MENA CVA Community of Practice

Meeting #5 Minutes

Date: Wednesday 5th January 2022 - 11:30 (Beirut time)

Attendees:
Facilitator: Gabriella D’Elia

**British Red Cross**: Azim Noorani  
**Lebanese Red Cross**: Hikmat Al Amine  
**Libya Red Crescent**: Ziad Othman  
**Syrian Arab Red Crescent**: Nabeh AlLaham

Excused: Danish Red Cross

| Agenda | 1. Updates from members  
2. Updates from facilitator  
3. AOB |

Meeting Notes:

1. **Updates from members**

   *Syrian Arab Red Crescent* completed the first phase of CVA for winterization intervention (with support from British and German Red Cross) and will continue with the second phase from January. 150 families are receiving CVA assistance in Rural Damascus (with support from IFCRC), and additional CVA interventions are being implemented in collaboration with INGOs.

   Planning of CVA activities for 2022 is ongoing.

   *Lebanese Red Cross* is the assessment/selection phase for a new MPCA intervention supported by BRC; 2 additional proposals were submitted and awaiting feedback. 3 major CVA operations finished in December, endline assessment is ongoing. LRC worked on a new calculation for the SMEB to take into consideration the value changes in market prices, as the dollarisation of the cash assistance provided does not fully cover the difference.

   *Libya Red Crescent Society* started CVA capacity building from 2019 with support from ICRC – this included a CVA training and pilots. Currently 3 branches are starting CVA activities, with a view to expand to other areas. LyRCS is exploring partnerships with external actors to increase the CVA file.

2. **Updates from facilitator**

   PECT training was organised by IFRC and Qatar Red Crescent, and delivered in Doha 4-9 December, with 23 participants from 8 National Societies (Lebanon, Palestine, Qatar, Syria, Armenia, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey), 5 IFRC Delegations (Syria, Iraq, Jordan, North Africa Cluster, Nigeria) and the ICRC. Participants will receive individual feedback from the facilitation team and if considered ready for deployments will be added to the IFRC Surge roster.

3. **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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