

## **Minutes**

### **Reproductive Health Sub-Working Group Meeting**

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

**Venue:** UNFPA office

#### **Attendance:**

Dr. Hanan Najmi- MOH  
Hanin Zou'bi – IFH/NHF  
Susan Wright- JCAP  
Mays Halasa- JCAP  
Marianm Klait- SRD  
Abeer Shraiteh- UNFPA  
Fatma Khan- UNFPA  
Dalia Sharif- JPS  
Esraa Amr- JPS  
Deif Allah Alsheikh- IRC  
Dr. Dima Hamasha- UNFPA  
Noha Gibreel-UNHCR  
Josiane Bizimana – UNFPA  
Elsa Groeweld-MEDAIR  
Amalia Mendes- TDH-Italy  
Maysa Alkhateeb- USAID  
Ahlam Abd-alsalam-UNFPA

#### **Agenda**

1. Welcoming and Introduction
2. Follow up on last meeting minutes
3. Newborn protocol and perinatal neonatal death audit system updates (UNICEF)
4. IEC material
5. RH mapping
6. Agency Update.
7. AOB

#### **Follow up on previous minutes:**

1. Task force on involvement of men and boys in RH issues especially family planning

#### **Action point:**

- Focal point from MdM, JHAS, IFH, Medair and USAID were identified on December 17<sup>th</sup>

- The objective of this task force is to identify modalities, SOPs on how to better involve men in RH planning and to create a joint action plan

**Action:**

UNFPA to invite participants for a meeting

2. Training:

**Action point:**

- Members were encouraged to coordinate with RH SWG on future RH related trainings in order to ensure that other partners can participate if space permits
- IFH to share their training plan with RH SWG

3. Review of 2015 action plan and lessons learned

Proposed Activities	Wayward/remarks
Contribute/ participate in review and/or implementation of national RH/ FP strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New letter from MoH has been issued on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 on free access of MCH to registered refugees</li> </ul> <p><b>Action point:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ahlam (UNFPA): to follow-up up with MoH and to report at the next meeting on the following: when will the program be rolled out nationally, which specific services will be free</li> <li>- Elsa ( medair): To follow-up on cash for health program implications</li> <li>- Joint RH strategy is need to be created to know the accessibility of RH services and to avoid overlapping. This will be waiting to get more information</li> </ul>
Train/ support NGOs midwives to insert IUDs and other methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MoH midwives do insert IUDs under the supervision of a physician</li> <li>- Beneficiaries can receive this service in MoH supported facilities</li> <li>- Some NGOs would like their midwives to have the have the capacity to insert IUDs</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Point:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MoH and UNFPA to follow-up on the feasibility on how to better</li> </ul>

	<p>support NGOs especially working in remote areas to be able to provide IUDs</p>
<p>Implement infertility guidelines at service delivery level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Guideline was shared in 2015 and it focused mostly on providing counselling and psycho social services.</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggestion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase the awareness on infertility issues with service providers</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Point:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communication strategy at the health level to be developed by the end of May 2016</li> <li>- Fatima (S-GBV co-chair) to follow up with S/GBV WG members to see if case managers or other service providers have observed cases of domestic violence related to infertility and to report back to the RH SWG.</li> </ul>
<p>Ensure that gender mainstreaming is not just a ‘slogan’</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RH SWG has invited the S/GBV WG co-chair to participate in the meetings and provide regular feedback/ guidance to the RH SWG.</li> <li>- There is a gender mainstreaming training and gender marker planned in April or May 2016</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Point:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNFPA to circulate the invitation to the training to members</li> </ul>
<p>Advocacy for free access to ANC, PNC and FP</p>	<p>Nothing to report as MoH has passed the decree granting Syrian refugees free access to these services</p>
<p>Strengthen coordination with all agencies providing RH services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some partners expressed that there is a need for RH-SWG lead to provide more support to NGOs not funded by UNFPA</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Point:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To review the ToR of RH sub working group will be on the next meeting</li> <li>- All members of the WG were encouraged to feel free to contact the RH SWG chair if they need</li> </ul>

	<p>additional support from the RH SWG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- with documentary pictures</li> </ul>
Large scale access to basic RH services through Cash assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to MoH plans to provide RH services to Syrian refugees, there is a need to review the cash for health activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Point:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elsa from Medair to follow up with the cash working group</li> </ul>
Update the SGBV referral pathways	<p><b>Action Point:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fatima (S/GBV co-chair) to share the updated pathways</li> </ul>
<p>Integrate nutrition programs with ANC, PNC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrition support to anemic pregnant women</li> <li>• Nutrition support to pregnant women with pre-existing conditions such as diabetes mellitus, HTN, dyslipidaemia</li> <li>• Nutrition support to women at risk of pre-eclampsia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IFH has recruited a nutritionist to provide counselling to PLW</li> <li>- Not discussed as Save the children colleagues were not present</li> </ul> <p><b>Action point:</b></p> <p>To follow up at next meeting</p>
Plan joint assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Members were encouraged to share plans of any planned or upcoming assessments.</li> <li>- JCAP has done a summary</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Point:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JCAP to share their desk review of assessment done on FP at the next meeting</li> </ul>
Improve referral mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improving referral mechanisms from primary level to secondary level (to hospitals) i.e some patients referred to hospital but not admitted</li> <li>- Feasibility on how referral mechanisms can be improved through advocacy with MoH and more monitoring</li> <li>- Identification of referral problems (e.g. disaggregating data)</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Point:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JHAS to provide at the next meeting</li> </ul>

Deliver more training related to GBV	-Training related to GBV to RH service providers level <b>Action Point:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fatima (S-GBV co-chair) to share any GBV training opportunity with the RH sub working group</li> <li>- IFH is planning 9 GBV training and will share details with members once plans are finalized.</li> </ul>
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### Newborn protocol and perinatal neonatal death audit system updates (UNICEF)

- Postponed to next meeting

#### Agenda item 4: IEC material

MoH has developed IEC materials that can be used by partners

#### Action Point:

- Partners to share IEC materials that can be duplicated/ used by other partners
- UNFPA to follow up with MoH to get a sample of IEC materials in place

### RH mapping

- Last updated mapping shared with partners

### Agency update

#### JPS

- Has 2 clinic in Amman (Byader and Taberbour ) which provides consultation for Syrian refugees as JPS has female Gynecologist
- Deliveries are referred for free to their partners their partners (Italian hospital and Almagest hospital)

#### UNHCR

- There is a service adviser training. UNHCR will share the training plans with members.

### Next meeting:

Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>: 10-12

