



Cash-based Interventions Technical Working Group

Türkiye

CBI TWG Meeting Minutes

25 February 2025

Ankara

Chaired by:	UNHCR & TRC
Venue:	Online Zoom Meeting
Minutes:	Busra Seray Duzyol (UNHCR), Ahmet Unver (UNHCR)
Participants:	CARE, DRC, DKH, DG ECHO, GIZ, Horizon, HRDF, IBC, IOM, SARD, Save the Children, SGDD-ASAM, SHAFAK, Solidarites International, Support to Life, TRC, UN Women, UNFPA, UNHCR, Yedi Başak, YSYD

AGENDA:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions (5 mins)
- 2) Review: Action Points and Announcements (UNHCR/TRC, 5 mins)
- 3) Operational Issues (85 mins)
 - a. MPCA Guidance – January 2025 Update
 - b. Program Updates & Discussions
 - c. CVA Mapping 2024
 - i. CVA Mapping 2024 Preliminary Findings
 - ii. Feedback and Q&A
 - d. PDM Presentations
- 4) AoB

New Action Points from the Meeting:

1. Members to fill in Skills Gap Analysis 2025 Survey
2. CVA Mapping 2024 Report to be published

Documents

1. [UNHCR Help Türkiye Page](#)
2. [CVA Skills Gap Analysis 2025](#)
3. [CVA Mapping 2024](#)
4. [MPCA Guidance – January 2025 Update](#)

I. Review Action Points & Announcements

- CBI TWG remains committed to delivering impactful webinars and training sessions throughout 2025. To this end, a Skills Gap Analysis for 2025 was initiated. Partners are strongly encouraged to circulate the survey across various departments within their organizations—such as Program, Finance, and IT—to ensure a comprehensive assessment of capacity-building needs. The survey can be reached via [this link](#). Partners that identify training needs within their organizations can contact CBI TWG Coordination Team.
- The impact of the freeze on U.S. funding for humanitarian cash assistance in Türkiye was assessed by CBI TWG. As part of this assessment, partners were consulted to identify programmes affected by the funding cut, and previous rounds of CVA Mapping were referenced to ensure a comprehensive analysis. The findings indicate that U.S. funding accounted for 4 per cent of total cash assistance in 2021, increased to 13 per cent in 2022, and surged to

- 50 per cent in 2023 due to the earthquake response. However, in 2024, it dropped back to approximately 3.5 per cent. These figures suggest that while U.S. funding played a significant role in the earthquake response of 2023, its overall contribution to cash assistance in other years remained relatively limited. As a result, the direct impact of the funding freeze on CVAs is expected to be minimal. Furthermore, a review of partners' 2025 plans indicates that over 20 programmes still report cash components, with a detailed breakdown of this analysis provided in the table below.

	Total CVA Budget (USD)	U.S. Funded Amount (USD)	Percentage of US Fund
2021	542 M	21.5 M	3.97%
2022	123 M	16.5 M	13.40%
2023	1.3 B	661 M	50.96%
2024	480 M	16.7 M	3.47%

II. Operational Issues

MPCA Guidance – January 2025 Update

- MPCA Guidance has been prepared by CBI TWG for a couple of rounds for partners' utilization. The objective of this guidance note is to inform members about the CBI TWG MPCA Transfer Value recommendation and its coordination and to inform members about reporting tools for MPCA and sectoral cash activities. The MPCA Guidance January Update reaffirms that the MEB provided by the SSN Programme remains the baseline for calculating MPCA transfer amounts, with market-based rent prices factored in. Rent calculations are categorized based on household size: small (1-3 members), medium (4-6 members), and large (7-10 members). The analysis focuses on provinces with high refugee populations and earthquake-affected areas, including Gaziantep, Adana, Hatay, Konya, Kilis, Şanlıurfa, Mersin, and İstanbul.
- CBI TWG recommends providing MPCA for three months to vulnerable households and maximizing the number of households reached. If operational challenges prevent adherence to household size-based transfer amounts, partners may use the median value, which corresponds to a 5-person household (₺14,475). The recommended transfer range is set between ₺9,663 (floor) and ₺20,211 (cap). Partners are encouraged to comply with household-size-based amounts before resorting to a fixed transfer value. Additionally, while MPCA should ideally be provided monthly, a one-off MPCA can be considered for immediate and acute needs, with a calculation guide available in the document.
- The guidance was designed for programs starting as of January 2025 and partners that have the flexibility to change already-set transfer amounts are strongly encouraged to follow the MPCA Guidance. The Guidance will be updated in July and if the inflation rate is observed higher than 15% it might be updated sooner. The Guidance is widely shared online and can be reached via [this link](#).

