

MINUTES OF CSMC TASK FORCE MEETING

13.07.15 BEIRUT

Introduction of agencies

Agencies present were NRC, SOL, IRC, ACTED, Concern, PU-AMI, MOSA and UNHCR. LHIF, Oxfam, SfCG, IOM, UNDP and DRC were absent.

1. Endorsing minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the CSMC TF meeting 15th June 2015 were endorsed and shared on the UNHCR portal.

2. Updates

SOL: Have established 8 CSMC committees out of target 50 by the end of the year.

ACTED: Are implementing community support committee projects in 3 locations in Beirut southern suburbs, 1 in Bourj Hammoud and 1 in Mt Lebanon. The committees have joint host/refugee members and priorities are decided together with municipal authorities. Their methodology includes training on participatory methods, HLP, hygiene promotion, and it includes small CSPs to address prioritised WASH or Shelter needs for up to 10,000 USD.

IRC: Is piloting an urban committee project in 4 locations in North Bekaa, 1 of these locations being Arsaal. It will target non-ITS locations, and is open to both refugees and host community members. The urban committee will be trained in similar modules that the CSMC committees are trained in but will e.g. not cover referrals. It includes CSPs of up to 1,500 USD aimed at addressing issues identified by the committees during the assessment they undertake following the training.

Concern: Has started the coaching phase of their CSMC project in 28 collective sites.

Action point:

- **ACTED and IRC to share the committee TORs and assessment tools with the national task force. Other agencies (Oxfam, NRC, DRC) conducting or planning similar pilots/projects to share their tools as well.**
- **IRC to re-share the CSMC Dropbox link for CSMC documents and tools with all TF members.**
- **NRC to follow up with UNHCR Protection on way forward with the mapping and guidelines for community based programming, to ensure it takes the CSMC initiatives outside CSs into account.**

3. Nomination of co-leads and review of TF strategy and TORs

The only agency that has expressed an interest in co-leading the national TF is UNHCR. They will confirm their interest by July 17th. Any other agency wishing to nominate themselves are very welcome to do so and should send their expression of interest to NRC by July 17th as well.

The mandate for the CSMC TF from the PWG expired end of June 2015 and should be reviewed on a 6 month basis as per the TORs.

Action points:

- **NRC to draft the new 6 month strategy based on input from the TF members and share by July 17th for final input by July 31st. The new strategy will be presented to the Protection Coordinator and inter sector coordinators before presenting for endorsement at the August national PWG.**
- **NRC to draft scope and costs of an external after action review of the CSMC response thus far in Lebanon by the next CSMC TF meeting August 17th with the objective of aiming for pooled funding from CSMC agencies for such a review.**

4. Representation at inter-sector meetings

Presentations of the CSMC task force strategy and CSMC agencies' activities including how we can support the different WGs have been conducted for all sectors on national level except the Education sector. On field level this is in process in Akkar and T5, while one presentation has been done for the joint Shelter/ WASH WG in the Bekaa.

The same has been presented at the inter agency meetings in Beirut, T5 and Mount Lebanon. PU-AMI and possibly DRC will present at the interagency in the South August 13th. Bekaa updates to follow.

Action points:

- **One way forward from the sector presentations is a one-page guideline for each sector on how to collaborate – scope, modality, and specific activities. A guideline for the Basic Assistance / CSMC collaboration is being developed as a pilot.**
- **Feedback from the Beirut IA presentation included bringing in more national actors.**
- **Bekaa CSMC TF to provide update on Bekaa presentations to sectors and IA.**

5. Update on field level feedback on the referral SOPs

The SOPs have been endorsed in Akkar, T5 and Bekaa.

Action points:

- **PU-AMI will present the SOPs at the IA meeting in the South August 13th for endorsement.**
- **IRC to confirm status of SOPs in ML.**
- **Once endorsed by the Protection sector and/or IA in all field locations the SOPs will be presented for the PWG on national level for final endorsement and implementation.**

6. How to cover the ITSs with less than 4 tents

Postponed until next meeting.

7. Presentation of SOL's key findings from their CSMC KAP survey

SOL presented the findings (attached) from their baseline CSMC KAP survey focusing on refugees' knowledge on their rights, humanitarian standards and definitions, and on service providers in the region. Key findings include:

- Low awareness of key principles that validate the refugee status;
- Lack of proper knowledge of humanitarian standards;
- Low awareness of essential basic rights;
- Assistance focused;
- There are sites with an existing power structures with the Shawish;
- There are sites with heavy dependency on Landlords/owners;
- Rely heavily on word of mouth to seek information, which may make them vulnerable to false information;
- Significant gap in knowledge of service providers.

Action points:

- **SOL to confirm whether they can present the findings to the Protection sector in the North and Beirut as well.**
- **SOL to share the presentation and upcoming report with the CSMC members and/or on the CSMC TF Dropbox.**
- **All CSMC TF members to share their M&E tools such as needs/baseline surveys, KAP surveys, assessment tools etc. on the Dropbox. Harmonisation of M&E methods to be discussed at the next TF meetings.**

8. Coordination with MOSA in the field

As part of the heightened focus on collaboration and coordination with the authorities regarding CSMC some discussions with MOSA has been had on way forward. MOSA proposes a meeting between their Beirut Protection staff, Regional Coordinators and CSMC national and regional leads to help establish a network between the concerned actors and explore possible avenues of collaboration between them.

Action points:

- **NRC to confirm with the Protection Coordinator that the meeting agenda is in line with ongoing sector discussions and initiatives on collaboration with the authorities; national as well as local, to make sure CSMC is in line with the sector strategy.**

9.AOB

Activity Info indicators: The suggested revised AI indicators have been shared with the TF members for feedback in time for **the final** LCRP midyear review.

Action point:

- **Agencies to provide any further comments or suggested changes to the revised indicators by July 15th to NRC.**

Site reporting: New agreed deadline for updating the revised CSMC site profiling template (attached) which will link the database with the Spongebase mapping is July 31st. Meanwhile, all CSMC agencies will provide # of CSs and type they implement in in an email to NRC asap.

Next meeting will be **August 17th at NRC 10:00 – 12:30.**

Suggested agenda includes:

- CSMC methodologies outside of CSs – ongoing and planned initiatives
- Harmonisation of M&E tools among CSMC agencies
- Election of lead and co-lead of national CSMC task force for September – November 2015

----- END -----