



## Child Protection in Emergencies Working Group Lebanon National Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 9 June 2015, 10:30am-12:15pm  
**Location:** UNICEF, 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room

**Participants:** 27 participants, 17 organizations:  
Amel, Beyond, Canadian Embassy, DRC, Himaya, IOM, IRC, MAP, Mercy Corps, Mouvement Social, NRC, OCHA, SCI, SeraphimGlobal, TdH-L, UNICEF, WVI, plus Education Coordinator, CPiE Sector IM and Coordinator

**Regrets:** MoSA, TdH-It

### Agenda

1. Review of last meeting: action points and minutes
2. Updates:
  - Education
  - PSS: Symposium, "Growing up in Conflict: The Impact on Children's Mental Health and Psychosocial Well-Being"
3. Emergency Response Fund (ERF)
4. LCRP Mid-Year Update
5. CPMS Contextualization
6. Sector Response Monitoring and Reporting
7. AOB

### 1. Review of last meeting: action points and minutes

- Comments on minutes from 26 May 2015 meeting accepted until Friday 12 June, after which considered endorsed.
- All action points not linked to other processes completed; follow-up to continue on others.
- **Action Points:**
  - *Members to send final comments on minutes to coordinator by Friday 12 June 2015.*
  - *Continue follow-up on Action Points from last meeting.*

### 2. Updates

#### 2.1 Education update

- Thanked child protection actors for their support with outreach for ALP. Results:
  - Rounds 1 & 2: 7,268 children wrote test.
  - Round 3: nearly 5,000 children.
  - Total target was 10,000 children to complete testing; reached 12,000.
- Challenge now will be to start implementation of ALP. Teacher training to begin next week.
  - All children aged 9-17 years, who wrote test, and have been out of school for at least 2 years will be eligible to participate in ALP. Test is for level placement. Many children under age-9 wrote test. Unclear what to offer them.
- RACE review will begin in June, end November. Formal review to be conducted October/November. Child protection actors already asked if can share data and information that would support the review. Will receive a more formal request.
- **Action Point:** *Coordinator to circulate request for data once received. Members to share.*

#### 2.2 PSS: Symposium: "Growing up in Conflict: The Impact on Children's Mental Health and Psychosocial Well-Being"

- Symposium, first of its kind, held in The Hague to discuss impact of conflict on child mental health and psychosocial wellbeing. Participants gathered academics and practitioners. Lebanon well represented.
- Symposium opened with a video from Lebanon (community centre in the Bekaa). This provoked lots of discussion. Sessions are available online.
- Considered main issues of how to: build long-term resilience and PSS programmes to support this, given the scale of the problem and the few resources available; adapt activities to

children's life cycle; respond to trauma; link PSS with other fields; and how to measure achievements.

- Five outcomes: three community/family-based, and two focus on cases.
- Desk review conducted for symposium. New MHPSS logframe being developed by Johns Hopkins and UNICEF.
- **Action Point:** *Coordinator to share link to symposium webinars, link to Lebanon video, and desk review.*

### 3. Emergency Response Fund (ERF)

- OCHA presented on key dates and process of ERF for Lebanon. Sign-up for online submission system due next day, 10 June. Proposals due 12noon on 17 June.
- Projects will be reviewed by a sector technical committee, and again by a strategic committee who will review and recommend final proposals for HC decision.
- Members submitting proposals encouraged to liaise with Sector Coordinator, as well as UNHCR and UNICEF field coordinators, and MoSA.
- Sector needs a review committee composed of organizations not submitting proposals.
- **Action Points:**
  - *Coordinator to re-share all ERF related documentation, including sign-up details, priority document, and timelines.*
  - *Members not submitting proposals to express interest in participating in technical review committee for child protection.*

