



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 Ankara Office Meeting Room

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Participants: CALP, CARE, Concern Worldwide, DRC, GIZ, IBC, IFRC, IDA, IOM, Olive Branch, PRM – US Embassy, REALs, SARD, SEVKAR, SGDD-ASAM, SHAFAK, Support to Life, Takaful Alsham, TRC, Trust Consultancy, UNHCR, Violet, WFP, WHH

AGENDA:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions (5 mins)
- 2) Review: Action Points and Announcements (UNHCR/TRC, 10 mins)
- 3) Operational Issues (110 mins)
 - a. Learning and Sharing
 - i. Partner CVA Updates
 - ii. CVA Updates from sectors/hubs
 - b. Presentation of CVA Mapping 2023 Findings
 - c. MPCA: Revision of Targeting Criteria
 - i. Reviewing MPCA Targeting Criteria & criteria shared by partners. (10 mins)
 - ii. Feedback and discussion (10 mins)
 - iii. Way forward for updating MPCA Targeting criteria. (10 mins)
 - d. PDM Presentations
 - i. TRC & IFRC: PDM Presentation
 - ii. SGDD-ASAM: PDM & FGDs Results Presentation (8 min)
 - iii. UNHCR cash for protection interventions PDM presentation (8 min)
 - iv. Q&A
- 4) AoB

New Action Points from the Meeting:

1. Co-chairs to announce TAG openings for interested partners
2. CBI TWG to disseminate CVA Mapping 2023 Report once it is ready
3. Members to share repository of MPCA criteria if available
4. Members to provide feedback/views for upcoming MPCA Guidance
5. Members interested in working on the MPCA Guidance to contact co-chairs
6. Members to provide feedback on PDM Guidance Note
7. Members to share repository of PDM questions if available

Documents

1. Meeting Presentation
2. [PDM Guidance Note](#)
3. [CVA Mapping 2023 Dashboard](#)

I. Review Action Points & Announcements

- No progress is achieved with regards to PDM questions repository and feedback provided to PDM Guidance prepared by CBI TWG. Members can provide feedback on the document and share their PDM questions with CBI TWG as the deadline has been extended.
- CBI TWG Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will be restructured soon due to departure of some colleagues. A detailed announcement will be made via e-mail for colleagues who want to be a part of the TAG.
- New co-chairs have joined the CBI TWG Coordination Team from TRC side. Dear Burcu Ayvazoğlu and Gamze Düzler will be gradually joining CBI TWG starting of June.
- A series of webinars will be held by CBI TWG to cover the gaps identified in the skills gap analysis. In the coming webinar that will be held on May 23, the concepts of MPCA will be clarified and basics of the MPCA will be provided building on existing experiences in Türkiye.

II. Operational Issues

Partner CVA Updates

- Partners shared updates regarding their ongoing and planned CVA programmes.
 - IOM: IOM will start a new round of MPCA in Adiyaman, Kahramanmaraş, Hatay and Gaziantep, specifically in Islahiye and Nurdağı. 50.000 individuals will be targeted and PTT cards will be employed. Top-up value will be in line with MPCA guidance.
 - TRC: TRC made an MPCA emergency appeal with IFRC due to 12 flooded camps in Hatay where families lost their belongings and relocated. TRY 3800 is provided to 44 HHs in need within a very short time to meet their basic needs.
 - OXFAM-KEDV: Project implementation started for MPCA in Adiyaman and Hatay. 3 rounds of MPCA provided to 1500 EQ victim beneficiaries with a transfer amount of TRY 5200 in Kirikhan and Antakya.
 - SRP: SRP provides A101 voucher for 6 months with transfer amount of TRY 3650 to pregnant and breastfeeding women in Adiyaman, Hatay, Ovakent, Yıldırımtepe and Üzümdalı camps where they also built mother and child areas. The vouchers are restricted to health and nutrition items.
 - UN Women: UN Women is programming a comprehensive case management project in the EQ zone which will include CBI component for women at-risk and survivors of GBV, but the project is not yet kicked off.

