

## MENA CVA Community of Practice

**12<sup>th</sup> of March 2025**

\*The Second CVA MENA COP meeting take place in 12/03/2025 on teams COP series meeting.

Meeting Details & agenda:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> , 2025- 11:00 to 12.00</b> (Beirut time)
<b>Attendees:</b>  <b>11 attendances</b>	<b>Facilitator:</b> Nabeh Allaham, IFRC CVA thematic lead. <b>Co facilitator:</b> Elias Hazoury  <b>Cash Center of Excellence:</b> Reem Jawhari. <b>Egyptian Red Crescent:</b> Kholod Tarek, Helmy Badr. <b>Lebanese red cross:</b> Elisia Abdo, Nour Hamadeh <b>Iraqi red crescent:</b> Rash Younes <b>Iranian Red crescent society:</b> Abaas Mohammadi <b>German red Cross :</b> Lucia Robles Dios <b>ICRC:</b> Francesca Reinhardt <b>IFRC:</b> Arturo gracia Fernandez : Chanreasmey Ouk
<b>Agenda:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Welcome and Opening Remarks (5 min).</b></li><li>• <b>Updates from COP Members (25 min).</b></li><li>• <b>Updates from the COP Facilitator / Co-Chair (20 min).</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ MENA CVA Newsletter 2024.</li><li>○ Cash Counting Exercise 2024-2025.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>AoB (5 min)</b></li></ul>

### Meeting minutes:

This COP meeting is the second meeting in the series of COP monthly meetings in 2025. It was a fruitful and informative meeting , with focusing on the new updates from the NSs CVA focal point on their ongoing operation , and capacity building events , and focus on ongoing activities regionally, and globally, and provide an update from the facilitator.

#### 1. Opening the meeting:

Starting by welcoming the COP members, and the new joiner specially, like Lucia Robels Dios from German red cross , and Helmy Badr from the Egyptian red crescent , in addition to the new COP co facilitator Elias Hazoury from the Lebanese Red Cross , who take the lead from this point to explain on the meeting agenda , and facilitate the meeting .

## 2. Updates from COP members:

- **Egyptian red crescent:**

Helmy Badr from ERC started the updates on suddenness crisis response in collaboration with the IFRC, the ERC will deliver the MPCA through the FSP (Fawry plus) , for one installment , the transfer value will be based on the number of the family individual , ( 4 ,000 EGP for one capita , 2-4 capita will receive 11000 EGP , while 5 capita and more will receive 16000 EGP , the MSNA is ongoing currently , where the final number of the targeted people will be identified after finishing the MSNA assessment , the project deadline is end of April 2025.

- **Lebanese Red Cross:**

Elisia Abdo from the LRC divided the update into two categories, as follows:

On Emergency EcoSec response:

- LRC starts implementing the cash assistance response for the escalation hostilities crisis, where the intervention is divided into two phases:
- First one to provide MPCA (200USD/ one-off Emergency cash) for approx. 9419 families, through cash on counter modality to target areas Lebanon specifically to South, Mount Lebanon (Dahyeh) and Baalback-El, the funds are secured and ready to be delivered, the distribution will finish at the end of March 2025 . Partners that are supporting the LRC emergency are Canadian, Swiss, Netherlands, Swedish, IFRC, NOR Cross and DRC.
- In the next step is LRC is going to fundraise to continue their support to the affected people (next stage) by distributing 200 USD for each family for 6 months, according to the recommendation and close coordination with the cash working group, and relevant cluster in Lebanon, where the assistance is calculated based on it ( 100 USD for food security , 45USD for basic needs , 55USD for wash ).

