

## Minutes of the Reproductive Health (RH) Sub-Working Group

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## Agenda

- 1) Revision of the WG TORs
- 2) MDM rapid RH assessment
- 3) Updates on clinical management of rape trainings and supply of kits
- 4) RH research needs
- 5) Updates per agency
- 6) Updates on Youth RH interventions
- 7) AOB

## Summary of discussions and action points

	<p><b>Issues and action points</b></p>
	<p><b>1. Revision of TORs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The TORs endorsed last year will be shared again with all members of the WG for revision.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>2. MDM rapid RH assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MDM briefed members on the results of their rapid RH assessment conducted back in August 2013 within 4 primary health care centers (See attached power point presentation).</li> <li>The main recommendations coming from the assessment were the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen health and reproductive health education</li> <li>Improve access to contraceptive methods and info about it</li> <li>Share with the community information about contracted hospitals and fees.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Action points:</u>  MDM: share the final report of the assessment.</p>
	<p><b>3. Updates on clinical management of rape trainings and supply of kits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNICEF and ABAAD are planning to roll out 15 health facility based trainings (mainly in hospitals) during 2014 starting with Mount Lebanon region; in addition to a TOT to create a pool of trainers on CMR.</li> <li>The trainings will be preceded with health facility assessments. It is expected to initiate the assessments for Mount Lebanon region on Feb 2.</li> <li>UNHCR Mount Lebanon office is also looking into conducting health facility based trainings in Mount Lebanon and will coordinate with ABAAD/UNICEF accordingly.</li> <li>UNICEF will be supporting centres offering CMR services with needed equipment.</li> <li>It was suggested by participants to generate a map to display all the health facilities that were trained on CMR and that received rape treatment kits.</li> <li>UNFPA continues the provision of rape treatment kits to health facilities. Recently, one kit was provided to MSF Belgium stats clinics in the South.</li> </ul> <p><u>Action points:</u>  UNFPA: call for a CMR subcommittee meeting to discuss the raised issues, in addition to updates and challenges.  UNFPA and ABAAD: provide UNCHR IM or UNICEF IM with the locations of the trained and equipped health facilities to generate a map.</p>

	<p><b>4. RH research needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WHO recommended focusing through the assessment on the services currently available as well as the perception of Syrian refugees to these services.</li> <li>• It was agreed that as part of planning the assessment it would be essential to start with a thorough review of existing data to compile available RH information on the affected population.</li> <li>• IMC suggested to collect information from a wide range of people and to consider men’s perspective. IMC also suggested diving more deeply into care-seeking behaviour and attempts to elucidate how cost is affecting choices and behaviour.</li> <li>• MAP offered to contribute to the assessment if it will also cover Palestinian returnees and Syrian refugees residing in camps.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>5. Updates per agency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR have recently printed the pregnancy booklet to be distributed to Syrian refugee women through their different supported health facilities. UNHCR requested from all actors that were involved in the preparation of the pregnancy card to share their logo.</li> <li>• IMC data collected showed that 32% of women presenting for delivery have not had any ANC visits. The number has decreased to 23% after a 4 months period as a result of health education.</li> <li>• Participants reported the need to harmonize coverage of ANC fees among health actors.</li> <li>• WHO will be printing the Mother Child health booklet based on availability of funds.</li> </ul> <p><u>Action points:</u>  <i>UNFPA to raise the issue of harmonizing coverage of fees on the agenda of the central HWG level for further discussion and plan a discussion forum if need be.</i></p>
	<p><b>6. Updates on youth RH interventions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint youth assessment: The first draft report of the Rapid Assessment of the Situation of Young Syrian Refugees and Hosting Communities across the Lebanese Territories was circulated among the study partners namely UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNESCO and SCI. The second draft is expected by 3rd week of February. A result dissemination meeting will take place at a later stage.</li> <li>• Open days and educational sessions using interactive techniques were conducted by the partnering NGOs. Approximately 7,670 youth were reached. T-shirts and caps with “Youth are up to it” “الشباب قدها وقدرود” slogan were distributed to the youth in addition to a booklet tackling RH issues and Life skills. A puppet theatre play addressing RH issues “Zeina Loses All” was developed and performances took place in the various Lebanese regions reaching for approximately 2,500 youth and adults. Finally, 4 youth friendly spaces were equipped and hosted by four of the NGOs namely DPNA, Makassed, Reebat and Dari.</li> </ul>