

MENA CVA Community of Practice

Meeting #23 Minutes

*The meeting #23 did take place in 09/08/2023 on teams COP series meeting.

Meeting Details & agenda:

Date:	Wednesday 9th August 2023 - 11:00 to 12.00 (Beirut time)
Attendees:	Facilitator: Nabeh Allaham/IFRC Cash centre of excellence: Nagham Sayagh Iraqi red crescent society: Rasha Younis /international relation department Yemen Red Crescent : Hend Wasabi Cash Hub: Azim Norani Iran red Crescente : Abbas mohamadi
Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cash and voucher assistance mentoring programme: An induction session on the cash programme pilot will present with the COP members, and answer on all the questions.• Updates from the COP members NSs society focal points will provide an update on both current and future projects, trainings, initiatives.• Updates from Facilitator<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional road Map for 2024-2025• AOB

Meeting minutes:

This COP meeting is considered the seventh 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 and voucher assistance mentoring programme:

after launching the CVA mentoring programme in the MENA region and send the call for application¹, it was an amazing idea to explain more about the programme and answer on all attendance and member questions, Cash centre of excellence coordinator present the flyer and

¹ Cash mentoring programme launched on MENA COP page on Cash Hub website [Cash mentoring programme - click here](#)

the brochure and go through the selection and application process, highlighted the objectives of the programme, the main points that have mentioned as following :

what is the cash mentoring programme is?

A 1-1 relationship in which an experienced person (your mentor) provides advice and guidance in response to your specific issues and challenges , where the Individualized support to develop your cash expertise around the practitioner tailored learning objective , and the mentor will support in developing the learning objective of mentees .through Provide regular advice, support, and feedback throughout the module approximately 6 to 8 mentoring sessions of approx. 40 - 60 minutes each over the course of the 6-month program.

what is the process approach.

to make sure that all the COP members understand the whole process and the steps of the programme the session addressed the key steps of the programme as following:

- The call of application from interested CVA practitioner from the MENA NSs .
- Matching the practitioner with appropriate mentors.
- Set up the learning objective for each mentee with his mentor.
- Agreed on the regular mentoring meeting.

Selection Criteria:

- 2+ Years of Humanitarian Experience and DM experiences.
- Experience in implementing a CVA Project.
- Completion of PECT or equivalent training advised.
- acting as a CVA staff member in his national society.
- Approval from the line manger on participation in the programme.

At the end of the session the deadline for submitting the application will be on 14th of August By sending the CV and cover letter of the interested practitioner to CCOE email²

2. Update from COP member:

Iraq red crescent:

The updated from the CVA focal point Rash Younes started with mentioned to the new three projects are ongoing with collaboration with DRC in tow different provinces (Dehook , Maousel) , where the IRCS is planning to implement **5 micro economic grants** in Mousel province to improve and empower the vulnerable families 'economic situation , where the other two project focus on supporting 700 pregnant and lactating women in the area that will be selected later based on the needs assessment , and the third programme will target 170 woman at risk in Dahook area into three refugee camps (sharieh , khaniki , domiez) with Multipurpose cash assistance MPCA.

In relation to the on going projects with coordination and collaboration with GRC (German red cross) in (zigr , El mothana , salah aldien) the assessment has started through COBO survey , in the same time the preparation for contracting with the mobile company is taking place and under discussion.

² cash centre of excellence: ccoe.mena@ifrc.org

Yemen red crescent:

from the Yemeni Red Crescent the updated started with the cash proposal in Haja and Hadramout, shared with ICRC, and YRCS now is waiting to get an approval after the long discussion and correspondence to adjust to proposal that has done in the last week.

in the other hand, the YCRC and NRC discussed the mechanism of delivering the cash for health and they are preparing to start the implementation soon.

Iran red crescent:

the updates provided from the IRCS, firstly focused on the ongoing Khoi earthquake operation to support the affected population in the affected area, while a new suggestion from IOM (international organization for migration) to support the affected women by cash.

In the right time the team is collecting the affected women data to be evaluate based on the selection and eligibility criteria due to finalize the beneficiaries list, before heading to distribution.

Also IRCS is looking to conduct different training to improve the capacity of the CVA team, while the plan of training still under discussion based on the needs and priorities of the NS.

3. Updated from Facilitator:**Regional road map 2024-2025:**

Based on the previous discussion related to the new road map for 2024 -2025 in last two meeting of ,MENA COP, it was really important to mentioned what were the main activities that have been implement from the current road Map, and what are the propiites of the National society for upcoming two year, in this filed the COP facilitator highlighted the main achievement as following :

- number of self-assessment have been conducted to the MENA NS like (Yemen, Palestine) in addition to conducting the self-assessment workshop in Arabic tools for the first time in IRAQ red crescent.
- Number of the CVA trained people with PECT are increased and ready to deploy.
- Conducted Peer to peer visit to Syria with participation 4 national society from the MENA region, with facilitation and collaboration from MENA CCOE.
- Held all MENA COP fixed monthly meetings with an active and productive attendance.
- translated essential CVA tools to ARABIC (CVA self-assessment tools).
- ended up the MENA COP page on cash hub and publishing very useful material to the CVA practitioner in the MNEA region like (CVA recommended training list, CVA risk register matrix, all the MOM of MENA COP meetings).

While the next step is to share the Survey with the MENA NSs to answer on their interest and priorities to focus on and provide all technical support and mobile the resources to meet the needs.

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
24	9 th August 2023