

Terms of Reference Health Technical Working Group (TWG) Purpose, Scope and Principles

Purpose

A Coordination Steering Group (CSG) has been established to coordinate the response to needs that have arisen in Armenia as a result of the conflict in Nagorno Karabakh and the Covid-19 global pandemic. Working groups have been established in the thematic areas of Health, Protection, Shelter/Settlement and NFI's (including cash), Food Security and Nutrition, and Early Recovery. This document sets out the Terms of Reference for the Health Technical Working Group

The main objectives of the Health Technical Working Group are to:

- Identify partners working in the thematic area Health in Armenia
- Identify needs that have arisen as a result of the conflict in Nagorno Karabakh and the Covid-19 Global Pandemic
- Map the work partners are doing at field level in response to needs, supporting government authorities including Ministry of Health (MoH), and coordinate activities to minimize duplication and ensure coverage of needs
- Share best practices and support at a technical level
- Work with the technical working groups in other thematic areas to enhance an inter-sectoral response that ensures cross cutting issues such as child mental health and psychosocial support are included throughout the response.

Membership, Attendance and Secretariat

Membership of the Health TWG include all actors working in the field of health in Armenia.

The group is chaired by WHO. WHO also takes on secretarial and information management responsibilities. The Chair of the Health TWG reports to the Coordination Steering Group

- Representatives from UN Agencies, MoH, INGOs and local NGOs are invited
- Chairs of other working groups are invited

Meetings will be scheduled biweekly on Tuesdays from 15:00 to 16:00 as agreed by the members of the working group, though this number could increase/decrease as the situation develops. Members will be requested to submit reports to map their relevant activities, and this information will then be shared with the Coordination Steering Group.

Other persons may be invited to the Health TWG, including technical experts and donor representatives, when appropriate to the agenda of the meeting.

Core Activities

1. Identify partners working in the thematic area of health in Armenia

This Working Group provides a space where a network of organizations in the field of health can come together weekly (-/+) to share information

2. Identify needs that have arisen as a result of the conflict in Nagorno Karabakh and the Covid-19 Global Pandemic

To support an efficient approach to collecting an understanding of what needs exist, common processes are set up, such as 4/5Ws, support provided to the MoH/Govt/Spontaneous Arrivals.

3. Map the work partners are doing at field level in response to needs, and coordinate activities to minimize duplication and ensure coverage of needs

Common reporting systems are set up to capture the work each agency is doing, thus minimizing risks of duplication, and ensuring needs are covered. Members of the group will report on their activities, and these collated reports will be shared with all members, as well as with the Coordination Steering Group.

4. Share best practices and support at a technical level

This working group creates a space where members can discuss common activities and share best practices in terms of accepted humanitarian standards within the context of Armenia.

5. Work with the technical working groups in other thematic areas to enhance an inter-sectoral response

WHO as the Working Group Coordinating Agency will share relevant updates from other technical working groups so that members have an understanding of the inter-sectoral approach.