CPWG members: Lisbet Elvakjaer (Danish Red Cross), Joseph Oliveros (IFRC), Klug Wolfgang (Austrian Red Cross), Moore Anne Katherine (Swiss Red Cross), Mareike Tobiassen (German Red Cross), (IFRC) Emma Delo (British Red Cross), Orhan Hacimehmet (TRC), Sammy Mbuguah (Kenyan Red Cross), Marianna Kuttothara (American Red Cross), Jo Burton (ICRC) and Shirin Narymbaeva

Excused: Robert Ghosn (Belgian Red Cross), Kalkidan Belete (Ethiopian Red Cross), Netherlands Red Cross.

Introduction, review of the agenda

The CPWG meeting began with the review of the agenda.

The current chairs explained the process around the election of new chairs. Two members of the CPWG withdrew their names from the list due to limited availability. Marianna and Emma have been elected as new chairs of the CPWG 2019-2020.

Updates of Action Points

The [Actions Log](#) was collectively reviewed and updated.

Update on the ESSN:

IFRC will take over the project from WFP from 1 April, 2020. At the moment parties are discussing the handover process, beginning in February 2020. The total budget of the project is EUR 500 000 000 EUR for one year. There might be additional EUR 350 000 000 top ups. Previously ESSN used to be only for basic needs, however multiple layers of objectives have been added with Kizilai Kart.

The IFRC ESSN advanced team is being created at the moment and NSs are invited to recommend their experts particularly on IM and IT but also on thematic areas such as protection. IFRC is also looking to fill the regional position in Europe.

Action Points:

- IFRC to document and share the lessons learnt from the proposal application process. (Joseph to follow up and update the CPWG)

Discussions on Cash and Logs:

The CPWG noted the range of achievements of this workstream in developing outputs and products that clarify and will support the operationalisation of the role of logistics in cash. Current work includes clarifying the roles and responsibilities of logistics in particular with regards to market assessments. MAT training will be piloted for the second time – feedback has been very positive. The Cash for Support Services training has received a lot of positive feedback, it is suggested that the level II training should integrate some of its modules. E-learning on FSP and procurement was developed. This workstream is part of the SMCC, therefore its deliverables relate to the entire Movement. Counting Goods as an initiative was discussed as something comparable to the Counting Cash initiative and this raise the important issue of cash needing to be reflected on the mobilisation table in times of emergency.

Cash and Surge Optimization Process: Surge optimization process aims at achieving operational excellence. It started in 2017 to address the deficiencies in international surge response, looking at a framework, personnel, and tools to improve performance and accountability in emergency operations. In terms integration of cash:. Three role profiles were developed using the existing cash technical competency framework as an important place holder in the process. These will need to be updated in 2020 once the updated cash competency framework is in place:

- CVA Coordinator (Assessment)
- CVA Officer (Implementation)
- Cash IM

A consultant was hired to review technical competency framework for cash. Cash IM was developed combining cash competencies, IM competencies and additional roles/responsibilities. Activities and deliverables for cash coordinator and an IM support service were mapped.

PER and Cash Preparedness Mapping was shared. Linkages between Cash Preparedness and PER, FbF, OCAC need to be better explored. Feedback from NS's going through these processes is that they underestimated the level of effort, resources and time these processes take when committing to these initiatives.

Action points/Decisions:

- Integrate the Preparedness Dashboard with Counting Cash Visualization. Joseph and Lisa to take this forward and update the CPWG in 2020

CPWG Workplan

The CPWG members reviewed the activities that were already defined, identified the status and gaps with an idea that the prioritized activities become the CPWG's workplan.

Action Points:

- Clean and share the CPWG workplan
- CPWG members are to brainstorm activities under the following headlines (a survey link will be sent out to collect input):
 - Research Agenda/Evidence building
 - Updating guidance and tools
 - Keeping movement and ourselves updated on key developments on cash (Stronger link Regional WG, Updating cash hub)
 - Advocacy

Updating the Movement Cash Preparedness Guidance and Tools

E. Delo presented the progress made in updating the Cash Preparedness Guidance and Tools. The guidance are to be completed by the end of Q1 2020.

Action points

- Summary indicators and detailed technical guidance will be re-shared. Once shared, the CPWG will have 2 further weeks for comments.
- Indicator 5 is to be separated to measure satisfaction and CEA separately.

Day 2

IM Working Group update:

The IM WG update presentation can be found [here](#).

Cash IM role profile was developed. E-learning module that combines cash and IM skills development is being created. The IM WG is working closely with the SIMS network and hopes to be

embedded in the SIMS framework. Cash IM Regional Workshop in Europe is planned for early November.

