

MENA CVA Community of Practice

Meeting #11*-12 Minutes

*The meeting #10 (13th July 2022) did not take place as it fell during Eid al-Adha festivities – LRC, PRCS and DRC joined, and the group agreed to postpone all the agenda points to the August meeting

Date:	Wednesday 10th August 2022 - 11:30 (Beirut time)
Attendees:	Facilitator: Gabriella D'Elia/IFRC British Red Cross/CashHub: Azim Noorani Egyptian Red Crescent: Pilar Badran Lebanese Red Cross: Hikmat Al Amine Libyan Red Crescent: Ahmed Masoud Syrian Arab Red Crescent: Nabeh ALLaham Yemen Red Crescent Society: Hend Mohammed MENA Cash Centre of Excellence: Reem Jawhari
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RoadMap 2022-23: overview and initial feedback 2. Updates from members 3. Updates from facilitator (PECT, governance) 4. AOB

Meeting minutes:

1. RoadMap 2022-23: overview and initial feedback

The first draft of the CVA RoadMap for MENA was shared to CoP members for an initial discussion to agree on the way forward.

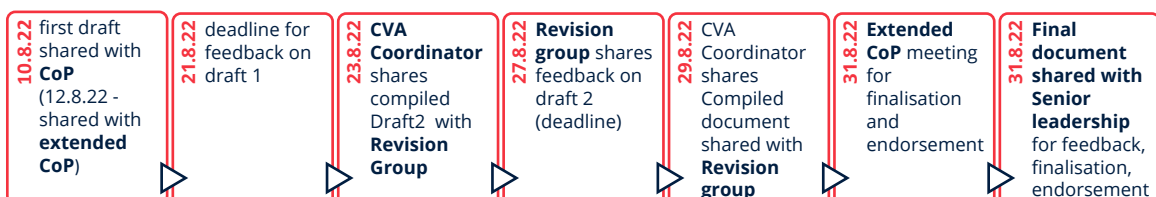
The document draws on the 2019-21 Plan of Action, whose implementation was delayed by the Covid19 pandemic.

The main changes relate to the increased appetite to mainstream CVA modalities into sectoral programmes (Wash, Livelihoods, Health, PGI), and advocating for stronger commitment (rather than buy-in) from National Societies Senior Leadership. The Roadmap also reflects the progress made since its launch in 2019, including the recruitment of a Regional Coordinator, the existence of the MENA Cash Centre of Excellence, and the set up of the regional pool of PECT-trained CVA in emergencies practitioners.

The CoP agreed to a deadline for feedback to the draft by the 21st August; the draft will be shared with the extended CoP, Global technical advisors of PNSs currently supporting CVA/CVA Preparedness in MENA, and IFRC HQ. CoP members will also flag any other relevant movement partners that can provide useful feedback (potentially other PNSs willing to support CVA in the Region). The feedback will be compiled by the CVA Coordinator, and the second draft will be shared back with the CoP and RCRCM partners who provided the initial comments for endorsement or additional inputs ("Revision group").

The Revision group will reconvene on the 31st August with the extended CoP for final technical endorsement; the document will be then shared with Senior Leadership (IFRC and NS) for feedback, finalisation and endorsement.

ROADMAP REVISION TIMELINE



2. Updates from members

Lebanese Red Cross: PDM data collection is planned for the near future, also to understand recipients satisfaction with the delivery mechanism. The findings will inform future programming and support adjustment of projects design based on communities feedback. LRC signed a new agreement with BRC for a 21 months project that includes CVA activities. The NS is working on CVA for livelihoods interventions, with a focus on support to Micro enterprises. Building on the findings from the Lebanese Vulnerability Census, the NS is conducting a rapid market mapping in the areas identified as at high vulnerability risk. LRC will give an overview of the Multidimensional Poverty Index development exercise in September meeting.

