



Cash-based Interventions Technical Working Group EQ

Türkiye

CBI TWG Meeting Minutes

19 November 2024

Gaziantep

Chaired by:	UNHCR & TRC
Venue:	Türk Kızılay Gaziantep Toplum Merkezi
Minutes:	Busra Seray Duzyol (UNHCR), Ahmet Unver (UNHCR)
Participants:	Bahar Organization, CALP, CARE, DRC, DKH, GOAL, Horizon Development Foundation, IBC, IFRC, IOM, Islamic Relief Türkiye, Save the Children, Sened, SEVKAR, SGDD-ASAM, SHAFAK, Support to Life, Takaful Alsham, TRC, UNFPA, UNHCR, WVI

AGENDA:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions (5 mins)
- 2) Review: Action Points and Announcements (UNHCR/TRC, 10 mins)
 - a. Overview of annual plan – remaining tasks
 - b. Upcoming CBI TWG Events and Trainings
- 3) Operational Issues (85 mins)
 - a. Programme Updates
 - i. Winterisation Updates (IOM)
 - ii. MPCA and Sectoral Cash Situation Updates by Partners
 - b. Coordination
 - i. CVA Deduplication Platform Briefing (UNHCR)
 - ii. CVA Mapping 2024 Overview (UNHCR)
 - c. Presentation: DKH-STL Cash for Protection SOP
 - i. SOP Presentation by DKH
 - ii. Q & A
 - d. Discussion: Cash Coordination Needs
 - i. Coordination needs per sector
 - ii. Coordination needs in hubs, other areas
- 4) AoB

New Action Points from the Meeting:

1. CBI TWG to announce Training of Trainers
2. CBI TWG to share DKH-STL Cash for Protection SOP with members
3. Members to contact co-chairs on their coordination needs
4. Members to fill in focal point identification form for CVA Mapping

Documents

1. Meeting Presentation
2. DKH-STL Cash for Protection SOP

I. Review Action Points & Announcements

- 3RP appeal process has been completed and the appeals will be reviewed by the sector leads. More updates will be shared with members once available.
- CBI TWG 2024 workplan progress was shared with members. While substantial amount of the workplan was completed, below points are marked as areas for attention:
 - Some of the tasks such as organizing a lessons-learned workshop has been postponed to 2025.
 - Risk assessment and mitigation matrix will be completed in December after the Risk Assessment and Mitigation in CVA Webinar that will be organized by CBI TWG in early December.
 - Regarding activities such as linking social protection with humanitarian cash assistance and advocating with FSPs to increase feasibility and user experience in Türkiye no progress was achieved and these items will be reconsidered and incorporated in the 2025 Workplan.
 - Workplan for 2025 will be created with members' contributions. Members will be contacted regarding 2025 planning.
- Following events are planned by CBI TWG until the end of 2024:
 - December 1st Week – Webinar: Risk Assessment and Mitigation in CVA. Exact date will be shared once agreed on.
 - December 16-20 – Core CVA Skills Training of Trainers. This 5-day training will be organized in Ankara. Details will be shared once confirmed next week. Members willing to support the costs of this training can contact co-chairs.
 - December 26 – CBI TWG Meeting. Last regular CBI TWG meeting in 2024 will be organized.
 - January 2025 – Learning Event. Due to budgetary and time constraints, a learning event will be organized in early 2025.
 - Two webinars on cash for work and market-based programming are tentatively planned and will be conducted depending on the trainers' availability and time constraints.

II. Operational Issues

Programme Updates

- Winterisation Updates: Winterisation Task Force chair Bachana Bigarkava will be on leave for the coming period and shall be substituted by Farah Seyh Elsebab (IOM). Updates and Winterisation capacity based on the last Winterisation meeting on November 14th was shared by Winterisation Task Force chair.
- STL, IOM, Islamic Relief and SARD have ongoing Winterisation programmes in Gaziantep, Hatay and Adiyaman with a total capacity to support around 5470 refugee and local households both in the form of voucher and cash. Partners planning to implement Winterisation programme can contact Farah Seyh Elsebab (felsebab@iom.int) to receive winterisation updates and meeting invitations.
- MPCA and Sectoral Cash Situation Updates: CBI TWG members shared their latest programme updates.
 - **IOM** recently finalized MPCA implementation focused on Hatay, Adiyaman, İslahiye and Nurdağı in Gaziantep and reached approximately 60.900 individuals. The assistance was one-off and transfer amount was calculated in line with CBI TWG MPCA Guidance while PTT was contracted as FSP.
 - **UNFPA** launched family planning voucher programme with KAMER's partnership in October. Women living in Adiyaman and Malatya who need to access contraceptives can be referred to this assistance. Moreover, a voucher assistance for menstrual hygiene management will be launched this month in collaboration with ASAM and Sened. Within the scope of this programme, vouchers for menstrual hygiene management will be provided to beneficiaries in Adiyaman, Gaziantep and Kahramanmaraş.
 - **IFRC** conducts a MPCA programme in the EQ affected provinces and the transfer amount was updated to TRY 6.500 as per the CBI TWG MPCA Guidance in October.

