



Child Protection in Emergencies Working Group - Lebanon Meeting Minutes

Date : 22 January 2014, 2pm
Location : UNHCR

Participants : 23 participants, 18 organizations:
Abaad, Amel Association, Beyond Association, CLMC, Danish and Italian Red Cross, ICRC, Intersos, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Medical Aid for Palestinians, Mercy Corps, MoSA, NRC, OCHA, Right to Play, Save the Children (Save), UNHCR, UNICEF, Union of Relief and Development Associations, UNRWA, and World Vision.

Agenda

1. Operational updates
2. 2014 Child Protection plans
3. Update from psycho-social support (PSS) sub-working group and CM technical working group
4. AOB

1. Operational and Programmatic Updates

1.1. Information Share

- Save received reports from ISF challenges experienced with multiple cases of street children and lack of referrals for emergency care and needs. Reports of police holding children for multiple days, or releasing without identified guardian/caregiver.
- UNHCR identified the need to better mainstream child protection concerns into the larger protection monitoring framework. Issue to be raised at the next Protection Working Group meeting.
- UNICEF-IRC held a training in November 2013 on the new inter-agency guidelines on caring for child survivors of sexual abuse.
 - Manual available here in EN/FR: <http://gbvresponders.org/node/1542>.

1.2. Programmatic Updates

- IRC/UNHCR is finalizing the results of their small scale profiling of street based children in Beirut. Results will be shared upon completion. Activities have also started.
- Save and IRC are undertaking a small exercise on separated and unaccompanied children to better understand by whom children are cared for and the quality of care.
 - Population of focus: Lebanese, Palestinian refugees from Syria, Syrian refugees.
 - UNRWA has undertaken a similar exercise with Palestinian refugees from Syria;
 - **Action Point:** Save will distribute concept note for remarks.

1.3. Introduction of new member : Union of Relief and Development Associations

- Will be establishing a protection group within their members
- Seeking training and support to come into CP sector and comply with standards.

2. 2014 Child Protection Plans

2.1. Activity Info

- Tracking system for RRP6 to commence use in February 2014 (for January programming).
- CPiEWG will organize information session to activity info, inputting data, and its uses; tentatively set for 30 January 2014, 9am-12noon. Information session is voluntary.
 - **Action Point:** Date, time, and location to be confirmed by coordinator by end of week.

2.2. CPiEWG Retreat

- A one-day retreat to put together an action plan for the sector for 2014 was proposed by coordinators and supported by group.

- Retreat proposed for second or third week of February. Regional working group coordinators to join.
- More details and draft programme for input to follow.
 - **Action Point:** Coordinator to send doodle to identify date best for most members.

3. Update from PSS sub-working group and case management technical working group

3.1. PSS sub-working group update

3.1.1. Technical review

- Process underway. Focus groups conducted nationally and should wrap-up by early February. Intention is to review existing PSS activities, materials, and work towards a harmonized standard and approach.
 - **Action point:** Final document to be shared 25 February.
 - **Action point:** Minutes from last PSS meeting to be shared with members.

3.1.2. Psycho-social soft skills training for frontline workers

- Training conducted through sub-group with Save trainer in English with Arabic translation.
- Field-based, hosted by different organizations in each region:
 - 3-4 Feb: North
 - 6-7 Feb: Bekaa
 - 10-11 Feb: South
 - 12-13 Feb: Mount Lebanon/Beirut (still need a host for this location)
 - **Action point:** Information and sign-up to be circulated.

3.2. Case management technical working group update

- A series of meeting were held between MOSA, IRC, UNICEF, UNHCR and Universite St Joseph (USJ) to discuss the integration of the emergency CP case management practical guidance developed through the Case management technical working group into the national case management SOP being developed by USJ with the support of UNICEF.
 - Agreed that emergency protocols will be referred to as practical guidelines.
- A meeting of the technical group to be called towards finalizing the practical guidelines as soon as possible.
- Alternative care options will be discussed and ways forward identified under the Case Management technical working group

4. AOB

4.1. Trainings

- Discussed need for better communication on trainings: when they are held, by whom, who can participate and how.
- Discussed need for competency-based, needs-based trainings to be held.
- Discussions to be continued on needs and how to better coordinate efforts in training.

4.2. USJ child protection certification for frontline professionals in case management

- Joint USJ-MoSA-Unicef initiative with visiting professors from Canada and Switzerland.
- 60-hour modular training, delivered in Arabic and French.
- Minimum requirements: BA plus relevant job, practicing and working.
 - **Action point:** 2-pager with more information and application form to be shared asap. Deadline end of week – 24 January

4.3. Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Task Force

- Inter-agency effort now underway. It will include a complaints mechanism. More information to follow.

Next Meeting: 12 February 2014 @ 2pm, UNHCR