7.1 Operational Coordination with other Humanitarian actors in the area

Explain your participation in national and local humanitarian coordination fora. Provide information on the coordination with another humanitarian organizations. Please refer to guidelines for more information. (Bytes limit: 4000

MDM in Palestine is an active Member in both Health and Nutrition and Protection clusters. MDM is considered as main emergency actor in Gaza for the health and nutrition cluster and In WB for the protection cluster. MDM is attending regularly health and protection cluster meeting in both Gaza and WB. MDM us an important contributor in the identification of the HNO and designing the HRP on yearly bases. Moreover; MDM has been assigned by the health cluster as one of the main emergency responders actors. All MDM project submitted to the HRP 2019 has been approved either under health or protection cluster.

In GAZA; in cooperation with other main actors in the field of emergency (ICRC, MAP, MDM-S, UHWC, PMRS, MSF and UN agencies), MDM is participating in the designing of the both health cluster contingency plan and national emergency mental health plan leaded by WHO and part of MHPSS workgroup. Following the Great March of Return, MDM is also part of the trauma working group, working together with other group members to optimize the resources to the benefit of most needed injuries from the demonstrations. A apart of the coordination with the cluster, MDM is in continuous coordination with the main health actors in Gaza ( MSF , MAP UK, WHO and ICRC) in order to ensure complementarities and to avoid duplication of work specially at the level of public services.

In WB: MDM is an active member in both Health Cluster and Protection cluster, MDM is already having validated MHPSS Emergency Response HRP 2019 under the Protection cluster and MH integration in PHCCs HRP 2019 under the Health cluster. Furthermore, MDM is an active member of the MHPSS and Child Protection sub-working group at central level and its related MHPSS operational working groups at Governorates level. MDM is an active member within the Settlements Expansion and Practices “sub- working group and is considered as its reference for MHPSS impacts, MDM coordinates its advocacy initiatives with this group in addition to other forms as AIDA Advocacy working group.

MDM will keep a close coordination with the ECHO Protection Consortium actors considering MDM MHPSS Emergency Response as a complementary intervention to the consortium interventions, the coordination will be at various levels including triggers, responses, protection referrals, advocacy initiatives, joint analysis and identification of trends, in addition to common operational assessments in case of massive incidents. The cooperation and coordination with the consortium partners was concentrated around the NWB, by extending the area of coverage of MDM to Ramallah and east Jerusalem, MDM will replicate, reinforce, and continue the relationship with the Consortium partners’ focal points in the 2 new targeted governorates. MDM will reinforce ACCE – Arab Counselling Center for Education – to adopt the same cooperation and coordination approach with consortium there.

MdM is in continuous coordination with local and international MHPSS service providers (ACCE, MSF-F, YMCA and the Ministry of Health Community Mental Health Centres) as a main target of referrals of victims in need for advanced MHPSS services, using the National Mental Health Referral System which was launched by MOH and MDM in December 2015.

7.2 Action Listed below :

Identify the appeal/process where the action is listed.

Un consolidated appeal

Yes

7.3 coordination with National and local Authorities:

Explain the type of coordination with national and local authorities or explain when this is not considered appropriate or relevant. Refer to the guidelines for more information. (Bytes limit: 2000).

MDM has more than 10 years’ experience working in Palestine through its main operational offices in Gaza and WB. MDM In Gaza is working in public health sector in direct link with different departments at the MOH. MDM in Gaza has achieved to establish and maintain strong and trustable partnership with the MOH and other related authorities. MDM is highly respected by the decision makers at the MOH for its commitment and efficiency working hard to fill the gaps and to meet the needs of the population. MDM is working hand to hand with the MOH in all project cycles; the International Cooperation Department is concerned in sitting the general objectives of intervention at local level and responsible for the administrative general approval of MDM field interventions. The Primary health directorate and Hospital Administration agreed on all the technical methodologies of the intervention and on facilitating the access to the health structures in the field and Central stores: is the department involved in identifying the needs and approval of qualities and quantities of supplies provided to the MoH. In WB; working in MHPSS, MDM has developed very close and trustful coordination with the Ministry of Health at central level in Ramallah and governorates offices. MDM has established and maintains positive and repeated contacts with the Palestinian health authorities as the interventions aim at improving the quantity and quality of MHPSS services. MDM is an active member of the MOH MHPSS Thematic Group who is working on the development of the MHPSS Emergency Preparedness plan with WHO. MOH Community Mental Health Centres are one of the main referral sources for MHPSS Advanced services. The same with the Ministry of Education through the counselling department responsible of the MHPSS services in the MoE schools. MdM is working with the MoE counselling department since 2008 in a series of programs building their capacity and responding to the MHPSS in the schools.

7.4 Coordination with development actions and activities

Explain how the action will make progress toward a recovery/post emergency and development-oriented project. Indicate here what are the concrete coordination mechanisms put in place in order to enhance synergies and complementarities between the Action and development interventions. (Bytes limit: 2000)

MDM is a Humanitarian and Development actor implementing both interventions in Palestine as many other actors working in the area. In Gaza; within the context of protracted humanitarian crises it is difficult to separate between the two types of interventions. As was mentioned in previous sessions, MDM in Gaza has been working on strengthen the emergency preparedness at different levels from institutional to community level and being acting as immediate responder during and post crises. At the same time, MDM cooperates too, with a local partner, work committee (UAWC). During the last year MDM worked with UAWC to integrate the BLS practices within the day to day activity conducted by their target (Farmers and fishermen). Culture and Free Thought Association (CFTA). MdM has supported the structuring of the Mental Health Department of CFTA contributing to a better provision of MHPSS services in three centers of the organization in khan Younis and the Middle Area and has developed a project about Family Planning in the Women Center of CFTA in Al Bureij.

In WB; The emergency protection intervention is in line with MOH MHPSS long-term strategy 2015-2019 where response to Trauma is one of the main priorities. Within its strategy MDM will work on the communing 3 years in reinforcing the MHPSS capacities of MOH Primary Health Care Centres to provide MHPSS support to emergency and common metal health cases. MDM and ACCE are working in building the capacities of 5 MOE Psychosocial Support Teams in the NWB with the objective of reinforcing the capacities of the MOE teams to provide proper MHPSS emergency response following traumatic incidents in their schools. In 2018, MDM and ACCE worked on the development of the technical and operational guidelines of the MOE teams, supervised the members of the teams and their supervisors and accompanied them while providing MHPSS in their schools.