

# Markets in Crisis Advisory Committee

The Markets in Crisis Community of Practice (MiC) provides those engaging with markets in emergency and recovery contexts to discuss ideas and experiences, share resources and learning, and to foster greater collaboration among organizations to improve market-sensitive programming in practice. MiC currently houses a diverse group of 1,732 members from 110 countries representing NGOs, donors, academics, UN agencies and the private sector.

## **Dina Brick**

As head of CRS' Food Security and Markets Team, Geraldine (Dina), supports CRS programs as they prepare for and respond to emergencies through market-based approaches, including cash and voucher programs. Her support involves proposal development, technical assistance in implementation, tool development, trainings, and assessments with a focus on market-based approaches in food security. Dina has over 10 years of experience in international agriculture, environment, and food security programming. She holds a Master's degree from the Fletcher School at Tufts University. She is based in New Jersey.

## **Ekram El-Huni**

Ekram is a polyglot, cross-disciplinary professional, with a multi-national, multi-cultural and multi-lingual background as a Libyan American raised in Europe, and having worked in several Arab and African countries for 16 years. The bulk of Ekram's experience has been with the UN World Food Programme (WFP) for nearly 15 years although her roles have been diverse across the organization. Since April 2017, Ekram has taken on the role of Regional Programme Policy Advisor, first in Emergencies covering the Syria response and then focused on Cash-Based Transfers (CBT) based in Cairo, Egypt.

### **Pat Foley**

Pat Foley is an applied anthropologist conducting programmatic and policy action research for 22 years with NGOs, UN, Red Cross, and government agencies. Pat has worked with cash and markets throughout the programme cycle since 2001. Pat is currently based in New York.

### **Alexandre Gachoud**

Food Security and Livelihood specialist with 8 years of experience in humanitarian emergencies and recovery contexts. Five years of experience conducting market analyses in pre-crisis, first phase response, scale up and recovery contexts. Alexandre is currently working with UNHCR's cash team, and was formerly a Global FSL Advisor at Oxfam, where his role was to promote market analysis and market-based programming to ensure that FSL interventions in emergency, fragile and recovery contexts are informed by solid market analysis

### **Eileen Hoff**

Eileen is an international economic development specialist with more than 15 years of experience designing and implementing programs focused on private sector competitiveness, entrepreneurship, workforce development, local economic development, and household economic strengthening. She is currently working at Chemonics as Director of Economic Growth and Trade Practice, and is based in Washington.

### **Deb Ingersoll**

Deb works as a Resilient Livelihoods and Markets Technical Advisor for World Vision International, based in Germany, after 20 months of life in Gaza. She started her career in the private sector and after 20 years made her way to humanitarian work with a move to Haiti to respond to the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. She says she has enjoyed almost every day of work since then. She balances working for an NGO with speaking out for human, animal and environmental rights, loves to travel, ride her bike, hike and practice yoga.

### **Helene Juillard**

Helene is the co-founder of Key Aid Consulting a consultancy group specializing in cash and market-based programming alongside evaluation and capacity strengthening. Helene is a member of the CaLP Technical Advisory Group and the former chair of the CaLP Market working group. Helene is also a lecturer with Science Po Paris and with Manchester University.

### **Scott Merrill**

Scott has over 10 years' experience leading design, implementation, monitoring and results measurement of market systems programs worldwide. For most of this time, he focused on economic development and recovery as well as food security programs, but more recently has begun exploring how to adopt market systems tools, methods, and approaches to “non-traditional” market systems including housing, shelter, and labor market systems.

### **Jan Michiels**

Jan has 10 years of development work experience -- 4 with FAO, 4.5 with WFP and 1.5 years in the Food Security Cluster. He is currently the Head of VAM (WFP's Unit focusing on vulnerability analysis and mapping of food security issues) in WFP Damascus, Syria, and is responsible for conducting market-related assessments/monitoring, including rapid market assessments, monthly country-wide food price monitoring and cash based transfer (CBT) feasibility studies. He also co-Chaired the Inter-Agency Regional Market Assessment Team and was a member of the Inter-Agency Southern Africa CBT Steering Group.

### **Lili Mohiddi**

Lili Mohiddin has worked in the humanitarian sector for over 15 years in the field of in food security and livelihoods. She has technical experience in cash-based programming, urban needs assessments, market assessments and capacity building. She is currently employed as regional cash and market adviser for Norwegian Refugee Council in east Africa.

## **Sasha Muench**

Sasha Muench is Director of Economic and Market Development for Mercy Corps, where she provides institutional leadership and program support on all aspects of economic development for Mercy Corps globally. Sasha has over 18 years of international development experience, and has managed programs at both the country and global level, providing training and technical assistance to teams all over the globe. Previously Sasha worked on microfinance and post-conflict economic recovery in the Balkans, particularly with Partner MFI, and on economic development and post-tsunami recovery in Indonesia. Sasha has a B.A. in economics and international relations from Claremont McKenna College and an M.A. in economics from the University of British Columbia. In 2007 she was an Adjunct Professor and Practitioner in Residence at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, teaching microfinance and conducting independent research on post-emergency economic recovery.

## **Sandra Romero**

Sandra is an experienced programme manager familiar with humanitarian, conflict, post-conflict contexts, and development programs. She is currently working for IFRC based in Manila, but has experience in Africa, Asia, Central America, Latin America, and the Middle East. Her experience focuses on Disaster Risk Management, Sustainable Livelihoods and Food Security, Cash Transfer Programming, Market assessments, job creation, climate change, environmental, energy, land and water issues, youth and Protection, Gender and Inclusion. Sandra is from Barcelona, Spain, but currently based in Manila.

## **Emily Sloane**

Emily Sloane is an Emergency Markets Officer for IRC, and has played a critical role in the administration and governance of MiC over the past few years. At IRC, she manages activities to develop and promote tools, approaches, and dialogue linked to market analysis in the

humanitarian community. Prior to joining the IRC, Emily managed and evaluated a range of cash, voucher, and agricultural programs for both Oxfam and ACF in Jordan as well as various sub-Saharan African countries. Emily is based in New York.

### **Ben Taylor**

Ben is Director of the Springfield Centre and an expert in systemic approaches to development. He has contributed to innovation and codification of new concepts in private sector development included most recently the Making Markets Work for the Poor approach. His specialisms include applying market systems development approaches to new contexts such as education, water, post-conflict states, resilience and fragility, and basic services. Ben is based in Durham, UK.

### **Karri Byrne**

Karri is currently the Lead Facilitator for MiC, and brings over 20 years of programme management experience from both emergency and development contexts. She has worked extensively on market systems and livelihoods programming, and more recently has begun helping teams apply adaptive management practices to their work. She supported SEEP Network with the update of the Minimum Economic Recovery Standards (part of the Sphere Standards), and is keen to see more collaboration between the private sector and the humanitarian community. Karri is based in Scotland.