On the regular programming level:

- LRC is preparing to conduct the CVAP process in next month, the activity is approved by LRC management, with the support from the BRC, CCOE and IFRC.
- LRC-EcoSec has signed on a cash for wash project, where cash is integrated with the wash, by providing conditional unrestricted assistance for the targeted people, the project is targeting the Syrian and Lebanese population in equal, in collaboration with Austrian Red Cross
- GRC funds for MPCA project is pipelined, awaiting the feedback needed to initiate the process. The selection will be based on vulnerability scoring as previous MPCA projects, the delivery mechanism is ATM card.
- Livelihood projects will be implemented with ICRC through bilateral OCA and through a bilateral agreement with BRC and ICRC (ongoing project from 2024) , the assistance is delivered through the ATM card .
- EcoSec is working to extend their delivery mechanism with Purple application with BLF Bank (money wallet) to be used for humanitarian CVA assistance, the new DM will be tested in a pilot project with Netherlands RC, that is going from the last year (cash for food, for 100Lebanese HH , through e-wallet ). The evaluation will be conducted to check on the efficiency.

- **Iraqi Red Crescent:**

Racha from the IRCS provided the updated on the ongoing projects for 2025, these projects are mainly in collaboration with the German red cross, and Danish red cross.

Regarding to the project in collaboration with the German Red Cross, under the Livelihood projects, there are three activities :

First activity, Cash for work: IRCS started the implementation in kadaa Al Mosul area , with targeting 226 person for 20 working days , the transfer value will be 25000 per day ( in total 500,00 IQD ,the targeted group will support the municipalities in cleaning works , the delivery mechanism is cash in hand , the project endline at the end of April .

The second activity, vocational training trough a service provider for 120 person in three areas (Mosul, Sinjar, Tal Afar) , Sewing , food production , and mobile maintenance , computer maintenance as well , after finishing the training the IRCS will deliver to each person ( who pass the training successfully ) 1,000,000 IQD ( around 1000 USD ) to but the toolkit to continue with .

Regarding to the projects in collaboration with the Danish red cross, and British red cross: The IRCS will provide MPCA to 20 family who are settled in the two shelter (Shari , khanki ) in kadaa Dahouk , the transfer value is 600,000 IQD for each HH ( around 400 USD).

The second activity is business management training thorough a service provider for 5 days, for 15 person in three shelters (Shari, khanki , Domize 1 ) Syrian refugees , once the training finish the 3000,000 IQD (2000 Usd ) will deliver to the trainees .

The third project is MPCA for 650 HH, where the transfer value for 600,000 IQD (400 Usd ) , one installment

- **Iranian Red Crescent:**

Abbas the IRCS CVA focal point mentioned that Iranian red crescent through a volunteer organization department implementing two CVA project, where cash is used to support the families in both sectors health & treatment, and livelihood,

The two projects target 67,529 person, the total money allocated 3,304,000 USD, from the governmental budget, where the cash will be transfer through the bank account.

IRCS managed to conduct an orientation session on CVA to the relevant department like treasury office, and volunteer organization who is implementing the two projects, etc.

Based on the question from the COP co facilitator Regarding to the transfer the money from outside of the country, Abbas mentioned that IRCS still facing challenges in this matter, IFRC consider this challenge is the key obstacle for all the project not only cash assistance. While IRCS has the extended FSP agreement since long time.

- **Cash center of excellence CCOE:**

Reem started the updates with the MENA CVA newsletter for 2024, reem thanked who shared their CVA inputs from the CVA FP , and informed about sharing the final version in two days with their national society , Nabeh's added ,that all inputs has been shared from the NSs , have been reviewed with the NSs and endorsed from their side.

Regarding to the Peer to peer exchange programme , reem mentioned that we are working on developing the TOR , and it will be shared with the COP members , where all the members are able to apply to the prograemme .

### **3. Updates on the cash counting exercise 2024:**

Ouk provide quick brief on the cash counting exercise in general, as most of the COP members are familiar with the process, while the presentation focused on the deadline of the process 10<sup>th</sup> of April , with going through the Kobo form , then Arturo add from his side on the one change , in calculating the NFI distributed from the NS , but this year the question has deleted to make the questions linked to CVA programmes .

### **Meetings schedule**

The CoP meets every second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 Beirut time until March 2027– the frequency of schedules will be reviewed during the February 2027 meeting.