

## MENA CVA Community of Practice

### Meeting #15 Minutes

\*The meeting #15 did take place on 09/11/2022 on teams COP series meeting.

After resigning The CVA regional coordinator (Gabriella Delia) and seconding Nabeh Allaham for interim cover the CVA regional coordinator for two months till the recruitment of the position finish.

Meeting Details & agenda:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - 11:00 to 12.00</b> (Beirut time)
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Facilitator:</b> Nabeh Allaham/IFRC</p> <p><b>Yemen Red crescent:</b> Wailed Almuhyya  <b>Danish red cross:</b> Veerle Ella Schouten  <b>Lebanese Red Cross:</b> Hikmat Al Amine  <b>Palestine Red Crescent:</b> Eman Al Deek  <b>Cash centre of excellence:</b> Nagham al Sayegh , Reem Jawhari  <b>Syrian Arab red crescent :</b> Nabeh allaham</p>
<b>Agenda:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Peer two peer exchange visit to Syria.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Reviewing the CCOE TOR and POA.</b></li> <li>3. <b>Updates from members</b></li> <li>4. <b>Updates from facilitator</b></li> <li>5. <b>AOB</b></li> </ol>

#### Meeting minutes:

##### 1. Peer to peer exchange visit to Syria:

###### **CCOE start with a briefing on what is the CCOE :**

Cash Centre of excellence will serve as learning, capacity strengthening, evidence based and advocacy platform in the MENA region on cash and voucher assistance. The Centre will support knowledge management, **facilitate peer-to-peer exchange**, and contribute to learning on RCRC Movement CVA, along with supporting CVA advocacy and leadership and promoting policy engagement in the region. The Centre will also provide high quality contextualisation and translation of CVA technical resources and content with a specific focus on MENA regional context, which is hosted by Lebanese red cross (**LRC**), and funded by **Cash hub**, working under the umbrella of **IFRC**.

In terms of Peer to peer exchange experience , CCOE is facilitating an event between **5 National Societies** with **10 participants** who are going meet together and share all their technical ,operational experience in CVA area , the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (**SARC** )will host the workshop ,and all of Egypt Red crescent (**ERCS**),Lebanese red cross (**LRC**), Palestine Red Crescent(**PRCS** ),Yemen Red crescent(**YRCS**) will be the guest national societies , the workshop will expand for 5 days from **27<sup>th</sup>** of November till **1<sup>st</sup>** of **DEC** .

The workshop contents have designed with engaging the relevant national societies, with focusing on main CVA areas with considering all the experience they need to improve and develop their programme based on other National societies lessons learned, good practices, and experience.

The approach of the visit designed on proactive approach, as all the participants will take a session to present what their NS implemented, main challenges, achievements, lessons learned, in the other hand there will be field visit to take a close look on how CVA projects are implemented by Syrian Arab red crescent.

Then CCOE provide an update on the visit with mentioning that all the required logistics in place, the only issue still under the process in getting the visas.

At the ends they finish with mentioning that all the results will be extracted from the workshop will be shared with all COP members later and published.

## 2. Presenting the CCOE achievements in 2022.

As the CCOE has establish in 2021 October, in this meeting Nagham present what the CCOE has achieved as following:

- **Webinars**, the first webinar has been conducted on CEA in cash, and the next one will be in coming weeks on cash for livelihood with coordination with Livelihoods Resource Centre.
- **Case studies**: one of two case studies has done with Egypt red crescent on Aswan flood, it is going to be shared soon, the second case study is with Lebanese red cross on basically the Multidimensional Poverty Index and when it will be finalised the CCOE will share.
- CCOE become a member of **Cash peer working group**
- Recently the development of next **5 years plan** between the IFRC and CCOE in order to scale up the CVA interventions and number of the case studies and technical evidence on using the CVA

As mentioned during the meeting that the TOR are under reviewing process and the final version will be shared when it finalised.

## 3. Updates from members

### **Lebanese Red Cross:**

LRC at this step is focusing on the finalising ongoing projects and evaluating their impacts.

LRC strategic for 2023 in CVA will focus on the following:

- Strategic preparedness and with building the capacity of the staff and volunteers, enhancing the working system.
- Focusing on LVC Lebanese vulnerable sensors.
- Generating a national multidimensional poverty index more in depth, as the assessment (which is the second phase) is moving.
- Promoting the technical part by evidence-based programme.

