PANEL DISCUSSION 2

Date and time

Date: 25 January 2017
Time: 90 Minutes

Subject of the session

People on the move

Panel members

Chair:
- Palestine Red Crescent Society

Panel members:
- Lebanese Red Cross (refugees)
- Syrian Arab Red Crescent (IDPs)
- Qatar Red Crescent Society (economic migration)
- UNHCR

Objective of the session

The purpose of this session is to provide participants with a good understanding of the complex dynamics related to migration in the region, so that they can identify areas of collaboration and engagement to build more resilient communities and to better protect and assist vulnerable people on the move.

The panel will discuss the current situation of migrants, refugees and displaced people in the Middle East and North Africa and the humanitarian response provided by different actors, including the National Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

Format

To achieve this objective, the panel will organize around three different themes preceded by a brief analysis, setting the scene of the main trends in the region regarding displacement (including internal and cross-borders) (7 minutes).

After the introduction the following themes will be tackled:
- mixed-migration challenges in countries in crises, focusing on refugees (7 minutes),
- protracted displacement along internal displaced people (IDPs) and refugees’ challenges (7 minutes)
- challenges on integration and protection of labour migrants (7 minutes)

While introduction will be delivered by a renowned policy research institution, the subsequent themes will be developed through joint-sessions with external RCRC Movement and related National Societies, as a way to identify good practices and potential partnership. External partners will set the global framework while the
National Society will explain its experience in the subject, ten minutes each.

The presentations will be followed by an open debate with the audience for 20 minutes.

**Expected results**

- Clear understanding of sub-regional dimensions in MENA (why?)
- Identification of areas for alignment to guide the development of a Global and MENA frameworks on Resilience of Migrants and host communities (what and how?)
- Identification of potential areas for partnership with external organizations (with whom?)

**Building questions for discussion**

The questions are for the chair/moderator to guide and facilitate the discussion, allowing interaction between the panellist and the audience.

Debate will last for 20 minutes.

**Question 1:** What are the areas of humanitarian action that National Societies in the MENA are best placed to scale up, in order address the basic needs of people on the move are met?

**Question 2:** How can we be stronger, collectively as MENA National Societies, in building resilience of migrants and host community?

**Question 3:** What makes a partnership, between National Societies and external partners, successful on migration? What are the risks?