Program Updates

- Partners provided their program updates in 2025 and plans for 2025.
 - **UNHCR** informed partners about the cash for protection programmes are currently undergoing a reassessment, as existing beneficiaries are being supported through case management. Other partners may receive inquiries or wish to remain informed on this matter. Questions or concerns can be directed to the UNHCR Counselling Line at 444 48 68.
 - **STL** stated that their MPCA and winterisation programme is ongoing with ECHO funding in Adıyaman. Certain operational costs have been reallocated, allowing for additional assistance to be provided to 34 households. While the initial calculation was based on a 5-person household, the reassessment determined an average household size of 6.4. The programme is a continuation of one that ended in December, and to prevent social cohesion issues, a ₺21,040 with winterisation top-up will be provided to beneficiaries. Project planning for 2025 is ongoing.
 - **CARE** provided 3750 households with ECHO funding last month and in March 2200 beneficiaries will be supported with MPCA.
 - **UNFPA** continue voucher support for family planning in Adıyaman and Malatya in collaboration with KAMER and referrals for this assistance is accepted. GBV cash support and menstrual hygiene voucher assistance will continue in collaboration with ASAM.
 - **ASAM** has almost completed their projects including MPCA and cash for education with GIZ. 1357 households are supported with MPCA in Hatay and Malatya while 2574 children are supported with cash for education. 600 children receiving cash for education also covered under the case management. In-kind support is provided to these children who are unable to register for school or at risk of dropping out of school.
 - **Yedi Başak İnsani Yardım** will provide 100 Syrian and 100 Turkish children with cash for protection encompassing PSS and education. Yedi Başak also has specific programmes for orphan children and accepts referrals from other organizations.

- **YSYD** provided hygiene and dignity kits to 150 households in Adiyaman and Malatya during late 2024 and early 2025. YSYD provides market vouchers to Afghan beneficiaries and transfer amount has been updated from €2000 for households with 4 and less members and €4000 for households with more than 4 members to €4000 for households consisted of 1-3 individuals, 4-8 individuals to €6000 and for households bigger than 8 individuals to €8000. YSYD accepts referrals in 56 provinces for the most vulnerable households.
- **TRC** provides assistance to over 1.4 million beneficiaries under SSN programme. A recent change happened in January in the age bracket definitions, namely, changing the “working age individuals” category from 18-59 to 18-65 years old persons with an aim to align the assistance with the other social assistance programmes in Türkiye caused some households to drop from the assistance’s coverage. In-Camp Assistance transfer amount is updated from €300 to €425 recently.

CVA Mapping 2024 Preliminary Findings

- Preliminary findings of the CVA Mapping 2024 were presented and the dashboard was introduced.
- The 2024 CVA Mapping exercise aimed to compile and analyze cash assistance activities over the previous year, including winterization plans for the 2024-2025 winter period. Data collection began on December 16, 2024, following two training workshops to ensure accurate data entry.
- A total of 26 organizations contributed data, covering 85 cash programmes, with 17 nationwide and 31 provinces directly targeted. While the number of organizations reporting decreased slightly compared to 2023, the total number of programmes increased, reflecting the continued importance of cash programming. The geographical distribution of programmes showed a concentration in southeastern Türkiye due to the earthquake response, and the budget for CVA programmes saw a significant decrease from over USD 2 billion in 2023 to approximately USD 486 million in 2024. This decline corresponds with the shift from emergency response to longer-term recovery. The number of beneficiaries reached also dropped from 7 million in 2023 to 4.7 million in 2024, reflecting reduced funding and the conclusion of many emergency EQ response programmes.
- Despite a slight decline in emergency cash assistance programmes, MPCA programmes grew, with 52 MPCA programmes in 2024 compared to 46 in 2023. The transfer values for many MPCA programmes have been aligned with the MPCA Guidance, ensuring consistency and coordination across organizations.
- Moving forward, the CVA Mapping exercise will continue to be a vital tool for tracking trends, coordinating efforts, and advocating for improvements in funding and policy, with a focus on enhancing coordination and maximizing resource efficiency.
- A comprehensive report will be published soon and the dashboard can be reached via [this link](#).

PDM Presentations

- **UNHCR** presented the Cash for Protection 2024 PDM results for Adolescents Discharged from Institutional Care (CPA), Transgender and Intersex Refugees (CPL) and GBV Survivors and Refugees at Risk of GBV (CPS). 2349 beneficiaries across Türkiye were covered under these programmes.
 - 225 phone calls were made with beneficiaries and high satisfaction rates with the assistance and increase in the living conditions and reduction in the stress levels was observed.
 - The assistance was spent mostly on rent (61%), food (25%) and education (8%). After receiving assistance 11% of the beneficiaries indicated that they resorted less to negative coping mechanisms. Yet, over 96% indicated that they relied on at least one negative coping strategy including cutting essential item expenditure (96%), borrowing money or loans (89%) and using savings to meet basic needs (82%).
 - For details, please see relevant Slides.
- **STL** presented PDM results for MPCA and Winterisation top-up programmes conducted in Adiyaman. 1459 households were reached within the scope of this assistance and 348 households joined FGDs and 5 KIIs were conducted.
 - High levels of overall satisfaction with cash assistance (87%) was observed. 97% of the beneficiaries used the assistance to meet their essential needs such as rent (26%), food (24%) and utilities (18%). One hindering situation was inflation and rising prices eroding purchasing power (63%).
 - An important share of beneficiaries (47%) indicated that they resorted to coping mechanisms such as borrowing money, reducing meal quality/quantity and selling assets.
 - For details, please see relevant Slides.

Next CBI TWG Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2025