



Cash-based Interventions Technical Working Group EQ Türkiye

CBI TWG Meeting Minutes

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Ankara

Chaired by: UNHCR & TRC
Venue: Online Zoom Meeting / UNHCR Yıldız Kule Ankara Office
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AGENDA:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Review: Action Points and Announcements (*UNHCR/TRC*)
- 3) Operational Issues
 - a. Learning and Sharing (*All partners*)
 - i. Partner CVA updates
 - ii. CVA updates from sectors/hubs
 - b. Updates from CBI TWG coordination team (*UNHCR/TRC*)
 - c. GBV Risk Mitigation in CVA Action Plan (*UNHCR & SGDD-ASAM*)
 - d. NORCAP Updates & Presentation (*NORCAP/CashCap*)
- 4) AOB

New Action Points from the Meeting:

1. A separate invitation for the dedicated meeting on cross-checking will be sent in the coming weeks.
2. Partners to complete their reporting for CBI Mapping 2023 by 29 March.

Documents

1. Meeting Presentation
2. [Guidance Note on Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance in Türkiye](#)
3. [Inter-sectoral CBI assistance dashboard for 2023-24](#)

I. Review Action Points & Announcements

- ASAM and UNHCR shared their **GBV risk mitigation in CVA action plans** to be presented in this meeting.
 - Other partners are in the process of sharing their respective plans soon subject to approval of their organisations.
- **CVA Skills Gap Analysis report** will be shared soon after the integration of TAG feedback and there will be a dedicated TAG meeting for this purpose.
- The dedicated meeting on **cross-checking** with TAG and interested partners will be held in the coming week.
- The [final version](#) of **Guidance Note on Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance in Türkiye** was shared again. The transfer values have not been changed since the draft versions but the final version include further explanations so partner should take the final version into account.
 - The significance of the need to harmonise for monthly cash was emphasised.

II. Operational Issues

a. Partner CVA Updates

- IFRC and TRC will launch the new phase of their MPCA programme on 29 March.
 - Approximately **10,000 households** in the earthquake-affected region, especially in the provinces of Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Adiyaman, will be targeted.
 - The new transfer value will be **5,000 TRY** to ensure alignment with the CBI TWG recommendations.
 - The **following phase** will start in July and the number of households targeted may either increase or decrease depending on availability of budget.
- StC has an ongoing **MPCA** programme in Adiyaman, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş and Hatay.
 - MPCA programme will be paused for a bit in Gaziantep, Adiyaman and Kahramanmaraş until June and MPCA activities in **Hatay** will be accelerated.
 - StC's **cash for shelter** programme that started in Gaziantep last year and now covers also Hatay is ongoing as well.
 - They also have **livelihoods** activities including cash.
- IOM finalised its **rental support** project targeting earthquake affected households, reaching over 900 individuals.
 - This was a pilot project since it was the first time they provided cash for rent for a month.

b. CVA updates from sectors/hubs

- There were dedicated discussions concerning **Hilalkent** which is a camp that is rapidly emerging in SET.
 - Currently there is no market availability in Hilalkent but it is still important to coordinate among partners if they are considering cash assistance here to **prevent duplications** for when conditions become suitable for cash assistance.
 - **StC** discussed Hilalkent for cash assistance but beneficiary targeting there should be highly specific as communicated by the camp management due to its particularly pressing conditions. It may not be possible for one organisation to have enough funding to target Hilalkent due to the high number of vulnerable households (around 4,000); thus, it may be more beneficial for multiple partners to target this camp.
 - **WFP** is also planning a cash project in Hilalkent, of which details will be shared later.
 - Discussions on cash support to Hilalkent should continue to enhance harmonisation and prevent **duplication**.

