

Cash Working Group (CWG) Standard for Project Submissions

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Background:

In line with the CWG draft strategic workplan for 2014 and based on discussions in a technical working group on 2 December 2013, the document below sets out standardized figures to be used by CWG in project design and proposal formulation.

It should be noted these figures represent conventions that emerge from a quick analysis and update of available baseline data. However, they are subject to change in the first quarter of 2014 when the CWG will finalize the process of harmonizing systems. The intention of this document for all partners to submit on the basis of a shared understanding until such a point when common systems have been finalized.

Each proposal should highlight the contingent nature of this information under “assumptions and risks”. Consequently, the figures below are to be seen as commonly agreed placeholders. The CWG expects donors to only accept proposals that follow the standards below, whilst remaining flexible on project revisions as soon as the standard levels of assistance are agreed for implementation.

Standardized figures for project submission:

- (a) **Household size – the average household size is set and maintained at five (5).** Proposals that diverge from this average need to explain the registration system that is used in detail and what kind of documentary evidence is used in order to arrive at different household sizes.
- (b) **Sizing (levels of assistance) – the average of 150 JD per household for regular cash assistance and 100 JD for urgent cash assistance will be used.** CWG partners acknowledge that a scale has to be finalized and it is preferred that this is done based on a minimum level of assistance with additional increments to be paid based on family size and vulnerability.
- (c) **Criteria – the existing CWG set of vulnerability criteria is to be used (cite reference)** (including health; particularly for urgent cash assistance).
- (d) **The recommended duration of cash assistance is set to be six (6) months.** Assistance should be expected to end after that period, but compounded vulnerability and reassessments confirming such vulnerabilities will allow for continuation.

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