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Cash-based Interventions Technical Working Group EQ

Türkiye

CBI TWG Meeting Minutes

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Online

Chaired by:	UNHCR & TRC
Venue:	Online Zoom Meeting
Minutes:	Busra Seray Duzyol (UNHCR)
Participants:	CALP, CARE, DRC, DKH, Dünya Evimiz Derneği, Elaf RD, GIZ, IBC, IFRC, IOM, Islamic Relief Türkiye, Muslim Hands, Orange, Save the Children, Sened, SEVKAR, SGDD-ASAM, Support to Life, TRC, UFUK Horizon, UNFPA, UNHCR

AGENDA:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions (5 mins)
- 2) Review: Action Points and Announcements (UNHCR/TRC, 10 mins)
- 3) Operational Issues (85 mins)
 - a. Coordination
 - i. IM: Overview of MPCA & Sectoral Cash Reporting in Türkiye
 - ii. CVA Deduplication Form
 - iii. Presentation of latest MEB
 - b. Programme Updates
 - i. Cash for Winterisation Summary
 - ii. MPCA and Sectoral Cash Situation Updates by Partners
 - c. CVA Capacity Building
 - i. Overview of Core CVA Skills for Program Staff Training
 - ii. Upcoming Webinars
 - d. 3RP 2025 Planning Update
 - i. Brief overview of 3RP planning for 2025
 - ii. Appeals under sectors regarding CVA
- 4) AoB

New Action Points from the Meeting:

1. Co-chairs to share MPCA and Cash Reporting Situation Dashboard
2. Co-chairs to share National BNWG Consultation meeting invitation

Documents

1. Meeting Presentation
2. [MPCA Targeting Criteria](#)
3. [Cash-Based Interventions Technical Working Group Sector-Specific Packages Document](#)
4. [MPCA and Sectoral Cash Reporting Situation Dashboard](#)

I. Review Action Points & Announcements

- MPCA Targeting Criteria document was finalized and shared with members. After the completion of feedback process, the document has been published on the Data Portal.
- MPCA Guidance was finalized and published on the Data Portal.

- Core CVA Skills for Programme Staff Training in collaboration with CALP was held between 23-27 September in Ankara with the participation of I/NGOs and Ankara Metropolitan Municipality.

II. Operational Issues

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- Overview of MPCA and Sectoral Cash Reporting in Türkiye: A dashboard indicating the intersectoral overview of MPCA and sectoral cash reporting in Türkiye was presented by UNHCR IM focal point. A review of the geographical breakdown of number of beneficiaries reached demonstrates that the focus is mainly on the southeast region and refugee-dense metropolitan provinces. Programmes under 3RP focuses more on the southeast region.
- Except for the Health sector, CVA is prevalent in the response, Basic Needs being the sector that CVA is predominantly provided. Progress under Education and Economic Empowerment sectors are under reported due to some programmes are not being reported anymore and some will be reported at the end of the year.
- Basic Needs sector mainly have two indicators: MPCA beneficiaries who receive monthly or one-off assistance and in-kind or cash for food assistance.
- Over 1.6 million beneficiaries receive monthly CVA, 80.000 beneficiaries receive one-off CVA and over 2.000 individuals receive CVA within the scope of EQ response. It is noted that the SSN beneficiaries are listed under Basic Needs sector, though not under 3RP reporting, and included in the dashboard. Therefore, when the beneficiaries are filtered for 3RP, the beneficiary number for Basic Needs sector drop dramatically as the SSN is not funded under 3RP.
- Under Protection sector approximately 26.000 beneficiaries receive cash assistance while around 1.400 beneficiaries are reported under Education sector and 200 beneficiaries are supported with CVA under Economic Empowerment sector.
- In Türkiye, 90% of CVA beneficiaries are Syrian, 2% are Turkish and 8% are members of other nationalities. Under 3RP, 76% of the reported beneficiaries are Syrian and the share of Turkish nationals rise to 19%.
- It is noted that the achievements against 3RP indicators indicate only 6% progress due to inconsistent reporting and lack of funding also affected the volume of response.
- Members are expected to share the September data until the October 10th and for any inquiries, access problems and questions regarding indicators members can reach Özgür Savaşcioğlu (savascio@unhcr.org).
- CVA Deduplication Platform: CVA Deduplication Platform created by UNHCR which was utilized last year for preventing duplication within the scope of winterisation support will be open for usage during 2024-2025 winterisation response. The aim of the tool is to prevent duplication to ensure efficient use of the limited funds. The tool enciphers personal information of the possible beneficiaries with an aim to comply with the Turkish Personal Data Protection Law and cross-checks beneficiary lists of the organizations planning winterisation support. The platform is currently reactivated with a trial tenure and will be utilized by Winterisation Task Force members and partners that are planning winterisation assistance. IOM chairs the Winterisation Task Force meetings with Basic Needs Sector support.
- Presentation of Latest MEB: MEB calculation for August 2024 was presented by TRC. MEB captures the basic targeted household needs in accordance with their spending habits and it is calculated based on the Sphere Standards. Two MEBs are developed within the scope of SSN programmes and average household size, Consumer Price Index as well as spending habits of the ESSN and C-ESSN beneficiaries are taken into consideration.
- In August 2024, ESSN MEB per capita was calculated as TRY 4107 and C-ESSN MEB per capita was calculated as TRY 5286. The amounts are calculated based on the market prices (for food and NFI) TURKSTAT data (for rent, utilities, transportation, etc.). Food basket is calculated on individual basis and other components are calculated on household basis.
- For detailed information please see relevant slides.
- Programme Updates
- Cash for Winterisation Summary: Winterisation Task Force chair Bachana Bjgarkava presented the overview of winterisation plans. The first Winterisation Task Force meeting was held on Monday this week and the transfer value calculation methodology, SOPs and ToR of the Task Force were agreed upon during the meeting.
- For 2024-2025 winter period, 100.000 refugees (20.000 households, average family size: 5) and 60.000 Turkish nationals (20.000 households, average family size: 3) in 5 heavily impacted provinces focusing on urban, rural areas and temporary settlements experiencing harsh winter conditions.
- During upcoming period, Islamic Relief, Support to Life and IOM will target 32.000 beneficiaries, leaving a gap of 128.000 beneficiaries. UN Women also indicated that a winterisation program is still under discussion.
- The implementation deadline is set as February 28th, 2024.
- Transfer value will depend on the family size, the calculation lines include a fixed cost for heaters (TRY 3.500 per household) and variable costs for winter non-food items and utilities, calculated at TRY 488 per household member. The floor transfer value is set as TRY 4.964 and cap transfer value is TRY 8.380.
- MPCA and Sectoral Cash Situation Updates: CBI TWG members shared their latest programme updates.

