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| **GBV WG MoM** | |
| **Date** | 17 May 2023 |
| **Time** | 9:30-12:00pm |
| **Location** | UNFPA – Qubic Business Center GF meeting room |
| **Chairpersons/ Coordinators** | Pamela Di Camillo (UNFPA)  Sophie Etzold (UNHCR)  Afaf Khalil (Ministry of Social Affairs) |
| **Participants** | **36 participants** from:  UN agencies: UNHCR, UNFPA, UNDP, UNWOMEN, WFP  International NGOs: IMC, IRC, DRC, INTERSOS, Plan International, Oxfam, World Vision,  National NGOs: Abaad, Amel Association, AND, Dorcas-Tabitha, Himaya Dar Al-Ataa, Fe-Male, HAD, Lecorvaw, LuPD, Makassed, MdM, MECC, Najdeh Association, NCA, Search for Common Ground, Wingwomen, Initiate |

**Agenda**

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| 1. Q&A LHF (pre session only for interested agencies)  2. Thematic focus on period poverty  *3. GBV IMS 2022 annual thematic report presentation (postponed to 21 June) but report accessible* [*here*](https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/100316)*:*  4*.* Coordination update: Activity info reporting analysis and other announcements  *5.* AOB |

**Minutes of the Meeting**

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| **Subject/ agenda item** | **Discussion Points** | **Follow up action and FP** |
| **Q&A session on Lebanon Humanitarian Fund (LHF) by UNOCHA** | **Priorities under GBV**   * + Life-saving response/ case management   + Innovative practices to prevent GBV risks -with a focus on engaging Women-led organization   + Support to existing shelters to address specific gaps   **Priority locations**   * Tripoli, Akkar, Zahle and for GBV also Jezzine   **Comments coordinators:**   * Partners can submit under 1-3 priority areas * Need to outline the area-based approach that reflects on specific needs and gaps in different locations * Need to have a multisectoral approach outlining complementarity * Localization, i.e. engaging national and women-led actors is prioritized under the LHF (complementing capacities of international and national NGOs * Scoring card will be used for review of programs that also looks at active participation of members at the GBV WG * Complementarity of CP/ GBV programs should outline clearly indicators and outputs relevant to the GBV WG log frame and activities   **Who is applying where?**  Akkar:   * IRC, AND, IMC   **Tripoli:**  Himaya Dar Ataa  **Zahleh:**  NABAD, IMC  Other partners will be holding bilateral meetings in the next days.  IMC mentioned that in Jezzine the challenges are not the lack of services but the challenges of access of the vulnerable population to safe spaces. | * + Deadline for LHF submissions for partners in 31 May 2023   + Interested partners to meet with members who will submit in their areas to avoid duplication and ensure complementarity   + Partners are encouraged to reach out to GBV WG coordinators national/ sub-national to discuss project proposals along with national coordinators   + Programs suggested should clearly link the specific regional gaps and the linkages with other sectors to address the identified gaps. If the gap is lack of access, specific innovative approaches should be identified to ensure access.   + More information from South sub-national WG on Jezzine to be collected and to discuss movement restrictions and access to services |
| **Period poverty in Lebanon** | * + Several studies have been undertaken on period poverty in Lebanon amongst those are:   + UNFPA commissioned study (see attached)   + Fe-male: [Period Poverty in Lebanon – Research Study | Fe-Male](https://www.fe-male.org/archives/13761)   + OXFAM/AUB study   + Other relevant research on period poverty in Lebanon: [Frontiers | Menstrual health and period poverty in Lebanon during economic crisis: A qualitative analysis of the challenges and recommendations (frontiersin.org)](https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/frph.2022.920461/full)   Main findings show that the economic crisis in Lebanon has had a significant impact on girls and women’s access to sanitary items  Recent study by UNFPA has outlined that around 927,693 adolescent girls and women are affected by poverty in possible need for menstrual hygiene products.  Socioeconomic constraints have increased limitations in access to menstrual health materials.  Coping practices to access menstrual health materials:   * Resorting to lower quality * Extending duration/ hours of usage of pads   Reusable pads are much more cost effective than disposable ones and can have a significant contribution to reducing health and protection risks for women and girls. Access to pads have a significant positive impact on retention of girls in schools and participation in the public spaces.  Usage of reusable pads depends on different factors but in most studies the acceptability increased significantly following awareness raising sessions on the use of reusable pads.  Given the importance to adapt the type of MH products to the relevant context, a mixed approach of reusable and disposable menstrual health products supports participation in the public space.  See more information in the attached details presentations. | * + Share studies and presentations (see attached)   + Compile main outcomes and present in short presentation at IS/ IA/ sectoral levels with specific recommendations for sectors   + Liaise with other sectors (Education, Livelihoods, BA, Health, MHPSS) to ensure cross-sectoral collaboration   + Need to add systematically in planning and advocacy papers |
| **Q1 ActivityInfo reporting** | * + Overall limited number of partners report systematically on all indicators and throughout the months   + Partners are reminded to report on monthly basis (deadline 8th each following month)   + See presentation/ analysis on reporting on summary of Q1:   + 14 agencies reported under response, 9 under prevention, 5 under legal assistance and only 1 under capacity building   + Need to strengthen monthly reporting – current dashboard is not sufficient   + Need to simplify reporting and log frame (where numerical values were used, more partners report)   + Ensure more training and individual agency follow up   + Ensure communication on reporting reaches GBV technical and reporting FPs   + Partners are requested to review Q1 data (as per attached dashboard) and revert to Pamela, Afaf and Sophie for comments   + Q2 need for further review of data and reporting | * + Coordinators to share the graphs from ActivityInfo for partners to review on quarterly basis   + Training is upcoming at the beginning of June for GBV WG members on the log frame   + Need to review the current log frame and obtain permission to simplify from LCRP management   + Coordinators to develop a GBV WG standalone dashboard |
| AOB | * + Coordinators worked on an updated Referral Pathways to be circulated through the sub-national GBV WG coordinators and to be filled by latest mid-JunePSEA IEC materials circulated by the PSEA network: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1B3yOKbzvQR71Jw5tWmVGCFlY6AKRviKa](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Fdrive%2Ffolders%2F1B3yOKbzvQR71Jw5tWmVGCFlY6AKRviKa&data=05%7C01%7Cetzold%40unhcr.org%7Cd112ecb009d24d8f714808db560e1055%7Ce5c37981666441348a0c6543d2af80be%7C0%7C0%7C638198390628588698%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=AxO%2FU1FdcIK0PQWcBaty5UqOjzguyovp%2FCI19dgont8%3D&reserved=0)   + GBVIMS SC meeting next week to take place and discussion on GBV risk analysis (June meeting) | * + To be filled by latest mid-June   + Coordinators to share link to IEC materials for PSEA: |
| **Next Meeting** | 21 June 2023 at UNFPA (Qubic Business Center in Sin Elfil) | Update membership list online and shared folder (Co-coordinators) |

Thank you!