MENA CVA Community of Practice

Meeting #10 Minutes

Extended meeting – Cash for Wash TWG presentation

Date: Wednesday 8th June 2022 - 11:30 (Beirut time)

Attendees:
Facilitator: Gabriella D’Elia
Presenters: Jamilee Al Doueihy (IFRC MENA), Alexander Öze (Austrian Red Cross)
Lebanese Red Cross: Hikmat Al Amine, Layan Rakka
Tunisian Red Crescent: Nour Chedli
Yemen Red Crescent Society: Hend Mohammed
Qatar Red Crescent: Ahmed Salem Ahmed
Palestine Red Crescent Society: Eman Al Deek
Iraq Red Crescent Society: Raed Alzobaidy
Danish Red Cross: Veerle Elia Schouten, Mohanad Shakerallah
Tunisia Red Crescent: Pilar Badran

IFRC: Dr Hosam Faysal (HDCC, RD), Dr. Fawzi Amin (HoD GCC), Carmen Leticia Diego de Somonte (Livelihoods Delegate, Syria D), Jad Assaf (CVA Capacity Building Officer, MENA RD)
MENA Cash Centre of Excellence: Nagham Sayegh, Reem Jawhari

Agenda:
- Introduction of new members
- RCRCM Cash for Wash Technical WG – overview (30 minutes)
- MENA CCoE P2P and Matrix (10 minutes)
- Updates from members
- Updates from facilitator
- AOB

Meeting minutes:

1. Introduction of new members
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2. RCRCM Cash for Wash Technical WG – overview
Jamilee Al Doueihy (IFRC MENA), Alexander Öze (Austrian Red Cross) co-chairs of the Cash for Wash Technical Working group provided an overview of the TWG work to date.
The TWG has currently 25 active members working on 9 workstreams (Thematic watch; Case study; Communication; Webinar; Training; Guidelines; Pilot project; Language and design; HelpDesk).
The roadmap 2022-24 focuses on three pillars: knowledge and sharing; Guidelines & Trainings; Implementation & partnerships.
Co-chairs are appointed on a rotational basis, and the TWG is planning to recruit a full time coordinator to ensure appropriate implementation of the roadmap and support to all the workstreams.
Presentation of the TWG is attached to the minutes and uploaded to SharePoint (also to the extended CoP page).
The MENA Region is underrepresented – CoP members are highly encouraged to participate. Details were shared in a follow up email – attached.

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3. MENA Cash Centre of Excellence Peer to Peer and Matrix

Reem Jawary, CCoE Technical officer, provided an overview of the Peer to Peer exchange programme that the CCoE is organising to support peer learning on CVA among MENA National Societies (scope, objectives, application process). The CCoE is also developing a MENA CVA Mapping Matrix to understand where we are with CVA and CVA Preparedness in the Region; this will help the CCoE work in developing webinars or case studies that can be of interest for everyone. The Matrix was shared with attendees and is available online. More details in the email attached.

4. Updates from members

Lebanese Red Cross: developed a Multidimensional Poverty Index that will inform upcoming programming. The index was presented to the RCRCM in May at the LRC training centre. The report and methodology will be shared with RCRCM partners (no date set). Distributed cards (USD) for livelihoods programmes. Emergency preparedness activities are ongoing (market assessment and modality selection).

Palestine Red Crescent Society started their CVA preparedness journey. An introduction workshop is planned for the 15th of June, to provide an overview on CVA to all departments. The two CVA Focal Points are now fully participating members of the CWG. Data collection for the FSP mapping is ongoing in Gaza and the West Bank.

German Red Cross is supporting the CVA Preparedness, work on the SOPs will start in September.

Yemen Red Crescent Society: a RCRCM Technical Cash working Group was set up in May, currently comprising of 5 YRCS staff and 5 representatives from PNSs. ToR are finalised and the first meeting is planned. The NS is finalising the tender documents for the FSP procurement; FSP will be tested in 6 governorates (3 North, 3 South of the country). ToR for the FSP were shared with PNSs.

Egyptian Red Crescent: Second draft of the SOPs is currently underway, will be shared with the IFRC RD for feedback by the end of the month. An introduction to CVA training will be delivered by the IFRC 12-14 June; the NS will develop a case study on its CVA Preparedness journey. The PDM for the DREF in Aswan was completed and the report is being finalised (cash assistance was delivered in hand and FSP). The ERC is considering distributing Food vouchers and CVA for shelter.

Iraq Red Crescent Society is looking at resuming CVA Preparedness. The NS has included CVA in their drought DREF operation, is implementing MPCA with Danish RC, German RC and British RC, and considering CVA for Health outcomes,

5. Updates from facilitator

The selection of PECT participant is finalised; the IFRC received 65 applications, for 22 seats. Second tier applicants (who meet the minimum criteria but did not score high enough to be immediately selected) will be notified of the selection outcome once all the first-tier applicants have confirmed (or not) their participation.

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Meetings schedule

The CoP meets every second Wednesday of the month at 11:30 Beirut time until March 2023 – the frequency of schedules will be reviewed during March 2023 meeting.

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Attachments:

I - CoP extended meeting - 1st June - follow up

II – Presentation from the Cash for Wash TWG

Cash and Wash TWG
- presentation to MEN