The planning for the IFRC/LRC CVA for Health pilot is progressing, with Socio-Economic and Clinical selection criteria close to being finalised.

One staff participated to the CVA Training of Trainers in Arabic organised by the CaLP network regional office in Amman, and the NS will now have a certified CaLP trainer.

Yemen Red Crescent Society: 22 staff and volunteers from YRCS attended a 4 days CVA training that took place from the 1st of July. The SoPs for the CVA pilot are finalised, and the S will start conducting needs assessments and market analysis in the governorates (3 North, 3 South of the country) where the pilots will be implemented.

The RCRCM Technical Cash Working Group established in May had its first meeting earlier.

Egyptian Red Crescent: Finalisation of SOPs under way, last feedback from technical/support departments to be incorporate and new version to be shared with IFRC before being submitted for endorsement to Senior Leadership. An introduction to CVA training was delivered by the IFRC within the support to the CVA Preparedness Plan of Action. Volunteers from branches who attended the training will participate to a pilot project to provide assistance to migrants from Africa through e-vouchers. The IFRC facilitated a mid-term workshop for the review of the CVAP PoA and shared a draft revised version with ERC. ERC is drafting a case study on their CVA Preparedness journey, that will complement the revised PoA as a fundraising tool.

Syrian Arab Red Crescent: Nabeh Allaham, CVA coordinator, has completed his learning mission to the IFRC Regional Office for Asia Pacific, and is going to share the learning from this experience in the next CoP meeting in September.

On the CVAP file, SARC staff are currently attending a Data Management for CVA training, and a ToT will be delivered by the Livelihoods Resource Centre immediately afterwards, The new trainers will then deliver a CVA/RAM training to apply the newly learned skills.

British Red Cross/CashHub: Azim Noorani is finishing his current contract at the end of this week, and the group wanted to acknowledge his technical support and discreet contribution to the work. BRC will identify a new Focal Point for the CoP.

MENA CCoE: P2P learning programme: the call for application is closed and the screening of applications and matching of Host/Guest NS is ongoing; CCoE will provide feedback by the 19th July to all applicants. A few NS contributed to the Mapping Matrix document – all NS are warmly encouraged to contribute, to support the CCoE in preparing and delivering content that is relevant for all the NS.

3. Updates from facilitator

The second PECT training organised in MENA was delivered | 2-7 July in Dubai. 22 participants (9 women, 13 men) completed the training - 17 coming from 12 National Societies (Algerian RC, American RC, Azerbaijan RC, British RC, Iranian RC, Iraqi RC, Lebanese RC, German RC, Rwanda RC, Türk Kızılay, Norwegian RC, Qatar RC), 2 from ICRC, 3 from IFRC. Facilitators came from the IFRC (3), German RC (1), and ICRC (1). 9 participants from MENA will be invited to join the RRMS and the Regional CVA Pool. To further support the CCoE mapping exercise and the CVA Preparedness efforts of the National Societies, the IFRC and 510 Team/NLRC are planning an exercise to provide information about CVA Preparedness status and needs at Country and regional level. The process and product will be designed around the interests and willingness to share of NS, and will support Preparedness efforts across the

Region. Three NS (ERC, LRC, SARC) have been introduced to the project lead, who will start the design process based on their input.

Regional CVA Coordinator will complete the current assignment in September. The CoP members will finalise in the next meeting the way forward to ensure the group maintains at minimum the monthly calls while the new Regional CVA Coordinator is recruited. SARC CVA Coordinator can potentially fill the gap and organise the calls, with support from other members, pending feedback from Senior Leadership.

4. AOB

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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.

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
8	13 th April, 2022
9	11 th May, 2022
10	8 th June, 2022
11	14 th July, 2022
12	10 th August, 2022
13	14 th September, 2022
14	12 th October, 2022
15	9 th November, 2022
16	14 th December, 2022
17	11 th January, 2023
18	8 th February, 2023
19	8 th March, 2023