

Cash / Market Based WG

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Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Site Profile update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 Cash Based Programming Indicators are now added to Site Profiles ▪ Question: Are the site residents able to reach supermarkets, pharmacies or other types of stores? Indicator: Site residents able to access local markets. ▪ Question: Does the site management allow residents to cook for themselves, be it in communal or private cooking areas? Indicator: Site residents enabled to cook meals for themselves. ○ IM discussion over 3Ws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ UNHCR suggests reporting multi purpose cash by sector ❖ CWG participants would like to report multi-purpose cash into the system and see it automatically reported back to them and broken down by sector for multi-purpose cash. ❖ PROGRES and RAIS is currently being considered by UNHCR (to be confirmed which one will be used or applicable in Greece during/ post the pre-registration exercise since the data is technically owned by GOG). ○ Government participation at Food working group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Links with Greek Military Colonel (first time to attend the Food WG) to be explored as he is supportive of cash and vouchers as a way to transit out of in-kind food and meal distributions. ❖ Government concerned with risks of cash namely push-pull factor but Colonel was generally positive with cost-efficiency gains (for food in particular) at the Food WG meeting. ❖ He also seemed open to the idea of discussing CTP links with existing electronic and monetary safety nets. ○ Mercy Corps employing a Linear progression to calculate cash grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 90 Euros for the first person then an additional 50 for every extra family member while still matching CWG agreed MEB Amounts for families of size 5 and 7. Government issued documents will be used to obtain family

	<p>size, which will be again verified by staff during distributions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Some partners shared that this method may not be feasible for smaller organizations or ones just coming on-board, as it requires additional capacity at Admin & Finance while Children’s rights network view it as within the bounds of normal programming. ○ Caritas ready to distribute cards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Distributing to Elderly, pregnant women & families with 3+ children ❖ Amount aligned with CWG 90-290 Euros ○ IRC: start of cash program at Eleonas
Cash Strategy and MEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group agreed to share with Inter-Sectoral Working Group for input ○ Final comments collected and final version will be presented next CWG meeting ○ Mercy Corps expressed concern with MEB amounts being for individual / family up to 5 / family up to 7
IRC Risk Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Risk Analysis was conducted internally with IRC team and results to be shared to the CWG mailing list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Workshop for CWG to do the exercise and present findings as CWG risk assessment ❖ Add the following risks: smuggling & Different amounts of cash grants provided by NGOs
Conditional cash and Advocacy with Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One pager to be drafted to define conditional cash / cash for work employing exact terminology to contrast it to traditional employment. Distinction between skilled and unskilled labour to be made. This will help clarify what agencies would like to do more clearly in order to allow lawyers to help us find out what is legal. ○ Refugees/Migrants are only allowed to work for if they have been granted asylum status. This is one of the few clear parts of the law. Whether they are allowed to work for a limited period of time (e.g. 12 days in a month maximum, certain hours in a day, or for 6 months) legally once they have expressed interest/ applied for asylum is unclear. ○ Consider to obtain a waiver from the concerned ministry (e.g. Ministry of Labour) to request for exceptions. ○ Lawyers from different agencies will need to be brought on board and advocacy needs to be developed/ created/ shaped/ employed at a higher level. Greek refugee council to be involved and a broader strategy must be developed. ○ Confusion on retroactivity of new law (20th of march) evident even for lawyers hence advocacy could focus on clarification ○ Next Steps: 1. Develop one pager on CFW/ CFT, 2. CWG or Sub-CWG to call for a meeting with agencies’ lawyers including GRC to clarify law and interpretations of law, 3. Create an advocacy platform to develop messages through inter-agency and inter-sector WGs, 4. Meet with Ministry of Labour or appropriate to advocate and request for support (e.g. a ‘humanitarian exception/ waver for refugees/ migrants to work for 6 months while awaiting asylum application).
Contingency planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UNHCR contingency exercise ○ Potential breakup of EU-Turkey deal, new influx of refugees would ensue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Government to facilitate meetings

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AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ad-hoc meeting to develop risk analysis, indicators further and discuss contingency planning next week, Thursday. ○ Coordination agreed among attendees to avoid duplication of provision of services in absence of a centralised database. ○ Sharing lists of police documents file numbers. Standards on which numbers have to be recorded may have to be discussed as documents have 2 numbers and are not standardised in Greece. ○ LMMS suggested by Oxfam as a centralized database for other actors for cash. ○ UNHCR is also looking at RAIS in order to link it with the pre-registration exercise. ○ IRC to discuss with Oxfam on database possibilities. ○ Concern of shadowing Greek welfare and ensuring the perception of Greeks on cash is positive and managed. ○ Harmonized and single delivery mechanism approach and centralised database is being considered internally by UNHCR.
Next Meeting: TBD	