Cash-based Interventions Technical Working Group EQ Türkiye

CBI TWG Meeting Minutes

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Chaired by: UNHCR & TRC

Venue: Zoom (Virtual)

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Participants: CARE, Concern WW, DG ECHO, FAO, GeniusTags, GIZ, IDA, IFRC, Ininal, IOM, Multiaid-Programs, MUDEM, Muslim Hands, REALs, Relief International, SARD, Save the Children, Sened Organization, SEVKAR, SGDD-ASAM, Support to Life, Takaful Alsham, TRC, UNFPA, UNHCR, Violet Organization, WHH

AGENDA:

1) Welcome & Introductions *(5 mins)*
2) Review: Action Points and Announcements *(UNHCR/TRC, 10 mins)*
3) Operational Planning *(60 mins)*
   a. 3W Presentation
   b. Ininal FSP Introduction
   c. Programme Update: GIZ CLIP Cash Programme
   d. ABC – Remaining Needs Discussion
   e. Joint Market Assessment Round 2 Progress Update
4) AoB

New Action Points from the Meeting:

1. Members to provide data for 3W
2. Co-chairs to share sector prioritization exercise needs for ABC
3. PDM Guidance Document will be shared once again for easy reference

Documents

1. Meeting Presentation
2. PDM Guidance
3. Tip Sheet – Individualized Child Protection Interventions

I. Review Action Points & Announcements

- The final version of the MPCA and Sectoral CVA Advocacy Note was shared with partners.
- Individualized Child Protection Interventions Tip Sheet was disseminated in GBV subgroup and other relevant subgroups as well as CBI TWG.
- Members should kindly note that the Teams link for biweekly CBI TWG meetings is deactivated. The CBI TWG meetings will be held with translation option (TR/EN) via Zoom or other convenient platforms.

II. Operational Planning

3W Presentation

- So far, 14 organizations have reported to the ActivityInfo database regarding their cash programmes. Approximately TRY 980 million funding was received, and 22 programmes are reported by 14 partners within the scope of Flash Appeal. Members can check the most up to date data via this dashboard.

- Under the MPCA sector, 8 programmes were reported and approximately 375 thousand beneficiaries were reached with total transfer amount of TRY 100,298,509. Average transfer value per individual is TRY 6,654. Data reveals that most of the programmes adopted one-off transfer frequency and utilized remittances to the name as the transfer mechanism. For detailed information please see *Slides 5-8*.
- Members can provide their data retroactively. You can reach out to Özgür Savaşcıoğlu (savascio@unhcr.org) for access issues and other inquiries.

Ininal FSP Introduction

- Ininal was established in 2012 as a fintech financial service provider and collaborated with Mercy-USA for their cash programme. Ininal currently distributed over 10 million prepaid cards and has over 5 million active users.
- Ininal services can be employed for programmes of all sizes from 5-10 to over 1000 beneficiaries. The services are adapted to Visa, MasterCard and Troy as well as fast money transfer system.
- It provides the humanitarian organizations with various options such as limiting the card to sectors (such as food, hygiene, etc.), limiting the card to specific markets, 7/24 technical support by Ininal team, detailed usage reports by beneficiaries while providing beneficiaries with the options of paying bills, remaining balance provision, money transfer from card to card, QR payment, etc. Organizations can also integrate their panels and platforms to the Ininal panels.
- The initial card limit specified by Turkish law is TRY 2750, but it can be lowered or increased with organizations' demand and verification. The cards can be used by anonymous beneficiaries without any requirement for customization, however, Ininal application requires beneficiaries to register themselves to the system to benefit from various campaigns with basic information such as Turkish ID number or TP/IP ID number, date of birth and name/surname.
- For detailed information please see *Slides 9-26* and reach out to Nihal Dalkıç (nihal.dalkic@ininal.com).

Programme Update: GIZ CLIP Cash Programme

- GIZ presented their Community-based Local Initiatives Project – CLIP 2 funded by BMZ and DG ECHO.
- CLIP has following components; protection, non-formal education and mainstreaming social cohesion. CLIP aims at strengthening the personal and socio-economic resilience of refugees and vulnerable residents of the Turkish host communities. One of the most important aspects is the project presents a good example of humanitarian peace development nexus.
- Thanks to the civil society network ADA Türkiye, the project has more than 23 organizations involved around the country providing assistance in three sectors. The project not only aims to channel the funds, but it also involves mentorship and bundling system where mentor organizations (ASAM, SENED, IBC, RASAS) also provide job shadowing, job support capacity building along with GIZ capacity building.
- CLIP also adapted to the EQ response by channelling funds to the mentor organizations. To exemplify, the MPCA component of the project will be provided from October until the end of 2023. One-off MPCA will target almost 7 thousand HHs with TRY 8,625 transfer value based on CBI TWG recommendations and MEB calculation.
- Smaller local organizations involved in the project will have a quota system like SASFs of ESSN and will refer cases to mentors mostly covering the EQ affected areas.
- GIZ indicated that they are vastly benefitted from guidance documents created by CBI TWG in many steps of the CLIP such as macro level targeting, eligibility criteria, PDM, transfer amounts and so on. Members who want to reach relevant documents can contact CBI TWG co-chairs.
- For detailed information please see *Slides 27-36* and reach out to Umutcan Yüksel (umutcan.yuksel@giz.de).

ABC – Remaining Needs Discussion

- OCHA coordination for the EQ is ended and the coordination mechanism is in a transitionary phase. A new transitionary coordination platform called Area Based Coordination (ABC) is in place and the sectors are asked to provide their remaining needs information by next Monday, September 25.
- The most up to date data indicates that the MPCA sector under Flash Appeal is 51% funded and 700.000 beneficiaries are reached. Remaining needs will be calculated based on the gap between the appeal and reached funding and beneficiaries. The decided final needs will be shared with CBI TWG once it is finalized.
- *Joint Market Assessment Round 2 Progress Update*
- Joint Market Assessment Round 2 preparations are started, and partners are expected to begin data collection in the first week of October.
- The survey is under review and interested members are providing feedback. Moreover, members will finalize the districts they will be working in soon.
- Unlike the first Round, fixed item lists will be created for each sector that enumerators will be collecting data from. The fixed item lists for eight sectors will be finalized within a brief time.
- The preparation meeting links are only shared with interested partners and CBI TWG will be updated regularly. Members who would like to join JMA Round 2 can contact co-chairs.

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