

## MENA CVA Community of Practice

### Meeting #17 Minutes

\*The meeting #17 did take place in 08/02/2023 on teams COP series meeting.

Meeting Details & agenda:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - 11:00 to 12.00</b> (Beirut time)
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Facilitator:</b> Nabeh Allaham/IFRC</p> <p><b>Iraq Red Crescent:</b> Mohannad salah  <b>Palestine Red Crescent:</b> Majd Batrawi  <b>Cash centre of excellence:</b> Nagham Sayegh  <b>Egypt red crescent:</b> pillar Badran  <b>Danish Red Cross:</b> Veerle Ella Schouten.  <b>Lebanese red cross:</b> Hikmat Al amin – Elias Hazoury</p>
<b>Agenda:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Cash -Peer to Peer exchange experience visit in Syria .</b></li> <li>2. <b>MENA cash counting</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. Cash -Peer to Peer exchange experience visit in Syria:

Almost 45% of the COP meeting's time has given to the main activities has conducted at the end of January in Cash exchange experience in the MENA region , under this point the Regional cash coordinator start with a light induction on Peer to peer visit initiative that organised by Cash Centre of excellence and take a place in Syria on 28<sup>th</sup> of Jan to 2<sup>nd</sup> of FEB , 5 active NSs in CVA ( Lebanese Red Cross , Egypt Red Crescent -Palestine Red Crescent -Yemen Red Crescent -Syrian Arab Red Crescent) have participated and t Syrian Arab Red Crescent was the host.

the agenda of the training contained variety of sharing experience methods and approach among the NSs:

- NSs Presenting on their CVA experience.
- Conducting a specific technical CVA topics sessions
- simulation scenarios Group working
- Open discussion
- Shadowing visits to main CVA support departments and units in SARC.
- Field visit to get a close vision on (SARC branch system, Beneficiaries satisfaction, distribution mechanism, exc..).

The participants have shared their thoughts and expression on the P2P visit as following:

### **Palestine red crescent:**

The PRCS focal point (Majd Batrawi ) express her positive expression on the visit by giving the opportunity to meet with NS's CVA focal points , and the discussion that conducted closely on CVA expanded her understand on how is CVA programme system is working in each NS and what are the main challenges , then listening more on the selection beneficiaries approach and criteria was very helpful to take in consideration, also regarding to digitalisation , data management from LRC and SARC and their experience in this topic was amazing , from PRCS side, Majd talked about sharing PRCS preparedness CVA pathway and complex context , also it was a good chance to share with colleagues what we are working on and where PRCS is now in terms of CVA .

### **Egypt red crescent:**

Pilar Badran (CVA focal point ) , mentioned on how great experience the visit was , in terms of provide a really good understanding on what NSs have been doing in CVA , specially the open discussion ,exchanging the experience between the attendance in very specific technical areas , in addition to the filed visit added a value to her understanding on what had been discussed during the first days , and showed the best practices on what SARC is doing in CVA , in addition IM and software topics that she discovered was very helpful to start thinking on how ERCS start adapting and enhance the cash service that is provided.

### **Lebanese red cross:**

Hikmat amin the LRC \_CVA FP, express on his participation by starting describing how the visit was important to introduce CVA FP to each other and who are meeting and dealing within community of practice meeting , and it provides us a good ideas on what the NSs are implementing in cash in their own context , in addition to what are the main actions that have taken to adapt the CVA source ,tools, procedures ,like SARC (based on their sanction – economic situation and other barriers ) to deal with the situation, also cooperating with different FSP in the country , to make CVA is working in different context . At the end he highlighted that “the visit provides us a clear understanding on coordination mechanism with different departments inside the NS in purpose to run the project.

### **Next stage:**

CCOE and regional CVA coordinator together expressed on how successful the visit was, through sharing the NSs their Lessons learned, presenting their success stories and emphasise on what the benefit of this visit, and how we can enhance our coordination for any technical area in CVA , while during the visit there were many topics have popped up I the discussion ,some of this points were:

- CVA- IM
- Cash for work
- SOP
- Promoting cash into other sectors and coordination
- Sharing the Region experience to the other MENA NSs.