### **Yemen Red Crescent:**

A lot of updates came from the Yamens red crescent as following:

- YRCS conducted a work shop for partners, and CVA awareness session on the HQ and branch level.
- Established Internal cash working group (ICWG)
- Two training conducted on the level of two branches in south and north where is proposed to implement the multipurpose cash projects with OCHA and UNHCR support.
- YRCS will use the ICRC contract with the FSP in delivering the money to the affected people
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- The projects took a place in two area (South: Abyan, North: Amran)

o Details of the projects:

Area name	#Of targeted HH	# Of instalments	Delivery mechanism	Note
Abyan	500	3	CASH through bank	South: the money will be distributed through bank's agent
Amran	500	3	Cash through bank	North: 20% of the targeted people will be targeted through Bank's agent 80% will be received agent's mobile team

**Palestine red crescent:**

PRCS shared a quite good and new updates related to the preparedness plan on progress which highlighted the following issues:

After finalising the Internal Cash working group in PRCS, the self-assessment work shop has been conducted in 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of OCT) in West bank to assess the capacity of the National society and its readiness in cash, also it has been mentioned that the ICWG is consist of both technical department like (Disaster risk management- community work department – youth and volunteers – Finance auditing -logistics and administration) related to supportive department (IT -PMER - communication).

As the conclusion of the self-assessment workshop were as following:

- Finalise the TOR of the ICWG, that has developed before.
- Outline the structure of the CVA programme.
- Proposed the first draft of SOP for two different modalities CASH and voucher , in terms of cash the SOP focused on two delivery mechanism ( cash in envelop ,and cash on counter ) as the voucher component focused on ( paper voucher and Electronic voucher ), the SOP will be verified at the end of NOV ,after conducting the self-assessment workshop in Gaza that sold be take a place in 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of NOV , then the management after reviewing the results of the two workshop they will able to reviewing and finalizing the last version of SOP .

The cash programme structure and strategy will be developed with supporting the GRC cash advisor who will be there between 12<sup>th</sup> till 16<sup>th</sup> DEC.

Hopefully the first of 2023 the POA final version is in place, and in May PRCS will be able to start the first CVA pilot project.

**Syrian Arab red crescent:**

The updates from the Syrian Arab red crescent pointed to the ongoing projects and the delivery mechanisms are used to transfer the assistance to the affected people as it started with:

There are 19 projects under different sectors are ongoing, Cash for winterization with BRC for 2400 HH, Cash for Education in Der alzore for 1029 Kid with supporting BRC, multipurpose cash projects for Cash for food in three different governorates, Cash for livelihood to support the effected people with Micro Economic Initiative with supporting BRC, SRC, IFRC, DRC, cash for food basic needs MPC for 1500 HH with supporting ICRC in three different provinces

Also, the cash for protection with supporting DRC.

INGOs projects, E-vouchers with ADAR for 658 HH, Paper vouchers for 700HH with Coop, cash for protecting through Banks (cash on counter) with AVSI for 400 Cases, and Cash for education with TDH through Bank's counter.

#### 4. Updates from facilitator

##### **Financial service provider FSPs E-learning training.**

Supporting Geneva team in reviewing the translation of the online course module to Arabic, the process of reviewing under process and with collaboration with IFRC regional procurement department to provide their support in reviewing the relevant terminology.

At the end of 2022 the training should be launched in Arabic language on the IFRC platform.

##### **Mapping CVA for health outcomes:**

Sub technical working group STWG working on survey to map the NS experience in CVA activities for health outcomes, the survey is under reviewing and finalising after translating to Arabic, to be shared later with the NSs.

##### **Cash counting:**

Cash counting exercise will be conducted in both the last month of 2022 and first month of 2023 to calculate all assistance and support that delivered to the people through Cash intervention.

##### **Catch up meeting:**

There will be a bi weekly catch up meeting with the NSs with the focal points to keep us on updates and provide the support if needed.

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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.

<b>MENA CVA Community of Practice meetings schedule</b>	
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
8	13 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022
9	11 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022
10	8 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022
11	14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
12	10 <sup>th</sup> August, 2022
13	14 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022
14	12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
15	9 <sup>th</sup> November, 2022
16	14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022
17	11 <sup>th</sup> January, 2023
18	8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2023
19	8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023

