MENA CVA Community of Practice

Meeting #4 Minutes

Date: Wednesday 1st December 2021 - 11:30 (Beirut time)

Attendees:

Facilitator: Gabriella D’Elia

British Red Cross: Azim Noorani
Egyptian Red Crescent: Pilar Badran
Iraq Red Crescent: Muhammed Salah
Lebanese Red Cross: Jad Assaf
Libya Red Crescent: Ziad Othman
Syrian Arab Red Crescent: Nabeh AlLaham
Qatar Red Crescent Society: Subhi Ejeh

Guests: Marwan Al Awar, Nagham Sayegh (Lebanese Red Cross/MENA Cash Centre of Excellence)

Excused: German Red Cross

Agenda:

1. Updates from members
2. Presentation from MENA Cash Centre of Excellence – Lebanese Red Cross
3. Updates from facilitator
4. AOB

Meeting Notes:

1. Updates from members

Syrian Arab Red Crescent is implementing CVA for winterization is coordination with British and German red Cross for people who have just left or are still living in collective shelters (206 hh); CVA activities ongoing in rural Aleppo (1000 hh); Collaboration with ICRC in 2 governorates; support to families affected by wildfires continues in collaboration with Swiss, Danish and German Red Cross, building on the support provided by the DREF operation. Cash for livelihoods activities ongoing to ensure households who received sheep will have the resources to maintain the herd (fodder purchase). Food vouchers distribution ongoing, in collaboration with ADRA, AVSI, TdH and Coopi

Iraq Red Crescent: feedback on PECT training attended in Copenhagen – good learning opportunity, and facilitated knowledge exchange with other National Societies and building of RCRCM-wide network.

Qatar Red Crescent Society: providing global CVA support through Country delegations. Co-organiser with IFRC of the PECT training in Doha, to start in two days

Egyptian Red Crescent ongoing CVA for rent activities targeting migrants and refugees (500 hh); plan to expand to e-cash/e-wallets. CVA component in Aswan Floods DREF operation.

2. Presentation from MENA Cash Centre of Excellence

Marwan Alawar presented the MENA Centre of Excellence hosted by the Lebanese Red Cross, launched in October 2021. Presentation attached.

3. Endorsement of Minutes from meeting #3

There were no comments or objection to the previous meeting minutes, considered endorsed.
4. **Updates from facilitator**

PECT training in Doha will start in three days: 24 participants are confirmed to attend the training.

NS overview: MENA: Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Qatar, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen; Extra MENA: Armenia, Belarus, Cameroon, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Turkey,

5. **AOB**

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**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.

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**Attachments**

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