

## MENA CVA Community of Practice

### Meeting #33

\*The meeting #33 did take place in 11/09/2024 on teams COP series meeting.

Meeting Details & agenda:

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| <b>Date:</b>                                   | <b>Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> · 2024- 11:00 to 12.00</b> (Beirut time)   |
| <b>Attendees:</b><br><br><b>11 attendances</b> | <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Nabeh Allaham, IFRC CVA thematic lead</p> <p><b>Cash Center of Excellence:</b> Reem Jawahri</p> <p><b>Lebanese Red Cross:</b> Nour Hamadeh , Elias Hazoury</p> <p><b>Egyptian Red Crescent:</b> Raham Ahmad Hanafy – Kholoud Tarek</p> <p><b>Iraqi Red Crescent Society :</b> Mohannad Salah , Mohanad Shakerallah .</p> <p><b>Iranian RCS :</b> Abbas Mohammadi</p> <p><b>German Red Cross :</b> Lisa Taschler</p> <p><b>ICRC :</b> Francesca Reinhardt</p>   |
| <b>Agenda:</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome and opening the meeting . (5 min).</b></li> <li>• <b>Cash center of excellence CCOE : (5 min).</b><br/>Update on ongoing activities , and events .</li> <li>• <b>Updates from the COP members (20 Min).</b><br/>NS society focal points will provide an update on both current and future projects, pieces of training, and initiatives in 2024</li> <li>• <b>Standard operation procedures from Iraqi Red crescent : (25 min)</b><br/>According to the interest on the MENA NSs in CVA SOP , the Iraqi red crescent will present and share their path in establishing their CVA SOP from the scratch till the SOP has endorsed by the NS management , and to answer any relevant question from the MENA NSs</li> <li>• <b>AOB (5 min)</b></li> </ul> |

## Meeting minutes:

This COP meeting is considered the eighth 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, in addition to presenting the CVA SOP from Iraqi red crescent .

### 1. Opening the meeting:

Nabeh started by welcoming all COP members, and explaining the COP agenda .

### 2. Cash center of excellence CCOE:

#### a. 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 , currently the CCOE planning to hold an online session to provide an opportunity to each practitioner to present their learning documents and the invitation will be shared with the COP members .

#### b. Peer to peer programme follow up :

After Six months of the P2P programme that took a place in Iran with 4 National societies , CCOE with CVA regional thematic lead held a meeting to follow up on the process of the participated NSs objective , and what they manage to achieve , each NS present their achievements and highlight the main challenges .

#### c. Learning Documents:

Working on the learning document with Yemen Red Crescent on the internal and external coordination

d. Working on the **CVA focal point blog** with Iraq red crescent to focus on the role of the CVA FP in the national society in MENA and highlight their role and responsibility , and explore insights behind their role .

### 3. Updates from COP members:

#### • Iraqi Red Crescent:

Mohanad Shakerallah started the updates with current operation related to the Flood , the IRCS finalise the distribution of the Cash assistance to 800 HH (500 HH supported by IFRC , 300 HH supported by Geramn RC ) ,while the PDM will start the next week , in addition to conduct a lesson learned workshop to tackle the main challenges and lessons through the intervention (the discussion is ongoing with IRCS management and IFRC country delegation )

Regarding to the project in collaboration with the German RC , IRCS planning to do a Cash for work project in the north , the process of procurements is going on for required materials , the tender has been lunched for materials m while the contracting with the training entity tp provide a special training to enhance the capacity of targeted people .

In terns of the CVA SOP, the NS management approve the SOP .

**FSP contracting:** the IRCS is proceeding with the FSP tender to contract a national financial service provider , the Scope of work shared with the ORCS relevant department and still waiting for Feedback .

**CVA training :** IRCS is planning to conduct a training Similar to the CVA level 2

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 .

