

Minutes of Health & Nutrition Working Group Meeting - North

Date: Thursday 9/April/2015

Venue: Qobayyat SO

Summary of Discussions and Action Points

1. Action Points from Previous Meeting: Review and Follow-Up

- Farah shared with the HWG updates on the health committees recently initiated in Minieh. TORs of the health committees were shared.
- IOCC will share in the next meeting the finalized list of PHCs to be supported with Nutritional activities. Target: a total of 15 PHCs in the North
- Not all partners provided their feedback on the health matrix. A reminder about the importance of sharing such information in order to have a clear picture on the services and to avoid duplications and gaps.

2. New IRC WPE mobile project – Stay Safe (Zaman)

- Zaman presented the mobile project: WPE Stay Safe Project hereby attached.
- IRC will be conducting GBV Training for health workers. Zaman will share the invite to be disseminated by Farah to the WG.

3. Feedback on health services in Wadi Khaled (Zaman)

- Zaman shared with the HWG IRC's concern about the lack of availability of health services in Wadi Khaled. However, it was clarified by UNICEF that **UNICEF H&N section in Akkar** conducted an assessment in Wadi Khaled to identify the most vulnerable areas and therefore to plan MMU locations accordingly. Beyond Association and RI, both UNICEF partners will implement MMUs activities in Wadi Khaled in most vulnerable locations. MMU activities will include general medical consultations, vaccination and nutrition services for children and pregnant women in particularly. . Also Mr. Khaled & Dr. Abdallah from Order of Malta mentioned that Al Makassed has MMUs in the area as well. All UNICEF activities will be included in the health matrix once finalized and started.
- An MMU coordination meeting was planned for the **29th of April** where all NGOs having MMU activities including local NGOs will be invited

4. QRC health activities in the North (Farah on behalf of Dr. Fadi)

- QRC have started covering 25% of the cost on Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) admissions in Tripoli Governmental Hospital (TGH).
- Dr. Abdallah-OSM inquired about the possibility of QRC covering NICU cases in Notre Dame de la Paix (NDP) hospital in Qobayyat as well. The Order of Malta contributes towards Secondary Health Care (SHC) bills in NDP; however, NICU cases' cost is too high.

5. IOM TB activities in the North (Hala)

- Hala updated the HWG on the TB national center activities in Tripoli, Zihriyeh where the PPD testing and sputum culture is available free of charge. In the near future, the Chest XRay will also be provided free of charge since IOM is providing the center with an XRay machine and a technician.
- Plans in the future are to setup a similar TB national center in Halba Governmental Hospital (HGH). Hala will update the HWG once the services are available

6. MMU coordination (Farah)

- It was agreed with the partners having MMU activities in the North to meet on the **29th of April 10:30am in Tripoli office** for a coordination meeting. Invitation to be sent by Samar to MMU partners in the North. Mr. Khaled will invite the local NGOs that are not attending the HWG meetings.

7. AOB

- Stephanie Kebbe briefed the WG on the health steering committee initiative and on the Assessment WG to be approached for any needed assessments.
- Dr. Abdallah raised the issue of Family Planning (FP). From his experience in the field, he thinks that FP is not properly addressed and needs to have more attention from the different partners. Dr. Abdallah was briefed on the available free of charge FP services in all contracted PHCs in the North.
- Christelle from UNFPA reminded the WG of the availability of the Reproductive Health (RH) commodities and of the way to request them from the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH). Unfortunately very few partners have requested the RH commodities despite their availability and several reminders to request. A reminder email will be forwarded again.

Actions Points

| No. | Action | Focal Point | Deadline |
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| 1 | Health partners to provide their feedback on the health matrix in order to complete the health services mapping of T5 & Akkar | HWG | Ongoing |
| 2 | MMU coordination meeting with all NGOs having MMUs including local NGOs | Farah-UNHCR & Mr. Khaled-OSM | completed |
| 3 | IOCC to share the list of PHCs to be supported with Nutritional activities | Judy-IOCC | May-15 |
| 4 | Zaman to share with Farah or Samar the invitation for the GBV training for health workers for further dissemination to the WG | Zaman-IRC | completed |
| 5 | Hala to update the HWG upon initiation of TB services in Akkar | Hala-IOM | May-15 |
| 6 | Farah to share again the email regarding requesting RH commodities | Farah-UNHCR | completed |