Review of the RC2 (the enhanced version of ODK) is planned.

Questions:

- Cash IM profile – how resourced is it? There are already people that fit both IM and cash profiles.
- Can Red Rose handle case management – for the Bahamas operations case management is more than the management of data points. AmCross is doing an analysis of various case management platforms which are not cash specific but should be able to serve as referral to livelihoods and shelter programs.
- Why we are not going for standardized tools? Data collection and data management are two different things. KOBO and ODK are standard tools for data collection within the Movement. For data management it is relatively new and context specific – IM Cash WG endorsed the Red Rose after a rigorous evaluation process and it is now in evidence building phase via roll out in different contexts. For surge standardization of tools is feasible. For NS it is easier to agree on standards rather than tools. With regards to Red Rose vs RC2, the maturity levels are different. Red Rose allows customization and provides a support mechanism.

Counting Cash exercise results were presented: The number of people reached is lower in 2018 than for 2017 due to a range of factors still being analyzed that include a reduced number of disasters in the year and the ICRC data that has not yet been added. CPWG needs to discuss how to reach out to a range of NS not currently providing data e.g. Japan

Training Group update:

The WG group has three priority projects:

- Competency Framework and Role Profiles
- Updated Modular Training
- Training Management Platform

The purpose of Competency Framework review is to:

1. Develop Movement CVA Competency Framework aligned to IFRC's Global Surge competency framework and suitable across all HR management and development activities.
2. Develop role profiles capturing key competencies for different Movement CVA profiles.

The WG completed a desk review of the existing competency activities currently supporting the Movement personnel and a review of existing competency frameworks and JDs. At the moment the WG is completing key informant interviews. During the session the WG collected CPWG input.

Action Points:

- All to complete CVA Competency Framework and Role Profile questionnaire (in google folder) and send directly to Jackie Frize (frizeatwork@hotmail.com) by Monday 28th October.
- Group to feedback directly to Marianna/Jenny if there are any further comments on direction of the competency framework recommendations.

Movement Cash Coordination:

This session continued to discuss the question put forward originally by Caroline on more sustainably resourcing of the IFRC regional cash coordination positions. Hosam Faysal, Head of DCPRR MENA presented on the resources required for cash coordination in the region followed by a presentation by D. Vergara, Regional Focal Point for East Africa.

Comments:

- The MENA region is looking not only for funding but also broader engagement from partners.
- Which NSs will benefit or are interested in cash preparedness? Yemeni and Qatari Red Crescents. Ongoing communication with the Iraqi, Syrian and Libyan RCs.
- How does ICRC engage in cash preparedness? Ad hoc between regional coordinator and ICRC Africa focal point. At the global level ICRC has made a commitment to engage in cash preparedness. This commitment does not reach the country level necessarily but they engage with the country level Cash Working Groups.
- What can be learnt from SMCC implementation pitfalls? Perhaps staying practical and maximizing resourcing. There are no clear measures of how successful is the SMCC.
- Is PER having similar conversations to collaborative approach – many partners contribute to the approach? To be followed up.

The CPWG discussed the merit of working more collaboratively together to achieve more in support of NS wanting to invest in being cash prepared.

Action points:

- The Working group on Collaborative approach to finalize the concept note on the approach
- Marianna and Wolfgang joined the WG, more are welcome. The IFRC to clarify who from the Federation could join the group.

AOB:

- CPWG Membership: current members were encouraged to reach out to recruit new members themselves or to inform the chairs who could reach out to potential member NSs formally.
- The “contribution to the CPWG Coordinator position” should be changed to be voluntary. Regional FPs might be able to carry out analysis on the barriers.
- Some member NSs cannot afford traveling to meetings. Therefore, budget for the participation in the global/regional meetings should be included as part of the cash preparedness budgets and plans.
- Information sharing with the regions: broader dissemination strategy should be discussed – during the next call.
- CPWG agreed to activate the Cash and Health WG proposed by the Norwegian RC. There is a concern about it being limited to protracted crises but it is up to the WG agree on the scope of the WG. They will have a call in early January. CPWG members interested to be part of the WG: Swiss and German RCs, ICRC and IFRC.
- The toolkit Working Group is re-activated. The members of the WG are Am Cross, British RC, and IFRC. More members are welcome to join.
- MS teams was selected as a platform for data storage and communication for CPWG.
- Date for the next call is 28 November, 3 PM Geneva time for 2 hours. Agenda points:
 - o Collaborative approach,
 - o Reviewing the CP guidance
- Next face-to-face meeting dates are February 25-26-27. Preliminary location is Ankara.
- Location of the June meeting is in Berlin and the October meeting in Copenhagen.