

## Minutes Reproductive Health Sub-Working Group Meeting

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Venue:** UNFPA office

### **Attendance:**

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Mays Halasa-JCAP

Ritsuke Arisawa – JICA

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Roberta Businaro – TDH Italy

Hanin Zou'bi – IFH/NHF

Hannah Kalbouneh- SCJ

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Gloria Munoz-Alianza

Midori Sato-UNICEF

Elsa Groenveld – Medair

Maysa Al-Kateeb-USAID

Deifalah Al Sheikh – IRC

Dr. Abdelhadi Eltahir – MdM

Dina Jardaneh – UNHCR

Dr. Jawana N. Al- Suhtanat-IMC

Dr. Faeza Abo Al-Jalo – UNFPA

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### *Follow up on previous minutes:*

1. **Taskforce:** Members of the RHSWG to participate in this taskforce. Members will work towards integration and involvement of men in GBV and RH issues, with a youth component included. Relevant IEC materials also to be developed. Agencies that have expressed interest thus far include: MdM, JHAS, IFH, Medair and USAID  
→ **Action point:** Agencies to share names of participants via email.
2. **Training and standard protocols on CMR**

Need for consistent reporting, strengthening of clinical management services and follow up to SGBV survivors, especially in urban settings.

#### **Action points:**

- Capacity building of health care providers in camps and host community on CMR, Syndromic approach of STI's and HIV/AIDS management

### 3. Mapping of RH Services

Template was circulated to map out RH /GBV services for Syrian Refugees to all partners . All services in all areas to be included, at primary, secondary and tertiary levels.

#### Action Point:

- Final call for agencies to share their database .
- UNFPA to upload the template in UNHCR portal after receiving agency's response.

### Cash for health program for Syrian refugees by Medair

- Focus on: Access to ANC (700), Skilled Delivery + PNC (700), other treatment for minor emergency health issues (250), other players are (UNHCR , other NGOs)
- Beneficiaries will be encouraged to use MoH facilities and make use of the subsidized rates.
- Minor emergency related health issues (need to be more specific as this might include also pregnant women with high risk as hypertension and Diabetes.
- Beneficiaries will receive pre-loaded ATM card in bank facility or HH level.
- Good to add at the longer term family planning services

#### Action point :

- Medair to Follow up and monitoring and evaluation
- Continuation of awareness raising and prevention education related to pregnancy, delivery and PNC will take place.

### Management of Infertility; Guidelines for health care providers:

- Many refugees with primary and secondary infertility are seeking care at camps and urban setting without clear guidance for health care providers.
- There should be a secure and detailed filing system in which the history, results of examinations and investigations as well as treatment modalities are carefully recorded in detail.
- About 30% of couples get pregnant after simple history taking, examination, investigations and counseling without starting any treatment.

#### Action point:

- UNHCR and UNFPA to finalize the guidelines and implement the tool.
- Alternative to Use of cycle bead in identifying the fertility period.
- Linkage of infertility to protection issues.

### Agency Updates:

**USAID:** Activities done are on family planning and evaluation of national family planning programmes.

**UNICEF:** At border, providing newborn kits and hygiene kits, focused on menstrual pads. Supporting 2 newborn initiatives: 1) newborn clinical guideline review, working on updating

specific SOPs and protocols. 2) Perinatal desk review system and forms for training capacity building.

**Alianza:** Just finished a study on Jordan and Lebanon. Launching new project in Ajloun/Jarash on RH and GBV.

**SCJ:** Conducting breast cancer campaign in Zaatri.

**IFH:** In the Northern valley, the last two trainings within 2015 training plan were conducted on basic RH and GBV issues. IFH conducted in October, breast cancer awareness raising and self-examination targeting 400 refugees and 400 urban.

**JICA:** The workplan in the North for new project with MoH was signed. Will start project in the first quarter of next year (2016).

**IMC:** IMC will be taking the management of IFRC hospital in Azraq under UNFPA support.

**MdM:** Conducting training on Hypertension high blood pressure for doctors and nurses working at facility level. MDM had 2 clinics one in Zaatri and one in Ramtha. Both are providing family planning training on health education and communication. From 30<sup>th</sup> Oct-2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. mental health outreach services are ongoing through our mobile team and clinic.

**JCAP:** Media campaign on family planning and reproductive health by February 2016. Work on doing a social behavior change by changing norms on family planning and birth spacing. This will be done targeting couples.

**JHAS:** 4,250 deliveries in Za'atari since opening in 2013, and in October, 190 deliveries were reported. On Job training for 10 doctors and nurses on syndromic approach of STI's.

**UNHCR:** Cash for assistance through JHAS, pilot will be next Tuesday for just 2 months. Malnutrition surveillance established for 25 clinics and on job site training and MUAC screening through SCJ.

**UNFPA:** Azraq hospital is managed now by IMC with UNFPA support but is not function yet as there is delay in granting the license by MoH. The services that will be provided are RH services (deliveries and Caesarean section and neonatal care). All other cases will be referred outside the camp. A regional training workshop will be conducted on CMR next week for 4 days.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015.