



Child Protection in Emergencies Working Group Lebanon Meeting Minutes

Date : 11 June 2014, 2:05pm-4pm
Location : UNHCR, Lea Building, 1st floor conference room

Participants : 25 participants, 19 organizations, 1 inter-agency working group:
Amel, DRC, Intersos, IOM, IRC, Kafa, MAP-UK, Mercy Corps, MoSA, OCHA, Search for Common Ground, SCI, TdH-L, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNRWA, URDA, WCH, WVI, plus SGBV TF Coordinator, CPiE Sector Coordinator

Agenda

1. Review action points
2. Updates
3. Workplan
4. Activity Info
5. Introducing Case Management Practical Guidance
6. CPMS Presentation: Standard 15: Case Management
7. AOB

1. Review action points

- Minutes from May meeting endorsed; action points and status reviewed.

2. Updates

2.1. Field updates

- Tripoli:
 - Completed 2014 workplan.
- Akkar:
 - CPiEWG will have NGO co-chairs on a 4-month rotation.
 - New Juvenile Judge appointed in T5; will meet with CP actors mid-month, potentially delaying determination of temporary care.
 - For urgent cases: contact UNHCR CP focal point who will refer the case to Beirut and MoSA to hasten follow-up.
- **Action Point:**
 - *Coordinator to share workplans (Tripoli + South).*

2.2. CPiEWG sub-groups:

- Case management technical working group (CM TWG):
 - MOU being worked on by MoSA-MoIM-MoJ: update when more information available
 - SCI to hire consultant dedicated to support alternative care system establishment
 - Advice to field: refrain from alternative care placements for now since no legal framework in place – could jeopardize on-going efforts with ministries
 - If need urgent placement, contact national/Beirut
 - Next period focusing on roll-out of practical guidance.
 - Emergency care in temporary shelters: assessment plan to be led by MoSA to check MoSA-support shelters and identify which (per criteria, 'checklist') can provide for high-risk cases. To be carried out with support from field CPiEWGs.
- **Action Point:**
 - *MoSA to share checklist for assessment with members in advance.*
- Psychosocial support task force (PSS TF):
 - Held half-day meeting: decided to focus efforts on technical guidance and links with MHPSS TF under Health WG.
 - Develop Code of Conduct (previously developed) and make more applicable for CFS.
 - Leave MHPSS TF to focus on definitions for roles in Lebanon.

- Members raised strong concerns over definition for social workers being included in this grouping (not PSS) – social workers traditionally fall under social work and not health and thus are domain of MoSA not MoH.
- **Action Points:**
 - PSS TF Co-Chairs (Unicef, MC) to share TOR and action plan next week.
 - Coordinator to talk to Health WG Coordinator, potentially propose joint meeting with coordinators and Ministry reps.
 - MoSA Co-Lead to check who responsible for development of TOR/definitions.
- **Advocacy (key messages) group:**
 - Held initial meeting. Collecting existing work on key messages/Q&A within sector, including from different government ministries.
 - Members asked for examples from other countries.
- **Action Points:**
 - Members to share CP key messages and Q&As they have.
 - Coordinator to seek examples of messaging from other countries.
- **CP needs assessment group:**
 - Held initial meeting. Decisions on assessment parameters:
 - To have national scope.
 - To include all cohorts of children.
 - To be undertaken before end of year.
 - Agreement to engage external support for undertaking assessment and for first completing review of existing data (literature and/or secondary data review).
 - Review to reflect period of July 2013 onwards to reflect scale-up of crisis.
 - Data sharing protocol to facilitate sharing suggested. No response.
- **Action Points:**
 - Coordinator to send email requesting all information/primary data collected from July 2013 to present be shared.
 - Members to reflect internally on what can be shared and under what conditions.
 - Coordinator to seek external support options and consult with members who could provide technical or financial support for process.

2.3. Updates from other sectors

- **SGBV Task Force:**
 - Revising SOPs – a lot comes up on child survivors.
 - SGBV Coordinator suggesting this must be undertaken with CP actors.
 - How to link and share experiences in this area between two groups? Potential to have joint-workshop to discuss.
- **Action Points:**
 - Coordinators to follow-up on overlap in child survivors and how to collaborate.

3. Workplan

- Given decision at last meeting to not have core group, responsibilities within workplan need to be re-assigned.
- Discussion held on Child Protection Policy and task to ensure members have one.
 - Kafa to hold training in Beirut in July on CPP developed in 2013.
- **Action Point:**
 - Coordinator to share workplan and members to identify areas where they can support tasks and take on part responsibility.
 - Coordinator to share CPP dropbox link.
 - Kafa to share details of CPP training when available.

4. Activity Info

4.1. April reporting and trends

- PSS children:
 - Jan-May 2014: 217,857
 - May only: 38,911
- PSS caregivers:
 - Jan-May 2014: 67,982
 - May only: 8,862

- Children individually assisted:
 - Jan-May 2014: 2,615
 - May only: 530
- Service providers trained:
 - Jan-May 2014: 789
 - May only: 171

4.2. Revised guidance

- Revised guidance shared and agreed on by members. Decision to start following in July reporting (done in August) to give time to share with field groups and staff.

4.3. Activity Info viewing access

- AI viewing rights: IA IM showed excel table on how data would be presented and shared broadly. Agreement amongst CPiEWG to share data (so long as appropriate period of time given to complete checks and edits – two month cycle).
- **Action Point:**
 - *Coordinator to share revised AI Guidance.*

5. Introducing Case Management Practical Guidance

- Presentation by CM TWG Co-chair on Practical Guidance.
- Roll-out workshops to be held in each field location throughout June and early July.
- If Beirut/national-level want a workshop, can arrange for one.
- UNRWA suggested adding a paragraph in inter-agency response for referrals of Palestinian children to UNRWA. Agreement on need for this (happening in practice).
- **Action Points:**
 - *Practical Guidance to be shared along with introductory message.*
 - *Members to report back if a national-level workshop desired.*
 - *UNRWA to provide paragraph to add on referral of Palestinian children.*

6. CPMS Presentation: Standard 15: Case Management

- Suggestion from members that would be interesting and helpful to contextualise standard for Lebanon.
 - Example: 15 children per case worker vs Practical Guidance that says 35 – though in practice depends on risk level.

7. AOB

7.1. Dropbox

- Brief presentation by coordinator on how to sign-up and use dropbox.
 - Dropbox to be used to share files and facilitate collaborative work of sub-groups.
- **Action Point:**
 - *Coordinator to add members to dropbox folders as relevant. Members to share email addresses.*

7.2. INQAL

- INQAL exercise introduced and template shown. Decision to initiate CP INQAL at national level.
- **Action Point:**
 - *Members to contribute two questions each (following template).*
 - *WCH and MoSA to collect and compile for presentation to group at next meeting.*

7.3. Kafa trainings update

- Kafa to run series of caring for child survivors trainings, and one on CPP throughout summer.
- **Action Point:**
 - *Kafa to share dates and locations with Coordinator to share with group.*

Next Meeting: Wednesday 9 July 2014 @ 2pm
UNHCR Lea, 1st Floor Conference Room