Next step will focus more on the interests of the National society, by conducting a technical groups discussion among interested NS on topic, and how could be use the products to improve and develop its procedures, tools and materials.

On the other hand, Nagham mentioned that the report of the Peer-to-peer visit will be shared with all the COP members to provide a good image on what has happened and what type of information shared with other members who didn't participate.

## 2. MENA cash counting

In this area, the main message wanted to be delivered is that the CPWG is recently working on creating a cash counting section on the Cash Hub website, and the survey template draft has been finalized. The regional cash coordinator presented the survey for attendance with all questions and clarified the main indicators that the calculation will be met as follows:

- % of CVA CPWG will be focused on to show the Cash map and readiness of the NSs.
- % CVA expenditure (to reflect on using CVA by measuring the % of total expenditure on CVA within a NS/Movement response)
- % Branches with CVA.
- # Of days from disaster to CVA delivery.
- % Of CVA with key CEA / AAP activities.

After the survey presentation, the discussion was opened in order to provide a clear idea on the survey, and if they have any questions or suggestions from their side, and when the survey will be ready it will be shared and a session will be conducted to provide more explanation and support on how to fill the survey, with emphasizing on the key role that the data will play in presenting CVA in the MENA region and the experience of NSs.

## 3. Updates from members

### ***Egypt red crescent:***

The ERC CVA focal point has shared the last updates on CVA in the ERCS as follows:

- Conducting a capacity building training for volunteers from the branches on cash for work that is implemented in north Sinai and focusing on market assessment and mapping market, that will take place at the end of Feb (the preparation for the training still on going and it will be adjusted to involve some ideas that were shared with other NSs in peer to peer visit).
- After making the PDM and reviewing the feedback of beneficiaries on food voucher project that deliver to the African communities, ERSC is going to switch the modalities of the project from food voucher to cash.
- ERSC Aiming to expand one more FSP contact in place. as it has two successful FSP agreements in place.

### ***Lebanese Red Cross:***

The updates from LRC were not too much, but the key updates came to highlight that LRC continues working on the national assessment, with trying to integrate the analysed results from the data with cash (the ideas that have come up on using cash for shelter, or cash for rent to the people who are living in a fragile building as anticipatory activities (still nothing is concrete)).

***Palestine red crescent:***

At this moment PRCS CVA team is waiting the confirmation of from the senior management on CVA POA, CVA strategy, CVA SOP, CVA unit structure, CVA HR TOR (job description of CVA team) , Also planning for the online training for the TWG in GAZA and WEST BANK to be finalized by the end of the FEB.

Also there are two jointly interventions with Turkish red crescent, the first project is to support 57 household of orphans with cash, and the second will be implemented for 125 families who are in sever poverty .

**4. Updates from facilitator**

**PECT training:**

The updated has been shared with participants on cancelling the PECT training, that was supposed to be conducted by IFRC and Turkey red resent, because of the earthquake that hit turkey, and the date will be identified later.

**Iraq Self-assessment workshop:**

Shared with attendance that DRC is conducting a Cash self-assessment to Iraq red crescent society in 23th -24<sup>th</sup> of February by supporting the IFRC regional Cash coordinator, to identify the CVA operational level of IRCS and identify the main gaps and challenges, alongside with the appropriate plan of actions based on national society ambitions.

**AOB**

CVA focal points showed their interests in supporting the Syrian Arab Red Crescent in its CVA response to the earthquake either physically or remotely .

**Meetings schedule**

The CoP meets every second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 Beirut time until March 2023 – the frequency of schedules will review during March 2023 meeting.

<b>MENA CVA Community of Practice meetings schedule</b>	
<b>Meeting #</b>	<b>Date</b>
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