

Cash Working Group – Poland

Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 3:00 PM – online + in-person

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Agenda:

Topics	From	To
Programme updates	15:00	15:15
Cash for protection	15:15	15:30
Social protection task force presentation – alignment options	15:30	16:00
AOB	16:00	16:15

Meeting minutes:

General and programme updates	<p>Partners' programme updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNHCR finalized the enrolment of people from the Ukraine situation and started enrolling people who are under different protection schemes in Poland other than the Ukraine situation. Enrolment is expected to be finalized by the end of November.• IRC started implementing a cash for protection program covering community centers. Implementing case management including child protection after evaluation of protection needs. <p>MPCA which started in November till the end of 2023, and with a plan to continue in 2024, concentrating on Mazovian, Silesian, and Wielkopolskie Voivodeships, with 900 individuals (new arrivals, 1 August 2023 onwards) targetted. Partners are to reach out to Olena Bondarenko at olena.bondarenko@rescue.org for referrals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oxfam, together with partners Ukrainian House and Better World, are implementing cash programmes, with potential referrals from CWG partners. The focal points are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ukrainian House: Cash for Protection (Podkarpackie) + targeted MPCA (7 voivodeships) taras.strilka@ukraincy.org.pl○ Better World: Winterization + Targeted MPCA (Wielkopolskie) j.juszkiewicz-wrotek@lepszywiat.org.pl
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM has a cash for protection pilot programme being finalized. The results of the programme will be shared in the next meeting. <p>Other updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALP report (The State of the World’s Cash 2023) is online with global findings on cash and voucher assistance. • Key Aid Consultancy’s assessment on cash coordination in Poland was reviewed with feedback by Cash WG and is expected to be published soon. • MSNA results are being analyzed on cash-related indicators, and are to be provided by IPSOS to UNHCR and presented in the next meeting.
Cash for protection	<p>Protection WG co-chair, Lorena Isla Rodriguez from UNHCR, presented the activities of the protection WG. One of the areas to collaborate in 2024 will be on a strategy of how to build the national system to accommodate refugees and transition to social protection. The focus will be to build support for access to the national system with advocacy and support.</p> <p>Coordination between Protection WG and Cash WG will be of importance for cash for protection.</p>
Social protection task force presentation – alignment options	<p>Clara Decamps from CCD has presented the finalized Social Protection mapping document, with alignment options. The final documents are in CWG’s Sharepoint folder. The Link to the documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final paper • Excel SP mapping tool • CWG presentation <p>Together with this final paper, SPTF ceased its activities as a task force under CWG. Activities on social protection are to be coordinated within the inter-agency structure and in collaboration with Protection WG.</p>
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDM tool has been drafted, and will be finalized and shared in the next meeting. • <u>An open call for CWG co-chair and new TORs for 2024 is announced, with 8 December being the deadline for application.</u> All interested partners are welcome to apply. The candidates will present and be voted in the next meeting on 20 December, Wednesday, at 3 pm.