

Cash Working Group – Poland

Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, 18 October, 2023, at 3:00 PM – online + in-person

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Agenda:

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Meeting minutes:

General updates & plans for 2024, including sectoral cash	<p>General updates and action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-day CALP training “Core CVA Skills for Programme Staff” has been delivered by Diakonie (DKH) between 16-20 October with participants, including CWG partners.• The RRP 2024 project application deadline is 20 October. <p>Partners’ updates and plans for 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IFRC and Polish Red Cross has reached the target of 45,000 individuals in 2023. 2024 plans will be shared in two weeks, aiming to cover 10,000 individuals with cash for health. Cash for food and rent is planned.• Save the Children is working on the final adjustments for the MPCA 2023 programme in Lubelskie voivodship. Planning cash assistance for rent and cash for health program in Lubelskie. MPCA in 2024 will be minimal, focusing on urgent individual cases. Possible sectoral cash for livelihoods and protection.• CCD is studying the results of cash for protection program, and plans to share findings, results, and lessons learned with the group.• IRC's cash for protection programme will start in November 2023 and is ready to share experiences and cost assessments with partners.• Oxfam has reported cash for protection in partnership with the Ukrainian House for 165 individuals.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR continues enrolling for the MPCA targeted cash program until the end of December 2023, as the programme is open for referrals from partners. • PCPM is at the final stage of its MPCA programming and plans to complete enrollment by the end of October 2023 or early November 2023. A programme for cash for rent is under discussion. <p>➤ Action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFRC to share their cash for rent guidance with partners. • UNHCR to check with Protection WG on the cash for protection and needs by partners on their programming through CWG'S technical support. • UNHCR to follow up with MSNA results related to cash, and for health to support IRC's assessment. IRC to share their assessment.
Winterization	<p>Guidance note for the Winterization was already shared at the last CWG meeting (here). Partners' updates: No organization has started Winterization yet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFRC and Polish Red Cross Winterization 2023/2024 is planned in line with CWG guidance, the target figure is not specified yet. • Oxfam Winterization is planned to start in November 2023. • Diakonia is expected to start its Program in October. • Better World (Oxfam's partner) may provide winterization to the cases referred from other partners in Wielkopolskie voivodeship, Poznan and surroundings. • UNHCR to implement the same approach for winter, in line with CWG guidance, in two rounds: December 2023 and February-March 2024, with a total target of 5,000 individuals. <p>➤ Action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR to share deduplication mail/guideline on RAIS with partners. • Partners to update the 5W with information on winterization.
RRP reporting Activity Info	<p>Results have been presented for the three quarters of 2023. For this period, more than 185,000 individuals were assisted by partners through cash assistance, with a total of over 135 million PLN distributed.</p> <p>The dashboard can be accessed here.</p> <p>➤ Action point: Partners to check their reporting figures and inform UNHCR to avoid inaccuracy.</p>
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KEY AID will host a round table for cash coordination on 2 November. CWG will be present in the meeting by co-chairs. • An independent researcher will conduct a learning review on the CCD's work in the Ukraine crisis response, with an FGD with co-chairs on cash coordination. • SPTF will receive feedback from the Protection sector and other stakeholders, and expects to finalize the Social Protection alignment options document with partners, presenting in the Protection and Cash WG meetings.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCPM published a report prepared in partnership with Helpage International on “Learning from the experiences of older Ukrainian refugees in Poland”, full report here. |
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The next CWG meeting will be held on 22 November.