

Child Protection in Emergencies Working Group - Lebanon



Monthly Meeting 14 August 2013

Minutes of Meeting

DATE : 14 August 2013 @ 14:00 -16:00

LOCATION : UNHCR Office

CHAIR : Natacha Emerson, CPIEWG Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: 28 participants representing 19 organisations (Amel Association, DRC, IDRAAC, IFRC, HWA Austria, INTERSOS, KAFA, Mercy Corps, MOSA, OHCHR, Save the Children, SHIELD, TdH-Italy, TdH-Lausanne, UNIFIL, UNHCR, UNICEF, War Child Holland, World Vision) including incoming North Lebanon CPIEWG coordinator (Unicef).

I. Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the CPIEWG was endorsed as was the ToR for the Case Management Technical Working Group. Both can be found in the CPIEWG dropbox (folder ToRs).

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hcr721oacgl61s9/7imm3sxYKC>

II. Presentation on Child Labour by Hayat Osseyran, ILO consultant

Field coordinators and members recently reported an increase in the overall incidence of child labour amongst populations affected by the crisis. Due to the loss of livelihoods, breadwinners, access to education, and family separation, children have become particularly vulnerable to child labour; including the worst forms of child labour (WFCL)¹. Children have taken on more dangerous work or search for work which will put them at risk of exploitative work situations. The large majority of children in the WFCL are in hazardous work². Decree 8987 defines the most hazardous forms of child labour in Lebanon. It is due to be signed by the President in September 2013.

While the child protection response should be as thorough as possible, given the complexity of responding to all child labour, members agreed that the response is to prioritise the worst forms, starting with those related to or made worse by the crisis. Efforts are also to build on and contribute to the ongoing national processes.

A presentation on the overview of international conventions on Child Labour and the child labour perspective in Lebanon was given to foster a common understanding of child labour in Lebanon.

Updates on Child Labour interventions:

- A GoL National Action Plan to eliminate worst forms of child labour is being finalized.
- A national Child Labour Survey is to be carried out by CAS with the support of ILO
- A rapid assessment to profile working street children will be conducted with the support of ILO, UNICEF and SCI. CPIEWG members were asked to support and assist in carrying out the assessment in urban areas, beginning with Tripoli and Beirut.

¹ ILO Convention 182 http://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=NORMLEXPUB:12100:0::NO:12100:P12100_ILO_CODE:C182

² hazardous child labour is work carried out in dangerous or unhealthy conditions that could result in a child being killed, or injured and/or made ill as a consequence of poor safety and health standards and working arrangements. However, it is left for each country to define what is hazardous work in their situation (www.ilo.org/ipecc/facts/hazardouschildlabour).

- Attachments:**
- Decree 8987 (Arabic version)
 - Decree 8987 (English version)
 - ILO Child Labour Presentation to CPIEWG -14 August 2013

Action Point: Unicef to share concept note on Working Street Children Survey

III. Discussion on Capacity Building Survey

A capacity building needs survey was conducted in July with 32 respondents throughout Lebanon from 17 organisations (UN, INGOs, national NGOs). Results highlighted that 53% of respondents have participated in some form of CPiE training in the past year and more than 40% have training planned in the next 6 months suggesting the need for a CPIEWG capacity building plan. The major capacity building challenges faced were lack of knowledge of child protection basics, lack of awareness of referral pathways and case management procedures and how to respond to high levels of psychosocial distress. Priorities for training were clearly case management and general CPiE (including soft skills training on identification of children at risk).

When planning for trainings, members requested that trainings be limited to either a 3 day training or spread over several weeks so that staff are not out of the office for extended periods eg. 2 days / week for 2 weeks.

In the interim, the CPIEWG Coordinator referred members to online and e-course trainings on CPiE at www.cplearning.org and the global CPWG training menu for CPiE, which can be accessed on the dropbox in the trainings folder.

Action Point: Develop a Capacity Building Strategy / work plan

IV. Identification of Sector Focal Points

CPIEWG focal points for each of the other sectors (GBV, Shelter, WASH, NFI/Distribution, Education, Health & Food Security) are being identified to encourage child protection mainstreaming across the response and improve information sharing on CPIEWG initiatives with other sectors. Kafa and World Vision volunteered to be focal points for the SGBV TF and Shield for the Shelter WG.

Action Point: Members attending WASH, Education, Health or NFI sector WGs to volunteer to be respective CPIEWG focal points.

