



Child Protection in Emergencies Working Group Lebanon National Meeting Minutes

Date : 26 May 2015, 10:15am-12:00pm
Location : UNHCR Lea, 1st floor conference room

Participants : 22 participants, 16 organizations:
CLMC, DRC, Intersos, IRC, Lebanese Red Cross, MAP, MoSA, Mouvemente Social, NRC, Right to Play, SCI, TdH-I, TdH-L, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNRWA, WCH, plus Education Co-Lead, CPIE Sector IM and Coordinator

Regrets : SeraphimGlobal, WVI

Agenda

1. Review of last meeting: action points and minutes
2. Updates:
 - Education
 - Alternative Care
 - Coaching Programme
3. Feedback: Regional Syria response child protection workshop Amman
4. 3RP Mid-year progress report
5. CPMS Contextualization
6. Sector response monitoring and reporting
7. AOB

1. Review of last meeting: action points and minutes

- Comments on minutes from 21 April 2015 meeting accepted until Friday 29 May, after which considered endorsed.
- Many action points completed; follow-up to continue on others.
- **Action Points:**
 - *Members to send final comments on minutes to coordinator by Friday 29 May.*
 - *Continue follow-up on Action Points from last meeting.*

2. Updates

2.1 Education update

- Three areas to update child protection actors on:

ALP

- ALP designed for children out-of-school for at least two years. One cycle is 4 months. Aim is to have children ready for next academic year (Sept-Oct). Based on Lebanese curriculum.
- The test is a placement test to assess the level of the child. It is not possible to fail the test. Children will get a certificate of completing, stamped by MEHE, which gives an indication of the appropriate grade. All children can be admitted into ALP and there has been outreach to Palestinian children in the south.
- 10,000 total for pilot. 7,300 children identified to date; next round 31 May in Bekaa, North, Mount Lebanon (one school in South). Targeted outreach so that partners in areas where the schools are located can get names in advance to make the test day procedure easier.
- Objective for next year to have more second shift schools, and open nearer to refugees.
- PSS in education: ALP has small PSS component. MEHE aware of need to strengthen and would like CERD (department responsible for curriculum design) to develop one. MEHE have also agreed to child protection trainings.

RACE review

- RACE is the 3 year plan, launched in 2014. Overseen by RACE Executive Committee.
- Minister committed to review targets, funding, and situation analysis this year.
- UN is tasked with reviewing the situation analysis. This is an opportunity to highlight some challenges faced by children. Education will reach out to CP to support by sharing data/assessments.

- Embarking on a mapping of out-of-school children, via three-pronged approach:
 - Using existing assessments which provide info on children in and out of school;
 - Demographics of children by age and areas; and
 - Public and private schools data.
- Violence in schools included in review. Joint visits with UNICEF/UNHCR to identify several issues re: violence in schools. Now being slightly more documented to keep a more systematic track of this, to ensure there are additional measures by the ministry to tackle this issue.

Vocational education

- RACE now includes vocational education for (Syrian and Lebanese) children aged 12+ unable to continue in formal education. Continue in technical school, get diploma on vocational skill.
 - Vocational education under MEHE is a full academic year with teaching on specific specialties: nursing, carpentry, electricity. 75 schools across Lebanon, with 30,000 children enrolled. HCR supported pilot of 700 children.
- **Action Points:**
 - *Coordinator to re-circulate ALP Q&A.*
 - *Coordinator to re-circulate hotline and referral form for corporal punishment.*
 - *Members to share raw data or any information on education from child protection assessments.*

2.2 Alternative care update

- SCI hired a consultant to lead on alternative care work. See presentation for overview.
- A desk review and assessment have been completed, recommendations from work to be shared once finalized.
- Overview of main patterns and causes for separation to understand impact, risks, and how to address it including social protection needs.
- Meeting with MoSA and MoJ (Juvenile Judges) in the next few weeks: this aims to look at clarifications within the law in relation to alternative care procedures.
- SCI pilot will begin in Akkar with UNICEF support (pending workshop with MOJ/MOSA) and will focus on 30 children and formalization of care arrangements as well as support to families currently hosting children who are not their biological children.
 - Open to referrals from all case workers. UNICEF and Save working to identify UASC and work with community groups to identify children (prioritized based on risk).
- **Action Point:** *SCI to share recommendations with CPiEWG members once finalized.*

