

## MENA CVA Community of Practice

### Meeting #2 Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - 11:30</b> (Beirut time)
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>Facilitator: Gabriella D'Elia</p> <p><b>Danish Red Cross:</b> Veerle Schouten  <b>Egyptian Red Crescent:</b> Pilar Badran  <b>German Red Cross:</b> Charlotte Lente  <b>Iran Red Crescent:</b> Alireza Aghaei  <b>Iraq Red Crescent:</b> Batool Mohamed, Raed Sejjad  <b>Libyan Red Crescent:</b> Ziad Othman  <b>Qatari Red Crescent:</b> Subhi Fahid Ejeh</p> <p>Excused: <b>British Red Cross, Syrian Arab Red Crescent</b></p>
<b>Agenda:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction of new members</li> <li>2. Updates from facilitator</li> <li>3. Endorsement of Minutes from meeting #1</li> <li>4. Feedback on priorities identified by members for the Community</li> <li>5. Meetings format proposals/brainstorming</li> <li>6. Training opportunities</li> <li>7. AOB</li> </ol>

#### Meeting Notes:

##### 1. Introduction of new members

Alireza Aghaei (Iran Red Crescent), Batool Mohamed and Raed Sejjad (Iraq Red Crescent), Pilar Badran (Egyptian Red Crescent) and Veerle Schouten (Danish red Cross) had their first meeting with the Community of Practice.

Charlotte Lente from German Red Cross is replacing Joris D'Havé as regional CVA Focal Point.

##### 2. Updates from facilitator

*Co-facilitator* – no other members volunteered for the role, Hikmat AlAmine (Lebanese Red Cross) will cover until February 2022, after which there will be a rotation.

*Updates to the Group:* a Teams group was set up; there seem to be access issues that need to be addressed. Updates will be sent by the facilitator in a regular newsletter (bi-weekly, or weekly, TBC) containing information on ongoing research, recent publications, training opportunities and updates from members. Members are encouraged to share with the facilitator any information they are happy to distribute to the Community, to facilitate peer learning.

*Recent publications:*

Lebanese Red Cross published the External Evaluation of their Cash Response to the Beirut Port Explosion – available [here](#)

The Cash Learning Partnership published an assessment of Financial Service Providers in Yemen.

Although the CoP does not have a Focal Point from Yemen yet, the report provides an excellent overview of the FSP assessment process that many members will be undertaking in the coming months. Report available [here](#)

##### 3. Endorsement of Minutes from meeting #1

The group endorsed the previous meeting minutes, with no comments or requests for changes.

#### 4. Feedback on priorities identified by members for the Community

The response rate was very low – the group agreed to extend the deadline for feedback and share it with NS Senior Management who is better positioned to indicate the direction their respective NS are taking, so to have a clear indication on the common priorities.

#### 5. Meetings format proposals/brainstorming

The group agreed on a potential format for the next meeting, to encourage engagement and sharing by all members:

- 10 minutes updates from all members on CVA activities for the last month/tour de table
- 20 minutes presentation/sharing from one member on the CVA preparedness journey, case study, evaluation. Other Movement Partners or external agencies can be invited to share in this session.
- 10 minutes Q&A for the presenters
- 10 minutes update from the facilitator
- 10 minutes AOB

#### 6. Training opportunities

PECT training – Denmark – 22-27 November

PECT training – Doha – 4-9 December (invitation was shared in a separate email with the whole CoP)

#### 7. AOB

Members agreed on the need to have a regular face-to-face meeting to facilitate communication, depending on Covid19 pandemic developments and updated prevention measures.

The CoP needs to support the development of linkages among members – including for funding and peer learning.

#### Meetings schedule

The CoP meets every first Wednesday of the month at 11:30 Beirut time until March 2022 – the frequency of schedules will be reviewed during March 2022 meeting.

MENA CVA Community of Practice meetings schedule	
Meeting #	Date
1	1 <sup>st</sup> September, 2021
2	6 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2021
4	1 <sup>st</sup> December, 2021
5	5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022
6	2 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2022
7	2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2022

*Endorsed on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 after the 2<sup>nd</sup> CoP meeting*