V. CPIEWG Update

CPIEWG Strategy – As part of a consultative process to develop a CPIEWG national strategy for 2013-2014, three field workshops were conducted in the Bekaa, South and North Lebanon with field-CPIEWG members to identify key child protection concerns, operational challenges and relevant interventions. A national workshop in Beirut followed on August 1st to identify strategic objectives, prioritise interventions and cases and identify key entry points for CPIEWG activities.

A CPIEWG strategy Steering Committee was formed during the national workshop based on a volunteer basis to review and provide comments on the draft versions before sharing with the broader CPiEWG members and other sector coordinators. Members of the SC are World Vision, SHIELF, UNICEF, UNHCR, IOM and SCI.

Action Point: Steering Committee to provide comments on first draft before 23 August prior to SC convening to discuss comments and next steps.

CPIEWG Field Coordinator Meeting – Field and national coordinators met in Beirut on August 2nd to discuss the following coordination-related issues:

1. *Improve national NGO involvement* – field meetings to be conducted in Arabic or simultaneous translations to provided; regional meetings to be held with national NGOs
2. *Strengthen links with MOSA and SDC workers* – workshop in Beirut to be held in September by UNICEF, UNHCR and MOSA to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the 54 SDC workers in the 27 SDCs
3. *Information sharing and mapping* – field CPIEWG to share information each month through a reporting template (to be developed) on trends, key CPIE issues, events and trainings; update 5Ws / coordinate with PWG 5Ws
4. *Referral pathways and service directory* – identification of hubs and focal points; develop / update regional service directories and referral chart per hub

Case Management Technical Working Group – next meeting to be held in week beginning 19 August to review the status of case management tools; discuss referral and case management systems; and prioritization of child protection cases.

Psychosocial Support Technical Working Group – next meeting to follow immediately after CPIEWG meeting on 14 August.

VI. AoB

Child Protection Policy – Kafa with the support of Unicef is developing a Child Protection Policy to be adhered to by members and their implementing partners as a statement of commitment to safeguard children. For more details please contact Maria Semaan (maria.semaan@kafa.org.lb) or Mira Faddoul (mira.faddoul@kafa.org.lb)

Action Point: Kafa to share draft Child Protection Policy with members for comments

Training Schedule – a training schedule for 2013 has been developed that list the various CPIEWG trainings being conducted in the field and at the national level by CPIEWG members. The purpose of the schedule is to avoid duplications, overlap of training in same localities and to inform members of upcoming trainings that may wish for their staff to participate in. The master CPIEWG training schedule can be located in the dropbox (trainings folder).

Action Point: Members conducting trainings to fill out attached training template and send to CPIEWG Coordinator (nemerson@unicef.org)

Attachment: - CPIEWG Training Schedule - template

Mapping – A basic 2W map on which organization is active where has been produced.

Action Point: Members to review 2W map and inform CPIEWG IMO (unicef.imu@gmail.com) if any changes needed.

Attachment: - CPIEWG Map on who is where – August 2013

Service Directory – CPIEWG Service Directories for North Lebanon, Bekaa and Bauchrieh, Mount Lebanon have been finalized with the support of a SCI consultant and shared with field coordinators and can be accessed in the dropbox. The service directories are working documents and are to be regularly updated by the field.

Next meeting: **11 September 2013 @ War Child Holland**

ACTION POINTS

ACTION	BY WHO	BY WHEN	COMMENTS
Share concept note on Working street children survey.	Unicef	ASAP	Members to consider participating in the roll-out of survey
PSS Terms of Reference	Yvonne and Cat	Next CPIEWG	To finalise in PSS TWG and to be endorsed during next WG
UAMSC SOPs to be reviewed by CMTWG and finalised	Yasmeen (SCI) and Elsa (UNHCR/CMTWG)	Next CPIEWG	To be discussed with CM TWG members
Members to volunteer as CPIEWG focal points in other sector WG	Members participating in other sector WG	ASAP	Notify Natacha of your nomination.
Develop a Capacity Building strategy	CPIEWG coordinators	End-Sept	
Members planning trainings to fill in CPIEWG training template.	Members	Ongoing	To be uploaded to master version so as to improve coordination of trainings, prevent overlap of schedules and share information on training opportunities.
Members to review who-where mapping and send any corrections to CPIEWG IMO	Members	06 Sept	
Share draft Child Protection Policy to members for comments	Kafa / members	Next CPIEWG	

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