

## MENA CVA Community of Practice

### Meeting #8 Minutes

#### Extended meeting – CVA for Health Outcomes session

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - 11:30</b> (Beirut time)
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>Facilitator: Gabriella D'Elia  Presenters: <b>Cash for Health TWG</b> - Ansa Masaud Baloch Jørgensen (NRC); Danièle Wyss (ICRC)</p> <p><b>Algerian Red Crescent:</b> Billel Aouali  <b>British Red Cross:</b> Praxedes Merchan  <b>Danish Red Cross:</b> Veerle Schouten, Mohanad Shakerallah, Jytte Roswall  <b>Egyptian Red Crescent:</b> Pilar Badran  <b>Iraq Red Crescent Society:</b> Raed Sejjad Nassim  <b>Lebanese Red Cross:</b> Hikmat Al Amine  <b>Libya Red Crescent:</b> Ahmed Massoud  <b>Palestine Red Crescent Society:</b> Eman al Deek  <b>Qatar red Crescent:</b> Ahmed Salem Ahmed  <b>Syrian Arab Red Crescent:</b> Nabeh ALaham  <b>Yemen Red Crescent Society:</b> Hend Mohammed, Abdullah Azab  <b>ICRC:</b> Kalkidan Belete ALAMIREW  <b>IFRC:</b> Sonja Veronica BJORKLUND</p>
<b>Agenda:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presentation for the CVA for Health Outcomes WG</li> <li>2. Introduction of new members</li> <li>3. Updates from members</li> <li>4. Updates from facilitator – governance, additional Preparedness and Capacity building resources</li> <li>5. AOB</li> </ol>

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##### 1. Presentation for the CVA for Health Outcomes WG

Ansa Masaud Baloch Jørgensen and Danièle Wyss, co-chairs of the RCRCM Cash for Health Outcomes TWG provided an overview of CVA for Health interventions and plans within the movement.

##### **Main takeaways:**

- CVA interventions can effectively support Health outcomes (financial access to basic services/referrals, coverage of transportation costs/costs incurred while accessing health services, coverage of medicines costs, coverage of supplements etc)
- Need to build and maintain trust in the system to ensure wider acceptance of CVA from Health departments
- C4H interventions have so far mostly been piloted/implemented in urban settings
- C4H works best if combined with service provision/capacity building/education/awareness
- If assistance is provided for health services only, Vouchers can be the best option (but good to include coverage of Health costs – including mental Health - in MPCA)
- Need for continuous (re)assessment of situation
- Ongoing research: development of Cash-ready Emergency Response Units

- **ICRC:** examples
  - Ukraine (civilians affected by conflict, includes burial costs),
  - Lebanon (after increase in maternal deaths decided to provide Transfers conditional to accessing ante-natal care in the first 6 weeks of the pregnancy - ICRC follow up if women do not attend services; e-transfers through a card, with the possibility of providing a top up to cover additional needs)
  - DR Congo (CVA for risk reduction, one-off transfer, conditional),
  - Nigeria (CVA for nutrition – support in covering nutrition-related expenses; support to livelihoods of patients’ households and caregivers)
  - 2 CVA Focal Points within the Health department
- **Norwegian RC** is working on the Cash-ready ERUs (4 years process)
  - Evidence: patients accessing the ERUs are injured, elderly, and/or have chronic diseases → need support beyond immediate ERU services (also for follow up visits)
  - Includes joint training of Health and CVA personnel deployed with the ERU
  - Examples from Syria, Bangladesh
  - Cash for Health Delegate, and building a roster of CVA for Health experts

*The TWG will shortly share a survey for NS – please make sure your NS fill it in (it is very short)*

## 2. Introduction of new members

Yemen Red Crescent Society has recruited a CVA Focal Point - Hend Mohammed

## 3. Updates from members

*Egyptian Red Crescent:* assistance to Palestinian refugees from Syria (UNRWA) – PDM data collection ongoing; Aswan floods response: 222 households will receive CVA through and FSP (Fawri); a new project to assist people from Africa is in the pipeline, funded by the Swiss Embassy in Egypt – FSP procurement ongoing;

*Palestine Red Crescent Society:* the 2 CVA Focal Points are attending CWG meetings in Gaza and West Banks, respectively.

*Syrian Arab Red Crescent:* winterisation intervention completed; CVA activities for the Covid response continue in Aleppo, in collaboration with BRC (3+3 months, will finish in July); working on 2 pilots in collaboration with DRC; ongoing collaboration on CVA with NGOs: Adra (winterisation, food vouchers), AVSI (Education), TdH (Medical – paper vouchers). SARC is currently working on an extended FSP mapping

## 4. Updates from facilitator

Rescheduled for next month to leave space for the CVA for Health session.  
Governance of CoP to be discussed in May

## 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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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