2.3 Coaching programme update

- Upcoming child labour trainings for case workers – same as last year, being repeated by popular demand. Focus on identification, assessing risk level, potential interventions, negotiation and advocacy skills to use with employers and parents.
- Dates:
 - South: 28-29 May
 - Tripoli: 4-5 June
 - Bekaa: 8-9 June
 - Akkar: 15-16 June
 - ML: 22-24 June
- Question raised about training dates overlapping with National SOP roll-out. Issue to be discussed at next CM TWG. Coaching programme dates for entire year pre-set and available for reference to coordinate dates.
- **Action Point:** *Coordinator to circulate child labour training dates by email.*

3. Feedback: Regional Syria response child protection workshop Amman

- Refer to presentation and full documentation from workshop available through Coordinator.
- Workshop brought together teams from all Syria-response affiliated countries (Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey, and Egypt) to discuss child protection response, needs, gaps, and future actions.
- Five participants from Lebanon: Coordinator, UNHCR, UNICEFx2, Mouvemente Social.

- Many examples of work from Lebanon shared. Great interest in tools and function of sub-groups.
- Strong discussions had on systems building work and Lebanon group discussed potential recommendations to take forward.
- Idea to have retreat to continue discussions with full sector.
- **Action Points:**
 - *Coordinator to share files from workshop.*

4. 3RP Mid-year progress report

- Instead of mid-year review of the LCRP, developing a progress report and mid-term review to take place at end of 2015 (since it's a two-year plan).
- Requested to share 2-3 bullet points on consequences of under-funding, cost efficiencies, major achievements, and challenges.
- Split into two groups to discuss four areas and then re-joined and debated in plenary.
- Consequences of under-funding increasingly important with changing protection environment. Many challenges related to lack of long-term funding and ability to hire and plan accordingly. Many gaps identified during discussion. Sector identified numerous ways inter-agency collaboration is making work more cost efficient. Main points:
 - Consequences: Outreach and mobile services – which are human and funding resource intensive – and critical as mobility of children and families becomes increasingly reduced – would decrease/be cut with fewer funding, making the hardest to reach even more vulnerable.
 - Cost-efficiencies: Standardization of different tools throughout sector has reduced duplication, ensured all are using similar approaches and delivering similar quality programming across organizations. Strong capacity building programmes open to all organizations have resulted in high-quality case management coaching programmes available (for free) to all case workers, providing consistent and shared learning.
 - Achievements: Coordinated approach to systems building – first step of emergency work contributing to long-term programming.
 - Challenges: Difficulty securing long-term funding impacts ability to develop strategies, programmes, secure technical staff, and find longer-term solutions to child protection needs.
- See draft document for full list.
- **Action Points:**
 - *Coordinator to share outcome document from discussion.*
 - *Coordinator to submit CP submission to inter-agency team and share any follow-ups with sector.*

5. CPMS Contextualization

- Ran out of time. See slides, and Task Group to update next meeting.
- **Action Points:**
 - *Update to be provided at the next CPiEWG.*
 - *Members have until Friday (29 May) to confirm interest in joining Task Group.*

6. Sector Response Monitoring and Reporting

- Ran out of time. See slides. To be discussed at next meeting/data fun session.
- Selected new time/date for child protection data (fun) session: Wednesday 10 June at 10am, UNICEF 6th floor conference room.
- **Action Point:** *Members to send their data questions and needs to Sector IM before data day.*

7. AOB

- **Reminder:** SDQ Roll-out training session for national and Beirut/Mount Lebanon members on Tuesday 2 June 10am-12noon, UNHCR Lea 1st floor conference room. To be immediately followed by PSS Committee meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9 June 2015 @ 10am
Location UNICEF, 6th floor conference room