



MENA CVA Community of Practice

Meeting #22 Minutes

*The meeting #22 did take place in 12/07/2023 on teams COP series meeting.

Meeting Details & agenda:

Date:	Wednesday 12th July 2023 - 11:00 to 12.00 (Beirut time)
Attendees:	Facilitator: Nabeh Allaham/IFRC Cash centre of excellence: Reem Jawhari Iraqi red crescent society: Rasha Younis Yemen Red Crescent : Hend Wasabi /Ahmad Sattar Egypt red crescent : Pilar Badran Syrian Arab red crescent : Khaled Al-Maadani Jordan red crescent: Attalah al hwayan Cash Hub: Azim Norani Danish red cross: Lea Christensen Nielsen Cash Hub : Cara Wilson
Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cash Hub induction.• Egyptian red crescent response to Sudan crisis / CVA response .• Update from NSs.• Updates from Facilitator.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working group CVA /IM +SOP• Regional road Map for 2024-2025 • AOB

Meeting minutes:

This COP meeting is considered the sixth meeting in the series of COP monthly meetings in 2023. It was a good opportunity to cover different points and focus on ongoing activities nationally, regionally and globally with MENA NSs focal points .

1. **Cash Hub induction:**

the COP host Cara Wilson the cash Hub- help desk manager to represents the cash hub ,and provide a comprehensive overview on the cash Hub , in addition to cash school and help desk specifically, to disseminate the role and activates of the hub and how can we invest these services and resources in the NS CVA readiness journey the main points that covered as following:

Internal



Cash Hub platform¹ is hosted by the BRC and aiming to increase the using of cash into RCRC movement, and facilitate the others to lead with a particular focus on kind of strengthening capacity at the regional, local levels, the cash hub team working based on the 4 main principle that guide the cash hub work plan and activities as following: 1) localisation ,2) NS development ,3) Collaboration, 4)Catalyse role

in addition to scale up of cash and voucher assistance CVA in the movement , and help enable NS to be cash ready , the Hub activities aligned with three key work stream : 1) National societies cash ready where the hub Support National Society Development through CVA preparedness , 2) cash school that focus on the investment in cash capacity within training and practitioner development , 3)cash hub platform where all the CVA information is included as cash in emergency , technical resources ,movement CVA lessons learned , resources , tool , job vacancies also , and Arabic is one the languages , in addition to cash map that covers how much cash the movement is doing .

In relation to the cash hub Help disk provides a technical services and support in CVA ,different sectors and areas as (livelihood , WASH, etc ..) for all volunteers and staff in the movement, it is available in four languages (Arabic , English m France, and Spanish), plus host a webinars on wide range of subject and topic to show the amazing work and to share the expertise within the movement .

2. Egypt red crescent progress on Sudanese crisis emergency appeal /CVA operation :

Pilar Badran the ERC CVA officer has started with providing an overview on the current situation by interesting presentation , the most highlights focused on , the number of the Sudanese and other nationalities passed the border toward the Egypt around 250,000 people according to UNHCR report , at the first stage the the rapid assessment has been conducted to disclosure a various need as (food – shelter -health and other) , and based on the analysis ERC decided to proceed with MPCA , the multisectoral assessment has been designed and presented on 25 volunteers to aware them on from aim and how they should use it by COBO on Sunday 9th of July .

the ERC operation plan is to cover 11000 individuals, based on the selection criteria that has been identified according to humanitarian organisation coordination through the CWG at the national level , as the transfer value too.

related to the operational coordination the UNHCR give an access to RICE platform, where all the integrated organisation has an access to the date of the beneficiaries to avoid any duplication and waste efforts and resources .

Delivery mechanism:

the assessment results focused on the huge need and finding the right way to meet , while the FSP agreements with tow FSP still valid (faori , damin) and ERC have a good previous experience with them where the messaged send from the FSP to the targeted people to withdraw the money , but the challenges has raised up in this scenario that some of the refugee don't have a identification paper and mobile phone , so the solution was to make a

¹ Cash Hub : <https://cash-hub.org/>



new agreement with the post office to be able to deliver the assistance to the population based on using their ID or passport ,

In the other side and related to people don't have any ID or passport, ERC will provide the prepaid card through the Faori company.

