

MENA CVA Community of Practice

Meeting #32

*The meeting #32 did take place in 14/08/2024 on teams COP series meeting.

Meeting Details & agenda:

Date:	Wednesday August 14th , 2024- 11:00 to 12.00 (Beirut time)
Attendees: 11 attendances	<p>Facilitator: Nabeh Allaham, IFRC CVA thematic lead</p> <p>Cash Center of Excellence: Nagham Sayegh Lebanese Red Cross: Nour Hamadeh , Elias Hazoury Egyptian Red Crescent: Raham Ahmad Hanafy – Kholoud Tarek Iraqi Red Crescent Society : Rasha Younis . Cash Hub: Azim Noorani Norwegian Red Cross: Michael Interiano German Red Cross : Lisa Taschler ICRC : Francesca Reinhardt</p> <p>Anticipation Hub / German Red Cross: Anita Auerbach</p>
Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introduce you to the new member in CVA COP. (5 min). • Cash center of excellence CCOE : (10min). Update on ongoing activities , and events . • Updates from the COP members (25 Min). NS society focal points will provide an update on both current and future projects, pieces of training, and initiatives in 2024. ** • Updates from the Facilitator (5min). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash counting exercise 2023. • Cash for support services training CFSS . • COP co-chair. • On going cash implementation , and training • AOB (5 min)

Meeting minutes:

This COP meeting is considered the Seventh 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:

Nabeh started by welcoming all COP members, especially the new members who joined the COP officially and the first time as follows:

German Red Cross: Lisa Taschler

ICRC: Francesca Reinhardt

2. Cash center of excellence CCOE:

a. Finalize the Syria earthquake response webinar:

Naghah mentioned to successful webinar that conducted with Syrian Arab Red Crescent on 17th of July, where the Cash team in SARC will share their experience and achievements , challenges during the response to affected people , and currently CCOE is preparing to a new webinar that will come in next two months .

b. Cash mentoring programme .

CCOE provide updates on the Cash mentoring programme , where the mentees are finalizing the learning paper with their mentors to be published after 6 months of learning journey with their mentors .

3. Updates from COP members:

• Lebanese Red Cross:

First, The updates from the LRC focus on their implementation for ongoing cash projects , LRC resume distributing of the third payments for Syrian and Lebanese , after the challenges that have faced according to the data sharing agreement .

Conducting a WASH market assessment as part of joint project with wash department within Disaster management department,

As LRC aiming to start market assessment in upcoming two weeks, while in relation to Cash trainings, LRC is planning to proceed with training plan for the next step.

Response in the south: LRC had a meeting with the movement partners, and presented the Cash response plan (providing cash assistance for the affected people (10,000 HH)to cover their needs for three months, with transfer value 150\$ per month, through the current FSP framework agreements .

• Egyptian Red crescent:

Rahma shared the updates on CVA distribution for Palestinian injured families, ERC finished the cash distribution for the second wave of families , in collaboration with UNHCR and Hungary helps organization for 248 beneficiaries divided into 211 HH , and 37 individuals , the distribution take a place in the following locations (Noth Sina ,Por said , Ismaelieh , and Cairo) , in the same delivery mechanism (cash in hand) , where the transfer value was 7000 for family , and 3500 for Individual , in the plan is to continue with the third wave at the end of the year.

- **Iraqi Red Crescent:**

Rasha started the updates with highlighting that IRCS got an approval on the Desertification confrontation intervention in collaboration with GRC, in Mousel area, and IRCS will start the procurement process for materials, to start with the cash for work project.

On the other side, after identifying the names of the affected people by the food, IRCS will start cash distribution next Sunday, through ASIA TEL company after opening the e wallet for 800 HH in both area (Duhok 500 HH in collaboration with IFRC . Zakho 300 HH in collaboration with GRC),

Updates from the COP facilitator:

The updates covered the following three points :

1. Cash counting exercise 2023-2024

Nabeh mentioned that during this meeting was supposed to present the results of cash counting exercise for 2023 , but according to unavailability of our IM colleagues regarding to his commitment with trainings , the results will shared later in the upcoming COP meeting . And finish with encouraging the CVA focal points to start providing their inputs on the cash counting exercise for 2024 for the finished project to save their time later.

2. Cash for support services training:

CFSS training has mentioned in the updates, as it will take place in next months, and the invitation letter will be shared with the NS, a briefing on the training and its objectives is provided to the COP members and emphasize on the importance of this training and the capacity of the candidates who should attended the training to provide the appropriate support to the CASH tram.

3. The CVA thematic lead thank Elias Hazoury from Lebanese Red Cross for his efforts and dedication in co sharing the COP group for the last period, and open the door for a new interested person from the MENA NSs to take the co-chair seat , in order to build and enhance their skills in coordination.

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 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
25	11 th October 2023
26	8 TH November 2023
27	13 th December 2023
28	10 TH January 2024
29	14 th February 2024
30	13 th March 2024
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32	May 8 th , 2024
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