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| **CASH TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING**  Wednesday, 13 November 2019 at 14:00 - UNHCR Conference Room, Kampala, Uganda  Minutes of Meeting | | |
| **Attendance:** ABSA, ACF, CASHCAP, Centenary Bank, CESVI, DRC, FCA, GiveDirectly, IRC, LWF, Mercy Corps, NRC, OXFAM, PRM, REACH, RGF,  UNHCR, USAID, WFP | | |
| **Agenda:**   1. Welcome and follow-up from September meeting 2. Update on Child Protection and Cash discussion - CashCap 3. Presentation by Give Directly on their MPC project in Kiryandongo 4. The VENA Market analysis: Presentation and feedback on the template design – REACH 5. Financial Service providers – what do we need? Where are we heading? 6. Any Other Business    * Snapshot from Joint Price monitoring – WFP    * Presentation of EiE Cash position paper – FCA    * Presentation of Q3 Cash Dashboard - UNHCR | | |
| **Agenda** | **Discussion** | **Action Points** |
| Welcome and follow-up from Sept meeting | * Having presented the report of the first round of price monitoring, members were requested to submit any comments directly to Joseph (WFP). No further comments were however received. * Discussions took place with the Child Protection working group and the outcomes provided in the agenda item below * Next meeting is scheduled for 18 December |  |
| Update on child protection and cash discussion | **Highlights**   * Child protection working group and CWG have agreed to form a task force to spearhead the development of the cash and child protection guidelines * Cash cap already drafted a guideline as a starting point * UNHCR drafted the alternate approach guidelines for child headed households * Next crucial course of action will be to draft the ToR   **Discussion**   * UNHCR is using foster families approach to handle cases of unaccompanied minors that are assigned to caregiver families. Give Directly targets the entire settlement, it would be in their interest to participate in the task force for cash and child protection * 10 child headed households in Isingiro using mobile money platform / modality NRC * Oxfam targeting 1200 PSN using post bank. This includes child headed households. Oxfam would like to be involved in the discussions.   During the discussions, it became clear that a number of partners have planned cash grants in refugee settlements targeting minors. This justifies the urgency in setting up the cash and child protection task force to finalize the guidelines that partners can follow in targeting minors for cash assistance. Some strides have already been made especially by the UNHCR protection team that has drafted the guidelines for alternate account holder and cash collector while with parallel discussion between the cash working group and child protection working groups, some draft guidelines have also already been drafted. | * Develop ToR for the task force |
| Give Directly MPC in Kiryandongo Settlement | **Highlights**   * Pilot of the large multipurpose cash grant started in Kyaka II in 2017/2018 * The Kiryandongo project is built on the pilot and covers almost the entire settlement. * Over the next two year, GD will provide the lumpsum cash to 11,000 refugee households and about 5,000 host community households * Lumpsum transfers of $1000 given in three installments * The project involves an extensive component of research through randomized control trials to study the impact of the cash grants on a number of household outcomes. This will involve control and treatment.   **Progress**   * Team of 38 staff, with a challenge of hiring staff who can speak the required languages. GD resorted to hiring qualified refugees as regular staff * UNHCR progress data was different from the fact on the ground, in regards to location and size of the household * The ban on sim card registration by UCC slowed the process.   See presentation for further details |  |
| VENA Market analysis | **Overview**   * The data collection will be finalized in the settlements by end of November 2019 * The presentation was a snapshot from Bidibidi which will give a highlight on how the general analysis will look like upon completion of data collection and analysis for all locations.   In a later stage we will present to the sector lead how and what they want to appear in the factsheet. | Input required before Friday 15th Nov 2019 |
| Financial service providers | Trigger discussion on what partners want and where we are heading to  Empirical segmented data to inform FSPs on how much they can invest in the settlements.  The Coordinator is in discussion with the GSMA to have a workshop for partners on how to set a programme with a mobile money component. | Share any FSP assessments with the cash coordinator. |
| AOB | **Joint price Monitoring**  This was based on the recommendations provided in the MEB guidance note to establish a system of price monitoring for the MEB items. In order to have a sustainability lens, WFP and actors have involved the government specifically the UBOS to align with what kind of items the government monitors on a regular basis.  Two approaches were used to collect the price date   * Actual buying of the product * And observing the prices. * It has been decided to carry out actual weighing of the items to establish their actual price. **The prices are different using the two different approaches.** * The purchase of items is informed by the approach used by UBOS to collect data to for their national CPI index   **EiE Cash position paper-FCA**   * Education grants should come with components of community engagement. * The task team would also like to do mapping and a guidance note, and tools for monitoring of impacts of education grants. * The results of the PDM are not ready yet for the three settlements: Kyaka, Kyangwali and Nakivale.   **Presentation of draft Q3 dash board**  Q3 dashboard is still in draft form, and presented with changes requested from previous discussion on the reporting. However, there are concerns about the ease of reporting cash assistance. Partners suggested that, they could use one form to report MPC - as opposed to going to every specific sector forms to report the cash assistance.  For this round of reporting, only those projects that were marked complete were reported. Partners are requested to urgently update their reporting in case they are missing due to simple glitches in reporting.  Most of the literacy training reported under Cash is done by the Livelihoods sector. |  |