Mohannad Salah add one point on above , he mentioned that IRCS is planning to expand their delivery mechanism beyond the (mobile wallet the current one ) and develop the process , in addition to build the capacity of the branch staff to be confident and have enough capacity to run the project and emergency operation if any .

- **Lebanese Red Cross:**

The updates from the LRC focus on their implementation for ongoing cash projects , in general , LRC continue distributing the cash assistance for ongoing projects in several areas .

Regarding to the cash for wash project, the LRC is conducting a market assessment to identify if cash feasible in different areas mainly in north Lebanon .

while in relation to Cash capacity building plan is moving forward with a bunch of training for staff and volunteers for next year .

Response in the south: after the 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 , LRC start the preparation and planning phase , and they will provide the updates on that next meeting.

- **Egyptian Red crescent:**

Rahma shared the updates on CVA distribution for Palestinian injured families, ERC finished the PDM for the last two distribution , that conducted through phone call for 134 beneficiaries as the sample of the total number .

Whie the ERC is planning to distribute the cash for the third wave of Palestinian injured this month probably with collaboration with UNHCR .

In coordination manner ,the ERC is CO chair the Egyptian cash working group , and will host the first meeting next week , and will facilitate the upcoming monthly meeting till the end of the year .

- **Iranian Red Crescent Society :**

No major updates on cash , as there is no cash project currently is going on , after missing the opportunity to do cash intervention in south after the earthquake , in addition to that IRCS is planning to conduct a CVA workshop for the staff and volunteer in the future.

#### **4. Standard operation procedures from Iraqi Red crescent:**

Muhannad Sallah started with a briefing on the IRCS journey in purpose of setting up the Standard operation procedure for cash and voucher assistance ,with the support from the Danish RC , German RC and IFRC , and highlighted the importance of the SOP in ,

- guides staff and volunteers responsible for designing, managing and implementing CVA programs at HQ and branch levels.
- To provide structured guidance for designing and implementing quality CVA modalities and mechanisms by IRCS in emergencies by defining:
- Minimum considerations for cash feasibility
- Minimum requirements at individual and institutional levels to design and implement CVA
- Roles and responsibilities of different staff/departments in CVA programmes
- Different cash modalities and steps in design and implementation.

Then Mohanad Shakerallah complete the presentation with the CVA self -assessment exercise results that conducted in May 2019, where SOP raise up , and how much important to work on it , while the management of IRCS express their desire to have a CVA SOP for the national society , and strength the staff capacity , identify the FSP , establish a cash technical working group , and review the assessment tools.

**Updates from the COP facilitator:**

The updates covered the following three points:

1. Emergency appeal of Yemen flood has been lunched , where cash taking part of the YRCS response plan , in the main time technical feedback provide and waiting to be confirmed .
2. Morrocco earthquake EA : the MRC finished the second installment of the cash pilot in Taroudant , for 228 HH affected by the earthquake , and the CVA delegate position has been readvertise again .
3. CFSS training: the discussion still on going to finalize the location , more updates will be shared once agreed .
4. Upcoming COP meeting will be face to face in Dubai first week on Nov , to make the COP members ready and book themselves .

**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.

| MENA CVA Community of Practice meetings schedule |                                  |
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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   |
| 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      |
| 20   | 12 <sup>th</sup> April ,2023     |
| 21   | 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2023        |
| 22   | 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2023       |
| 23   | 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023       |

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| 24 | 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2023     |
| 25 | 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2023   |
| 26 | 8 <sup>TH</sup> November 2023   |
| 27 | 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023  |
| 28 | 10 <sup>TH</sup> January 2024   |
| 29 | 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2024  |
| 30 | 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024     |
| 31 | 10 <sup>TH</sup> April 2024     |
| 32 | May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024      |
| 33 | June 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024    |
| 34 | July 10 <sup>th</sup> 2024      |
| 35 | August 14 <sup>th</sup> 2024    |
| 36 | September 11 <sup>th</sup> 2024 |