Coordination

- 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 tool was introduced by UNHCR during the meeting. Several organizations including ASAM, HRDF, CARE, UNHCR, IOM, SEVKAR, STC and Mülteciler Derneği used the deduplication platform so far. 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. Members can contact Winterisation Chair, CBI TWG co-chairs and Osman Yüncüoğlu (siddik@unhcr.org) copying Özgür Savaşcioğlu (savascio@unhcr.org) for inquiries.
- Overview of CVA Mapping 2024: CBI TWG conducts the Mapping of Cash and Voucher Assistancess in Türkiye to provide a comprehensive overview of the cash-based responses implemented by humanitarian actors within the year. CVA Mapping also aim to cover winterisation support initiated during the 2024 winter period. This provides partners with a good understanding of geographical targeting and other details and constitutes a database for partners to retrospectively identify and target the gaps.

- Main data fields in the survey encompass many aspects of the programmes including details on implementing organizations, programme scope, timelines, reporting status, beneficiary profile, modality, conditionality, frequency of assistance, M&E, AAP, coordination details and project components. It should be noted that funding details are not compulsory to fill in but this field may offer organizations looking for funds a possibility to make an informed decision.
- Transfer amounts are also asked per programme since CBI TWG provides guidance on transfer amounts and strives to improve the guidance accordingly with the utilization level and feedback.
- This year, targeted population and assessed vulnerabilities have been provided as separate data fields to pinpoint various vulnerabilities assessed in the field.
- A workshop will be organized during the first week of December with interested partners and the survey will be reviewed if necessary. Then, focal points from each organization will be identified and the mapping process will be conducted in close collaboration with the focal points.
- Data collection will be initiated on December 16th and the assessment is targeted to be completed at the end of January 2025. Detailed presentation of the findings will be provided in February.

DKH-STL Presentation: Cash for Protection Program for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence

- This cash for protection support was kicked off in October in collaboration with DKH and STL and a SOP has been disseminated.
- This programme provides flexible, case-based cash assistance to survivors of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), prioritizing women, girls, LGBTI+ individuals, and others at risk.
- Assistance is tailored to address urgent or specific protection concerns, determined through case management, and averages approximately 185 EUR in Turkish Lira, noting that there is no limit to the transfer amount. Transfers can be one-time or repeated under special circumstances, with amounts adjusted based on individual needs and subject to approval for higher amounts.
- Eligibility requires registration in Türkiye (with exceptions in emergencies), cooperation, and informed consent. Cash assistance is delivered through three methods: account transfers, named transfers (retrievable within 30 days), or cash-in-hand for unbanked beneficiaries, with proper documentation for all transactions.
- The program aims to mitigate risks, restore dignity, reduce harmful coping mechanisms, and address critical rights-based concerns. Post-support monitoring is conducted within two weeks, evaluating program accessibility, outcomes, staff engagement, and feedback mechanisms. While CfP serves as a critical intervention for urgent protection needs, it is integrated into broader, ongoing case management processes.
- During the Q&A session, participants inquired about the cash for rent support provided to beneficiaries and highlighted the challenges, such as government regulations requiring cash for rent support to be sent directly to landowners. DKH clarified that their assistance falls under the MPCA framework, which aims to meet variety of needs -including rent, and therefore not a direct cash for rent support. Thus, the support is provided directly to beneficiaries.
- This programme actively accepts referrals and you can kindly contact İrfan Ekinci (iekinci@hayatadestek.org) in Adıyaman, Rojda Dinç (rdinc@hayatadestek.org) in Kahramanmaraş and Refik Karacaylı (rkaracayli@hayatadestek.org) in Hatay for your referrals.

Discussion: Cash Coordination Needs

- Partners were asked about the coordination needs they observed in the field.
- Save the Children mentioned that they are looking for a guidance on cash for grants in Early Recovery Sector. Members possessing such information can contact co-chairs for information exchange.

AOB. December 26 – CBI TWG Meeting, online only.