JORDAN REFUGEE RESPONSE Health Sector – Community Health Task Group Terms of Reference 16th April 2014



1. Purpose

The Community Health Task Group (CHTG) is part of, and reports to, the Health Sector Working Group (HSWG).

The need to have a focus on community health for both refugees and Jordanians (the host community) has been expressed within the HSWG.

In particular there is a need to raise awareness amongst refugees on health education, their rights to access services, linkages to the available health services and for the provision of support related to health at the community level. This can be facilitated through community health volunteers (CHVs) using a variety of tools and methods available to the international humanitarian organizations, many of whom have extensive knowledge and expertise in community health approaches.

The main purposes of the CH-TG are to:

- Develop a CH strategy
- To reach consensus on the definition and main tasks of CH Volunteers
- Identify gaps in the community health response both geographically and programmatically
- Identify, raise and coordinate, within the CHTG, relevant topics/issues related to community-based health activities and share them with the health sector working group.
- Facilitate the sharing of information, tools, IEC materials and training materials relating to CH between agencies and organizations.

2. Scope

The scope of the CHTG is to provide standardized approaches and to harmonize the way-of-working between agencies and organizations working in CH.

It will include a revision of and an agreed-upon way forward in relation to:

- The terms of reference for the CHVs
- Incentives
- Training methods and materials to be used
- How to manage the safety and security of the CHVs
- Psychological support to CHVs
- Tools and materials required for them to perform their role
- Supervision of CHVs
- Data collection/reporting tools
- Creating linkages and referring to health services and inter agency referrals

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3. Membership, Attendance and Secretariat

Core membership of the CHTG includes:

- Main organizations involved in the HSWG WG and interested in Community-Health
- UNHCR Public Health Office
- MoH
- RC/RC organization: Jordan Red Crescent, IFRC, FRC

Meeting: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Chair: IFRC Location: JRCS

Secretariat of the meeting will be shared on a voluntary-basis.

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