



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.



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Function

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!