

CHILD PROTECTION in EMERGENCIES WORKING GROUP – LEBANON

Minutes of Meeting

DATE : 22 April 2013 @ 11:00 -12:30

LOCATION : Unicef Office

CHAIR : Natacha Emerson, CPIEWG Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: 15 participants representing 13 organisations (ABAAD, AAVSI, DRC, KAFA, Mercy Corps, NRC, OCHA, SFCG, TdH Lausanne, TdH Italy, UNHCR, UNICEF, War Child)

I. Review of Last Meeting

Update on action points:

- ✓ CPIEWG Members List and email distribution list updated
- ✓ Members submitted proposed appeals and provided comments to finalise RRP5
- ✓ Discussions are underway for the provision of transportation for SR with special needs in Saida to access the new registration centre in Tyre.
- ✓ MoSA agreed to host the CPIEWG meetings on a Friday when the meeting room is less occupied.
- ✓ Six organisations have provided support and assessors for the ongoing CP assessment in Lebanon.
- ✓ Preliminary discussions with the Education WG on bullying in schools highlighted the need for a CP-Education thematic group to address cross-cutting issues (eg. Violence in school, PSS/CFS in school)

II. Operational Update

A joint UNICEF/UNHCR mission was conducted in Lebanon from 15-17 April to identify areas of cooperation and collaboration in child protection, review capacities, needs and gaps as well as coordination mechanisms and mutual capacities for scaling up.

MOSA has recruited 52 social workers with the technical and financial support of UNICEF and UNHCR. The social workers will be located in 26 Social Development Centres to scale up the protection response and be active in referring cases. The social workers are undertaking a multi-sectorial induction training from 22-24 April in Beirut, organized by UNICEF and UNHCR.

UNHCR disaggregated data on registered Syrian refugees identified as 'children at risk'. The following trends can assist members in programme development:

- proportionally higher numbers of separated and unaccompanied children, children engaged in child labour and children with disabilities.
- adolescent boys compose the majority of separated and unaccompanied minors (SUAM)
- proportionally more cases of SUAM in North Lebanon

(see attached UNHCR presentation – data as of end-March 2013)

Members reported increasing incidents of child labour amongst refugee populations as families resort to negative coping mechanisms to cope with their economic hardship.

III. RRP5

Child Protection RRP5 submitted 12 April. 22 agencies (7 national) are appealing. \$28.95 million

IV. Child Protection Needs Assessments

Draft Child Protection Rapid Needs Assessment on SR conducted in January-February 2013 to be reviewed by Steering Committee on 25 April.

The inter-agency remote Syria Needs Assessment is being conducted in Bekka (22-26 April) and North Lebanon (24 April –early May) with the support of 6 agencies providing assessors and/or in-kind contributions. Makiba Yamano from World Vision International’s Global Technical Team is the team leader and can be reached at makiba_yamano@wvi.org or 71074210.

V. CPIEWG tools

The CPIEWG is in the process of finalising TORs, improving communication lines with field CPIEWGs and developing coordination tools:

A referral chart to visualize referral pathways for child protection cases (concerning PSS, UASC, legal issues, CAAFAGs, child labour, education, SGBV, mine action, children with disabilities, physical violence and mental health, case management) has been sent to CPIEWG coordinators and focal points in the regions to identify hubs and respective referral partners. Once finalized the referral charts can be distributed to use in the SDCs, collective centres, counseling centres, schools, PHCs and by agencies.

An activity matrix (4Ws) has been sent to all members to fill out. The 4Ws provides us with an overview of what is being done and where so as to identify gaps and consolidate efforts whilst developing a comprehensive CP strategy.

VI. AoB

AVSI has conducted a rapid needs assessment in Marj el Khokh informal camp (Marjeyoun caza, South Lebanon) - 150-160 families (400 children) of which only 10% are registered. 250 children are not in school and “the emergence of child labor can be perceived” and increasing efforts are need to address child labour.

DRC proposes to conduct an inter-agency protection assessment in the informal tented settlements in Bekaa to identify protection needs and seeks support and participation from CP actors.

ACTION POINTS

ACTION	BY WHO	BY WHEN	COMMENTS
Review CP assessment	Steering Committee	25 April	
Provide update on Remote Syria CP assessment	Makiba & Jean	30 April	
Share location of 26 SDCs where social workers will be posted	MOSA / Natacha	01 May	
Send activity matrix (4Ws) to CP coordination and IMO	Members	03 May	Natacha to send out 4Ws by 25 April
Send case management registration forms used by agencies to CP coordination	Members conducting case management	03 May	
Finalise TORs, structure, communication lines	Co-leads & Natacha	07 May	Plan meeting with MOSA, UNICEF & UNHCR
Discuss with UNRWA – data on PRS children at risk	Natacha	07 May	
Identify hubs and fill in referral charts	Field-based Coordinators and South & ML focal points	10 May	
Fill in Capacity Building needs survey	All	10 May	Natacha to develop and circulate by 03 May
Mapping of activities (based on 4W input)	Ketan, UNICEF IMO	10 May	
Update on CFS/PSS thematic group	SCI	10 May	
Share with CP Coordination information on child protection concerns	All	ongoing	Design template for monthly updates

Next meeting: 11am on Friday 10th May at MOSA main building.

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