

MENA CVA Community of Practice

Meeting #6 Minutes

Date:	Wednesday 2nd February 2022 - 11:30 (Beirut time)
Attendees:	Facilitator: Gabriella D'Elia Danish Red Cross: Veerle Schouten Egyptian red Crescent: Pilar Badran Lebanese Red Cross: Hikmat Al Amine Libya Red Crescent: Ziad Othman Syrian Arab Red Crescent: Nabeh ALLaham Presenter: Arturo Garcia Fernandez (IFRC HQ)
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counting Cash Annual exercise – overview of process and outcome – Q&A 2. Updates from members 3. Updates from facilitator – Global Cash Forum; Cash Day; Cash for Health initiatives 4. AOB

Meeting minutes:

1. Counting Cash Annual exercise – overview of process and outcome – Q&A

Arturo Garcia Fernandez, Cash Data Management Officer from IFRC HQ provided an overview of the data collection system and outputs of the Counting Cash initiative for the NS Focal Points who will be asked to support the completion of the exercise in February-March. (see Annex for the 2022 Counting Cash Initiative Overview)

2017 & 2018 & 2019 & 2020 Cash Operational Data Snapshot:

Over the past two years, Red Cross actors were able to report on over 400 cash operations worldwide. Highlights of this data featured below.



2. Updates from members

Egyptian Red Crescent is providing cash transfers to 834 Palestinian families through an electronic platform; for the Aswan Floods DREF response, the National Society is targeting 888 households who will receive cash in hand assistance.

Market assessment, FSP mapping and development of CVA SOPs are in the pipeline.

Lebanese Red Cross is going to provide CVA to 1800 families (50% Syrian refugees, 50% Host Community) → implementation is delayed until April 2022, waiting for the results of the national assessment (currently targeting 5% of the Country population) that will provide more accurate data to determine the scoring/vulnerability scale. Market monitoring ongoing to assess the changes in commodities price and redefine the distribution amount, if needed. Contract finalised with a new FSP for a Cash for Food initiative (Food Vouchers) → to be implemented from April.

Syrian Arab Red Crescent: 2 projects ongoing with the ICRC for 6000 families in two governorates. CVA for winterisation ongoing in Homs Governorate (with British and German RC) for 2062 families. CVA for Livelihoods project ongoing in Deir Ezzor (with Swiss RC). 5 CVA (paper vouchers) initiatives ongoing in collaboration with INGOs → winterization kits, Food, NFI. Plans to expand/ the delivery mechanism platform (eg: e-vouchers) based on the assessment currently ongoing, and pilot the new modalities. Close coordination with national CWG on MPCA, supporting the harmonisation of the transfer amount (work on MEB, Targeting Criteria). Movement CWG fully functional.

3. Updates from facilitator

Global Cash Forum: will take place on the 10th February – there will be a MENA session and space for the Panel Chair in the Global session – recording available on the [CashHub](#)

First MENA Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Annual Technical Meeting: will take place on the 21st February in Beirut with all the National CVA Focal Points. The MENA Cash Centre of Excellence will provide an overview of the achievements to date, CaLP Network will provide an update on the ongoing processes and activities in the Region. Participants will review and update the MENA CVA Plan of Action for 2022.

CaLP Network webinar on *How to map Financial Service Providers* Will take place on the 9th February.

4. AOB

CVA for Health Outcomes – growing interest from Host and Partner National Societies; participants agreed to dedicate a full session/CoP meeting to the topic (research, plans and ongoing activities). A research was commissioned by CaLP MENA on the topic, which was presented in a webinar in June 2021. Report available [here](#) – webinar recording and presentations [here](#).

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 st September, 2021
2	6 th October, 2021
3	3 rd November, 2021
4	1 st December, 2021
5	5 th January, 2022
6	2 nd February, 2022
7	2 nd March, 2022

Annex – Counting Cash Initiative Overview



Counting Cash
Overview 2021.pdf