

## MENA CVA Community of Practice

### Meeting #27 minutes

\*The meeting #27 did take place in 14/02/2024 on teams COP series meeting.

Meeting Details & agenda:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024- 11:00 to 12.00</b> (Beirut time)
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Facilitator:</b> Nabeh Allaham/IFRC CVA thematic lead  <b>Cash centre of excellence:</b> Reem Jawahri <b>Lebanese Red Cross:</b> Elias Hazoury <b>Syrian Arab Red Crescent:</b> Khaled Al-Madani <b>Palestine Red crescent :</b> Majd Batrawi <b>Cash Data Management Officer _</b> Arturo García Fernández
<b>Agenda :</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening the meeting. (5 min).</b></li> <li>• <b>Cash Peer-to-peer programme. (10 min).</b> Will provide an update on upcoming the P2P programme for 2024.</li> <li>• <b>Cash counting exercise 2023-2024 (20 min)</b></li> <li>• <b>Updates from the COP members (15Min).</b></li> <li>• <b>Updates from Facilitator (5 min).</b></li> <li>• <b>AOB (5 min)</b></li> </ul>

#### Meeting minutes:

This COP meeting is considered the second meeting in the series of COP monthly meetings in 2024. It was a good opportunity to cover different points and focus on ongoing activities nationally, regionally and globally with MENA NSs focal points, and provide an update from the facilitator.

#### 1. Opening the meeting:

The facilitator started by welcoming all COP members and the host (Arturo Fernandez ), with providing a glance at the meeting agenda and what will be covered during the meeting.

#### 2. Cash Peer-to-peer exchange programme for 2024.

Reem Jawhari from the CCOE provided a briefing on the current CCOE activities in the MENA, starting with the CVA P2P exchange programme, which will be conducted from the 2nd to 7th of March for four days in Iran, the programme agenda is being designed closely with the NSs participants and Iranian red crescent, the 5 NSs how will contribute in P2P are ( Syrian ARC, Lebanese RC, Iraqi RC, Yemen RC, and Iranian RCS), Reem provided an updated on the logistics and administration updates that organized closely with the national society and answered the relevant questions..

The update continues from Reem's side to the following point:

Internal

CVA in Protracted Crisis webinar will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, with two NSs (Iraq RCS and Yemen RCS) sharing their experience using CVA during their protracted crisis and complicated context. Reem encourages participants to share the webinar link with their NSs.

### 3. Cash counting exercise 2023-2024:

The session focused on the cash counting exercise for the 2023 year and current cash activities in 2024. Arturo provided a briefing on the exercise, along with the purpose of the activity, then provided a briefing on the cash counting exercise for 2022 with the results of what the COP members have reported, where (cash reached more than 10 million and 1 billion CHF in 2022 on the movement level globally, and in the MENA level, the NSs manage to deliver 9 million to 250 thousand people, where 9% of the total amount is implemented through E-cash.

During the presentation, Arturo mentioned data management solutions like as Redrose and 1-2-1, among others, that helped NSs establish CVA programmes, as well as the access RC self-enrolment application.

The counting cash exercise survey still the same as last year, with a few changes, such as asking about the duration of delivering cash to the affected people and keeping the process open so that NSs can submit their cash interventions directly, rather than waiting until the end of the year to report on them.

The timeline for NSs to submit their cash activities from 1/1/2023 to 31/3/2023 by 10<sup>th</sup> of April,

Tips and recommendations:

If the NS is implementing a cash project by using the ICRC finance system, the NSs will not report on it, as the ICRC will report on it.

### 4. Updates from COP members:

#### • **Palestine red crescent:**

Majd Batrawi provided a briefing on the Gaza humanitarian situation and needs, in addition to the PRCS plans and activities in terms of CVA with key challenges, where the needs are huge, especially with the lack of the essential commodities in the market, other than that collapsing the market system and supply chain, where commercial tracks are prevented to enter Gaza.

PRCS is working on a CVA plan as part of its emergency appeal to help 50000 HH-affected households in various stages. Phase One will assist PRCS personnel and volunteers, with Phase 2 focusing on IDPs and the host community, however, PRCS capability in CVA is still in the early stages of preparation.

#### **In this stage, the time meeting has finished**

##### **Lebanese Red cross :**

No major updates from the January meeting

Syrian Arab Red Crescent:

No major updates from the January meeting, as well.

#### **Meetings schedule**

The CoP meets every second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 Beirut time until February 2025 – the frequency of schedules will be reviewed during the February 2025 meeting.

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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
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28	10 <sup>TH</sup> January 2024
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