- **UNHCR** increased their transfer value for monthly cash for protection program to TRY 6.360 as of September 2024 based on the latest PDM results, June MEB, MoFSS social assistance increase as they were unable to increase the transfer value within the year despite the advocacy efforts.
- **STL** will implement an MPCA program with winterisation top-up in Adiyaman and around mid-October transfers will start. In July, 3 months cash assistance in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş was started and the last transfers currently completed. STL will be conducting PDM soon for this project.
- **TRC** conducts a basic needs cash assistance with the transfer value of TRY 5.000 to around 9.500 households in Hatay, Adana and Kahramanmaraş and September transfers were completed this week. The transfer value will be updated to TRY 7.000 considering the MEB and inflation. Moreover, TRC continues to support beneficiaries with various CVA such as orphanage aid, cash for education, cash for protection, MPCA, support to farmers and tradesmen.
- **Islamic Relief Türkiye** providing households came from Gaza with one-off CVA and 241 households still receive cash assistance with the transfer value of EUR 100 for over 1.5 years. Transfer value for cash for education support to university students will be increased from TRY 1.500 to TRY 4.000. IR also continues to provide wheelchair support to persons with disabilities in İstanbul and 15 households will be provided with TRY 5.800 cash assistance. IR also mentioned the problems they face while collecting beneficiaries' IBANs.
- **IBC** completed preliminary studies in Adiyaman, Kilis and Hatay regarding MPCA and cash for education in emergencies and distributed first round of MPCA recently with the transfer value of TRY 25.080. The cash for education in emergencies program will be kicked-off shortly.
- **CARE** aims to provide MPCA to 3750 households with ECHO's funding and around 2400 households are already reached. A self-registration system was developed for this program and beneficiaries are able to self-refer to the assistance, reducing caseload for staff substantially. CARE continues to provide MPCA in Hilalkent camp reaching 1800 beneficiaries in August and other cash assistance in various provinces.

CVA Capacity Building

- Overview of Core CVA Skills for Program Staff Training: The Core CVA Skills for Program Staff training was held during 23-27 September with in-person modality in Ankara thanks to the voluntary support of CBI TWG members SGDD-ASAM, STL, DKH, UNHCR, CashCap-NORCAP and CALP Network.
- The language of the training was in Turkish and English, simultaneous translation was provided for 5 days. 24 participants from I/NGOs and Ankara Metropolitan Municipality completed the training and received certification.
- Upcoming Webinars: CBI TWG plans to hold three more webinars during 2024. The topics will be setting up a Cash for Work programme (tentatively in October), CVA risk analysis and market-based programming (tentatively in November or December).
- Moreover, a Training of Trainers (ToT) for the Core CVA Skills for Program Staff Training will be planned in 2024. More details will be shared once details are agreed upon.

3RP 2025 Planning Update

- CBI TWG co-chair and Basic Needs Sector National Coordinator briefly introduced 3RP and its aim, objectives, outputs and outcomes to members. Basic Needs Sector Consultation will be held on October 10th and interested members are welcome to join.
- For 2024-2025 planning period, sector consultations, revision of narratives and logframes are expected to be completed and then IM workshop regarding the appeal process and technic details is planned to be held on October 22nd. Members will be given 10 days to complete their appeals until November 1st.
- After the appeal process is completed by partners, sector coordinators will review the appeals and contact the partners for additional questions or information. It is crucial for partners to complete their appeals in a timely manner in accordance with the 3RP timeline.
- There are CVA indicators under 4 sectors except for Health sector. Some indicators such as number of refugees completed Turkish language trainings under Economic Empowerment Sector has cash component in the form of incentives or allowances for attending the trainings.
- For detailed information please see relevant slides.

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