Research Committee

Lebanon 2019

HEALTH SECTOR
Research Committee

Background

- Coordination is an essential part of the humanitarian response that aims to avoid unnecessary duplication of service delivery and identifying gaps where services are most needed.

- With the Syrian crisis in its eight year, the evolving humanitarian context poses new demands on health systems in Lebanon and consequently on the Health Sector.

- Need to strengthen planning and coordination even further to ensure an appropriate response including improve collection and analysis of data and dissemination of information, and documenting evidence.

Thus, the formation of a Health Sector Research Committee in order to better identify directions for researches and coordinate sector needs assessments.
The function of the research committee is to:

• Ensure that human rights are recognized and the particular vulnerability of refugees and poor population is considered in the planning design and conduct of assessments and research.
• Respect ethical issues and International Review Board guidelines.
• Make sure that all supported proposals answer key Health Sector research questions and are pertinent to health sector needs.
• Ensure a coordinated approach.
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Objectives

1. **Review** planned assessments for justification and indications, methodology, ethical principles, and **coordination** with existing or planned assessments.

2. Review proposed research relating to health amongst refugees and vulnerable population and **ensure agreed criteria are met.**
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Membership

• Voluntary.

• 3 to 4 members (in addition to MoPH and sector chairs).

• Members should be familiar with the main current health issues facing populations and health systems in Lebanon and the ways they are being addressed.

• The members will not act in the interest of their own organization but rather use their broadly-based experience in the interest of the Health Sector as a whole.
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Members

To be nominated and selected with the possibility of rotational membership.

Current members who expressed interest are:

- **Government**: MoPH
- **UN Agencies**: UNHCR, WHO, UNFPA
- **International NGO**: IMC (TBC)
- **National NGO**: Amel Association (TBC)
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Method of Work

• Chaired by MoPH and Health Sector Leads.

• The Committee will meet when required to review applications and give timely feedback to the applicants.

• Members are requested to attend the meetings in person, or send a suitable representative.

• The role of the committee in reviewing and approving needs assessments and public health related research does not replace the Governments core function in providing approvals.
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Research Ethics

Ethics guidelines will be applied to:

1. Protect the **rights** of population participating in the researches or assessment.
2. Ensure **confidentiality**.
3. Avoid “survey fatigue”.
4. Guarantee **voluntarily** participation.
5. Respect **privacy**.
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Application Process

In order to ensure appropriate coordination of assessments, an agency / individuals wishing to conduct an assessment or research should:

1. Define the objective for the assessment, and how the information will be used;
2. Inform Health Sector Coordinator;
3. Update the proposed assessment data into the Health Sector Research Matrix;
4. Inform geographic coordination structures (At the field level);
5. Complete and submit the application form for committee review;
6. Within one week the committee will review assessment and share recommendation to MoPH, give feedback to the requester;
7. Apply for MoPH approval;
8. Obtain MoPH and ethical committee approval
9. Some assessments and researches that include field work and/or home visit activities would need Ministry of Interior approval;
10. Provide plan of work and coordinate with relevant fields for data collection;
11. Share the assessment findings with corresponding coordination mechanisms.
Thank You!