CVA Mapping 2023 Findings

- CVA Mapping is one of the major activities of CBI TWG. The way it works is it captures what partners achieved in 2023 in terms of CVA and it is a repository of the completed programs. Data collection for the mapping started on March 1st partners provided data until May 21st.
- 27 organizations reported their 74 projects that they completed in 2023. For 2023, Basic Needs projects have a substantial part in overall projects completed due to the EQ response. Overall, the budget for the projects was USD 2.9 billion and more than 5.3 million beneficiaries are reached by partners. Another novelty for 2023 mapping is the amount of Turkish national beneficiaries around 2.6 million Turkish nationals are reached, most of them being under EQ response. Projects are conducted dominantly in the Southeast region. Regarding gender breakdown, women (34.2%), men (28.6%), girls (18.6%), boys (18.5%), non-binary children and non-binary adults are reached with CBIs.
- Even though reporting donors for projects was not compulsory, the data collected reveals the most crucial donors in Türkiye as ECHO, USAID and PRM. The funds not listed in the table amount to USD 1.6 Billion including programmes such as SSN and WFP In-Camp support.
- Out of 74 projects reported, 43 are MPCA projects and 39 is emergency cash assistance. While 39 projects are designed to respond to the EQ, 15 projects are repurposed to respond to EQ and 20 projects are not specific to EQ response.
- While 34 programmes accept self-referral, individuals cannot self-refer to 40 programmes. Self-referral enables broader outreach to participants rather than organizations' their case load; therefore, it should be encouraged and widespread.
- More information can be reached via relevant slides and CVA Mapping 2023 [dashboard](#). A detailed report will be published as well.

Review: MPCA Targeting Criteria

- After the EQ, 2 documents were shared with partners and one of them was regarding how select beneficiaries if they are part of SSN or not and second was listing down the criteria and partners have to select different vulnerabilities. Post EQ, partners have limited resources and reduce beneficiaries from lists and go from blanket to more targeted approach.
- CBI TWG will review the vulnerabilities targeted by partners and criteria shared by SGDD-ASAM, STL and UNHCR to come up with a new MPCA targeting criteria.
- Partners are encouraged to share their views and areas to focus while targeting for MPCA programmes for the novel guidance that will be created shortly. Partners can share their existing criteria and the negative coping mechanisms employed by beneficiaries reached under their programmes.

PDM Presentations

- **IFRC and TRC, SGDD-ASAM and UNHCR** shared their PDM results with CBI TWG members.
- **IFRC and TRC** presented the PDM results on ESEN Card distribution to Turkish nationals. Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) was carried out to assess the impact of Kızılay ESEN assistance on the socioeconomic conditions of recipients, with a particular focus on their level of expenditure, debt, coping strategies, and food consumption. Details can be reached via relevant slides and the PDM report can be reached via [this link](#).
- **SGDD-ASAM** presented the findings and results of the PDM exercise and focus group discussions (FGDs) conducted after CLIP-2 EQ response project. PDM exercises are conducted with 257 beneficiaries while 7 FGDs are conducted with the participation of 61 beneficiaries. Details can be reached via relevant slides.
- Trainings are divided into five different steps of learning and core trainings and market assessment tools trainings are prioritized due to needs highlighted in the skills gap analysis survey. For details please kindly see relevant slides.
- **UNHCR** presented the PDM results for 4 different cash for protection programmes. In addition to PDM conducted, 13 FGDs were also conducted with the participation of 84 beneficiaries in Ankara, İstanbul, İzmir and Gaziantep. In total, TRY 84 million was distributed via PTT Cards. The payments are made monthly to beneficiaries. For details please kindly see relevant slides.
- All the three PDM presentations highlighted that beneficiaries mostly covered their food and rent expenses with the assistance provided.
- CBI TWG can further explore the utilization patterns for the assistance based on the PDMs provided by partners.

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