### 4. LCRP Mid-Year Update

- Instead of mid-year review of the LCRP, undertaking a mid-year update. Sector requested to submit two one-pagers: one with changes in operational context and progress to date; one with sector highlights and key challenges. Held group discussion.
- Key changes in operational context:
  - Evictions and raids; border regulations, registration suspended, security.
  - Follow-up on movement of populations with evictions.
  - Unaccompanied children increasing as parents return briefly to Syria and are unable to re-enter Lebanon.
  - People are scared to move and be caught. Child labour increasing because parents not mobile. Secondary separations as children go to urban areas to work. Child as primary breadwinner. More than seasonally expected.
- Key challenges:
  - Stress from situation is increasing child protection concerns and risks.
  - Lack of social protection and livelihoods opportunities key to reducing child labour.
  - Hard to find solutions without involving other sectors and broader approach: need livelihoods for parents, need legal frameworks to support.
  - Lack of system to monitor and pick up on trends.
  - Data: VaSyR may shed more light on child labour and motivations.
  - PRS: imprisoned in camps. No mobility. Seeing increase in domestic violence, sexual exploitation and abuse, child abuse.
  - Suspension of registration and impact on birth registration.
  - Fires: multiple and are having devastating effects.
- Discussion on protection assessments being undertaken?
  - NRC to do tour of field areas to assess impact of context changes-send suggestions.
  - Protection NGOs working with UNHCR on scenario planning, impact on response – suggestion to mainstream child protection into scenario analysis.
  - In field, CP more involved in evictions committees; need to engage more with PWGs.
  - National PWG Core Group: some child protection actors submitted to join. Coordinator pushed for 1 seat to be child protection, 1 seat for Palestinians to ensure representation, plus coordinator as non-voting member.
- Discussion on financial tracking and advocating with donors on sector funding needs:
  - Tracking of funding to date to be undertaken: amounts and donors.
  - Suggestion to do by activity or output to better understand and show where donors are ear-marking funds (ex. high visibility activities like PSS and awareness programmes over high-cost such as child labour) in order to take on joint advocacy.

- **Action Points:**
  - *Coordinator to share two one-pagers from discussion for review and then finalize.*
  - *UNICEF to share information on fires and fire prevention.*
- Follow-up on FTS:*
  - *Coordinator to send requests for funding by donor.*
  - *Member organizations to comply and share funding.*
  - *Member organizations check if tracking by activity or output possible.*
  - *Follow-up discussion next cpiweg on how to engage on advocacy with donors on funding needs.*

## 5. CPMS Contextualization

- Task Group composition and TOR finalized. Ten members participating in Task Group.
- Each standard will have a group to support preparations and process of contextualizing it. Each group will have a lead/co-leads who have technical expertise in this area. At least one should be able to write in Arabic.
- Field groups will be involved in gathering of inputs beforehand, will participate in workshop, and will give inputs into draft texts.
- Contextualized standards will be published and launched as a Lebanon set. They can be used for 2016 planning, and indicators brought into results framework.
- **Action Points:**
  - *Coordinator to circulate Task Group TOR.*
  - *Coordinator to send out request for interest in joining Standard Group/Lead.*

## 6. Sector Response Monitoring and Reporting

- Data day tomorrow. Members to participate, with M&E colleagues if they'd like.
- Presented idea of online calendar for trainings and meetings to help better coordinate and communicate sector activities. Trial for June, full launch July. Group liked it. Different levels of access. Will share links with group members.
- Reconsidered file-sharing options and decided on dropbox, which links to calendar tool. A sharing protocol will be developed.
- **Action Points:**
  - *Members to send any final data questions and needs to Sector IM.*
  - *Coordinator to share link for online calendar. Members to give feedback.*
  - *Sector IM to draft dropbox sharing protocol for review by group.*

## 7. AOB

- Presentation by Erica Aiazzi, researcher in Lebanon for the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), as part of "Assessment of the impact of the Syrian war and refugee crisis on trafficking in persons (AIS-TIP)". Members interested in knowing more or supporting work, can contact Erica at [ericaaiazzi@gmail.com](mailto:ericaaiazzi@gmail.com).
- **Action Point:** *Coordinator to share one-pager on assessment information and details.*
- IOM shared a new Self Help resource for men. Hard copies and soft copies available.
- SCI is starting a traineeship programme for adolescents, which includes teaching of basic child protection skills. They are looking for organizations who may would be interested in having a volunteer from the programme work with them.
- **Action Point:** *SCI to share with Coordinator details and programme information to share with members who are interested in participating.*
- Coordinator announced that this would be her last meeting, after nearly two years in the position. A farewell with sector members to be organized. (update: next meeting will be last)
- **Action Point:** *Coordinator to share details on farewell.*

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 14 July 2015 @ 10:30am**  
**Location UNICEF, 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room**