c. Updates from CBI TWG Coordination Team

- [Inter-sectoral CBI assistance dashboard for 2023-24](#) was presented. For details, please refer to the related slide.
- There may be a **reporting gap** under the Education sector since we know that there in CCTE and other cash programmes targeting **education**.
- Figures for **2023** are based on the reporting by **51 partners** and reflects the compiled information on cash assisted distributed during the **earthquake response**.
 - In the earthquake response, **MPCA** was not under any specific sector but for convenience, it is reflected under the **Basic Needs** sector in the dashboard.
- Partners were reminded of the deadline of 29 March for reporting for the **CVA Mapping 2023**, which will act as a repository of cash programmes in 2023.
 - For mapping, 2024 programmes can also be reported if they were for winterisation since they started in 2023 and were finalised in early 2024.

d. GBV Risk Mitigation in CVA Action Plan

- **ASAM** and **UNCHR** shared their GBV risk mitigation in CVA action plans as agreed in the previous meeting.
- It was highlighted that it is important for partners to also share their **indicators** to identify risks and relevant responses in the context of the M&E aspect when they are sharing their action plans.
- Action plans shared by partners will also be helpful in establishing **advocacy** messages for enhancing risk management in relationships vis-à-vis FSPs.

ASAM

- Starting from **2024**, utilisation of their own **data management interface** is mandatory in order to monitor cash and in-kind assistance aspects such as stocks, logistics etc. for their assistance in shelter, education, food, personal care, protective equipment and hygiene item.

- They provided **SNF assistance** in collaboration with **UNHCR** in 2023 and they prioritise taking into account GBV-related vulnerabilities. They conduct various consultations to see whether family dynamics have changed due to cash assistance which may trigger certain risks.
- GBV vulnerabilities are among priorities in case planning for 2024 and ASAM's protection unit is planning to organise **workshops** targeting this issue. They have already conducted one in collaboration with their MEAL and project development units.
 - Findings from these workshops can be presented in the CBI TWG to share experience among partners as there is a related to **M&E** aspects.

UNHCR

- Please refer to the relevant slides in the meeting presentation for further details.
- GBV risk mitigation is mainstreamed not just only pertinent ones but all cash programmes of UNHCR.
- UNHCR is currently working with PTT as their FSP and they closely follow up challenges experienced by their beneficiaries through the counselling line they manage.
- UNHCR utilizes its own global PDM tool including dedicated questions related to risks and follow up with cases if needed via case management processes to see if cash is a suitable modality.
- The exercise of establishing this action plan supported the coming together of cash assistance and protection teams to go over their 2023-24 and create enhanced synergies.

e. NORCAP Updates & Presentation

- Information on NORCAP and **CashCap** were presented. For details, please see the pertinent slides.
- With regards to their strategic workstream on **strengthening national societies** including RC/RC, CashCap is currently supporting **TRC** in Türkiye through the expert mentorship modality.
- If there is an **inter-agency** need for expert cash assistance support, CashCap can be contacted. They **triage** requests received on a weekly basis with **prioritising emergency contexts**.
- Standard route interagency request and then triage.
- They also have **mentorship** support to strengthen national societies in Ukraine and Syria.
- The inter-agency **task team on deduplication in MPCA** in Ukraine (ICCT) with various partners was shared as a successful example.
 - They worked with shelter cluster to do achieve deduplication in **winterisation** support.
 - **Donors** suggested utilising a similar methodology for **sectors** as well.
 - CBI TWG members suggested to have **further discussions with CashCap on deduplication experience from Ukraine**.
- For further questions, partners may contact Anna Kondakhchyan (anna.kondakhchyan@nrc.no), Head of Cash and Markets at NORCAP, and Marga Ledo (marga.ledo@norcap.nrc.no), CashCap Cash Response Team Member.

III. Any Other Business

- **Frequency** of regular CBI TWG meetings will be **monthly** from now on instead of bi-weekly, but there may be thematic meetings on an ad-hoc basis as needed.
 - **The date of the next meeting will be identified in consideration of the inter-agency calendar and shared with partners later on.**
- **Social protection** may be an area of focus for the next meeting.
 - **StC** volunteered to contact with a social protection expert to present good practices and lessons learnt from the **Ukraine context**.

Next Meeting Date: 24 April 2024 (tbc)