Minutes of Health and Nutrition Working Group Meeting

Beirut-Mount Lebanon

Location: UNHCR Beirut Mount Lebanon, S&K bldg., 1st floor

Time/Date: 10h00-11h30, February 15th, 2018

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|  | **Issue** | **Actor (focal agency)** | **Deadline** |
| 1.  2.  3.    4. | **Presentation on the MER grant (MoPH):** (presentation attached with the minutes of meeting)   * The Middle East Response (MER) is an initiative that will provide essential HIV, TB and Malaria services to key and vulnerable populations including refugees, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), women, children, other conflict affected populations in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Yemen. * In June 2016, the Global Fund identified MHD IOM as the Principal Recipient for its Middle East Response Grant (MER). The Middle East Response (MER) is a differentiated and innovative approach to ensuring that current HIV, TB and malaria grants from the Global Fund to these countries are implemented more effectively and efficiently through an implementation approach using a unified regional platform managed by IOM supported with several policy exceptions from the Global Fund.   Objectives of MER:  -Ensuring TB diagnostics and treatment for Syrian and Palestine refugees, including provision of drugs and commodities.  -Improving knowledge on the TB epidemic and improve coordination of the response to Syrian refugees.  -Providing treatment and care to Syrian and Palestine refugees living with HIV  -Supporting HIV testing and TB/HIV testing efforts among the Syrian refugee population and Palestine Refugee population.  **Activity Info reports for BML partners (UNHCR):**  -A total of 15,868 consultations were reported on AI for the month of January 2018 by MF, Restart, IMC, Amel and MdM.  -A total of 2,380 MMU consultations were reported by Makassed, Blue Mission and LRC.  **Leishmaniasis Treatment access n 2018:**  •The number of cases of leishmaniosis has decreased dramatically over time. Till end of 2017 UNHCR was supporting treatment by paying doctors administering the treatment in Governmental hospitals OPD through IMC.  •Most at risk patients are those who are travelling back to Syria frequently where they are infected (116 cases in 2017) as there is no local transmission.  •Leishmaniosis treatment is available and free of charge in Syria.  •UNHCR will no longer be able to support doctors incentives through IMC for leishmaniosis care.  •Refugees will have to contribute for the OPD consultations similar to Lebanese.  •Contribution per session per week is LBP 15,000; and LBP 20,000 (only in RHUH and Baalback clinics)for patients with five cutaneous lesions and below.  •While patients (with above 5 lesions) in need of 21 consecutive days treatment with intramuscular injections, would be paying LBP 20,000 per week.  •MoPH is sending a circular to all Government hospitals with leishmaniosis clinics to maintain access to leishmaniosis treatment.  •MOPH and WHO will continue to ensure free medication and supplies for injection at the current Gov. centres.  Beirut  RaficHariri University Governmental Hospital Beirut  01-830000  Dr. Ossayma Dhouny  Wednesday 10.00-11.00  Dr. Pierre Abi Hanna Tuesday 10.00-11.00  **Updates from partners on new projects implemented in 2018:**  **IMC:** Is supporting 9 PHCC under MADAD funded project and 3 PHCc under different funds. The package of PHC services include:   * All medical consultations are for 3,000 LBP (whether general or specialist) * (Pre-approved) Laboratory diagnostics are covered 100% for all population groups * IUD insertion is covered 100% * PNC is provided free of charge * Each PHC will be support by  2 Syrian  Community Health Workers for outreach   **IOCC:** implementing AIA from November 2017 till March 2018 and supporting the National breastfeeding campaign launched in February.  **MF**: is implementing AIA. The challenges faced were reported to MoPH. |  |  |

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