

Cash Working Group – Poland

Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 3:00 PM – online

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Agenda:

Topics	From	To
Programme updates	15:00	15:20
Joint PDM tool	15:20	15:35
CWG co-chair nomination and election	15:35	15:55
AOB	15:55	16:00

Meeting minutes:

General and programme updates	<p><u>Partners' programme updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNHCR finalized the enrolment on 1 December, and will finalize its programming in Poland by March 2024 upon the finalization of payments. No winterization will be implemented due to budget restraints.• IRC started implementing a cash for protection program covering community centers. Implementing case management including child protection after evaluation of protection needs.• PCPM, in collaboration with NRC, reached out to over 1300 individuals with 3-month MPCA and 380 individuals with a 6-month cash assistance. Currently conducting PDMs. The results of the PDM and the implementation of CBIs will be shared in the upcoming CWG meeting. Plans for early 2024 are not confirmed yet.• ACF is closing activities in Poland this year and will focus on Romania in 2024.• IRC completed the first round of MPCA, with 320 households registered and half of them paid. The plans for opening the second round in early 2024 are being discussed.• Diakonia Polska exceeded winterization targets, successfully reaching out to 1159 households / 3570 individuals. In 2024, will focus on providing cash for rent to ensure the well-being of displaced individuals. <p><u>Other updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RAIS<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Data Sharing Agreement for the interested partners in 2024 will be shared by Yahor Ahiyeutsau (ahiyets@unhcr.org), pending their signature.- The new user guide for RAIS was released and shared with focal points.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners are to upload their completed assessments into the Poland Assessment Registry. • Cash for Rent Sub WG meeting was held on 20 December. • ISCG Meeting with the co-chairs of sectors was held on 13 December, with a specific focus on RRP and Protection Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poland Chapter of the 2024 RRP is expected to be launched in February 2024. - Provided an update on the POP-Fund (50K PLN maximum per 1 project): 135 submissions received, and 16 organizations selected for funding. There is no cash programming, but some partners doing voucher implementation. - Assessments presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joint Protection Analysis - Protection Sector Poland ○ GBV Safety Assessment Report - "Surviving As We Can" • Other assessments published recently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACAPS Overview of social protection available for refugees from Ukraine in Czechia, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia - CCD/Regional C4PTF learning report on cash and protection in the Ukraine response <i>(to be presented in the upcoming meeting)</i>
Joint PDM tool	<p>Ahmed from ACF presented the guidance note and the PDM tool. The tools and other supporting documents are in the CWG’s respective Sharepoint folder.</p> <p>The tool is available in three languages (Eng, Ukr, Rus) and can easily be adjusted and modified by partner and needs, and uploaded to Kobo.</p> <p>Partners are to review and provide feedback on the tool.</p>
CWG co-chair nomination and election	<p>Following the open call for 2024, the two candidates made their statements, and were submitted for voting by the participants. Each candidate received 17 votes from the participants, with the approval rates below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert Attallah from Save the Children - 100% 2. Agnieszka Nosowska from PCPM - 94% <p>Followingly, both candidates will be co-chairing the CWG in Poland in 2024 – Agnieszka will continue co-chairing and Robert will take it over from Gökalp Arslan from UNHCR as of January 2024.</p> <p>The newly elected co-chairs, in collaboration with the partners, will work on the TORs and planning of the CWG.</p>
AOB	<p>The new co-chairs will inform the partners of the activities and meetings in 2024.</p> <p>Partners are to update the 5W document and report beneficiary figures in the ActivityInfo.</p>