the distribution plan is to deliver cash assistance to 2000 HH IN Aswan and 6 hsp points in next months, 200 HH are expected to received and conduct the PDM in September, ERC partners in this project are ICRC ,Swiss embassy , Swiss development for cooperation ,and SDC

3. Updates from members

Yemen red crescent:

Hend Wasabi the CVA office in Yemen red crescent shared the last updates with the COP member with starting on assessment tools , risk register template and decision making matrix training conducted in June for two governorate Hadramout and Haja for 6 staffs , in purpose of doing a rapid market assessment in there governorate , and based on the results that tackled during the assessment the MPCA is selected as best option , in the other hand the assessment report will be shared with ICRC and BRC to move on with the necessary procedures to kick off the project .

in relation to the SOP (standard operating procedures) , new amendment and revision applied to the previous version that established based on (Abyan and Amran) projects , while the lessons learned spot the light on making the SOP more detailed with highlighting the roles of each department , once finalising the SOP , it will be translated into Arabic.

also, a new proposal for 1350 HH will be supported by providing MPCA in three governorate, while 600 pregnant women will be supported by cash for delivering in different six governorates with supporting by NRC , still the proposal still under discussion

Syrian Arab red crescent:

SARC is planning to conduct a two CVA and RAM trainings in next coming weeks, but related to the project , around 30 projects are ongoing beside the earthquake response.

Iraq red crescent:

IRCS is planning with collaboration with the GRC (German red cross) on a new project in 3 most vulnerable governorates (zikr , mouth Ana , salah al dean) based on the DM departments and stakeholders , after that the HES assessment will be conducted on the HH level .

the project staff has received a training to develop their capacity and build their skills in the assessment and response in the in HQ and three targeted branches.



Jordan red cross:

No update related to the project, But the JRCS is planning to it is intervention during the winter (warm winter) .

4. Facilitator updates:

CVA technical working group.

IT was supposed to kick of the working group activates at the beginning of July ,After sharing three separate team meeting invitations with the working group members in June , and the regional cash lead emphasis again on the importance of the working group role that will play a key role in exchanging the experience , then he proposed a new meeting and ask the members to committee to the date as following 25th July to kick off the IM working group and on 26th July SOP working group .

while the initial working group flow will be as below and is flexible to be tailored based on the objective :

First meeting:

- introduce the member of the group.
- Start Brainstorming on Objectives of the WG.
- Set up the potential WG timeframe and activities.
- set up the first Draft of the TOR.
- Assign a Working Group Leader

Second meeting:

- Agree on final TOR.
- Set the Clear objectives and the results for each member.
- Set a clear Plan of action on strict timeframe for the Working Group
- nominate focal points form relevant technical department to join the Working group.
- Do a baseline for each NSs.

the interested NSs to participate in the Working Group as following :

CVA/IM	CVA SOP
Lebanese Red Cross	Yemeni Red Crescent
Egyptian Red Crescent	Jordan Red Crescent
Palestinian Red Crescent	Palestinian Red Crescent
Syrian Arab Red Crescent	

Cash regional road map for 2024-2025

under this point the COP facilitator share the results of How can MENA countries show equal progress in Cash Preparedness research that done in collaboration with 510 , the results identify the key needs and challenges in NSs Cash Preparedness , and what are the alternative solutions to move forward .



the presentation consist of a few slides the focus on the following :

- What has been done : the facilitator explained the process of the research and how did we tackle this outputs (in 2022 the 510 conducted 6 interviews with 6 national societies to understand more the main challenges and the NS needs to improve and develop their cash readiness , in addition to disk review for some reports).
- NSs need were about :focusing on capacity building to be skilled team who can run a CVA program easy, fast and independent, the key role of the COP as a communicational and sharing experience platform in the MENA region , and they wanted an extra support on the training specially at the beginning of the preparedness journey specially financial support .
- Key obstacles also focused on Internal hierarchy and organizational instability create an obstacle for Cash Preparedness , and resources scarcity (funding) , in addition to both Lack of Learnings and knowledge documentations and context challenges .

AOB.

Nothing has mentioned on under this point.

Meetings schedule

The CoP meets every second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 Beirut time until March 2024 – the frequency of schedules will review during March 2024 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
20	12 th April ,2023
21	10 th May 2023
22	14 th June 2023
23	12 th July 2023

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Annexes :

Cash Hub presentation



Cash Preparedness research presentation

