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Türkiye

Cash-based Interventions Technical Working Group

Türkiye

CBI TWG Meeting Minutes

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Ankara

Chaired by:	UNHCR & TRC
Venue:	Online Zoom Meeting
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Participants:	CALP, CARE, DG ECHO, El-Bir Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Derneği, Horizon, IBC, IFRC, Olive Branch, SARD, Save the Children, SGDD-ASAM, SHAFAK, Support to Life, TRC, Trust Consultancy, UN Women, UNFPA, UNHCR, Yedi Başak

AGENDA:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions (5 mins)
- 2) Review: Action Points and Announcements (UNHCR/TRC, 5 mins)
- 3) Operational Issues (85 mins)
 - a. Program Updates & Discussions
 - b. Presentation: MEB Updates by WFP
 - c. CBI TWG Documents to be Updated
 - d. 2025 Skills Gap Analysis
- 4) AoB

New Action Points from the Meeting:

1. CVA Mapping 2024 Report to be published
2. Workplan & ToRs to be updated
3. Members who wish to become a CVA TAG member to contact CBI TWG Coordination Team

Documents

1. [CVA Mapping Report 2024](#)

I. Review Action Points & Announcements

- The CVA Mapping 2024 Report has been finalized and is scheduled for publication in the coming days. The report provides a comprehensive overview of CVA activities in Türkiye, covering various dimensions such as geographical coverage, beneficiary profiles, financial outlook, transfer mechanisms, and accountability measures within the programmes. Feedback from members is highly encouraged. Should there be any need for additional information not covered in the report, members are welcome to contact the CBI TWG Coordination Team directly.

II. Operational Issues

Program Updates & Discussions

- Brief 3RP Updates regarding Cash: The Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) has undergone annual revisions in the final quarter of each year, with the updated versions typically published around January or February.

Following recent developments in Syria, particularly after December 8, a notable increase in voluntary returns to Syria from the region has been observed. Since then, over 356,000 Syrians have returned from neighboring countries, with more than 145,000 reportedly returning from Türkiye alone, according to statements made by the President of the Republic of Türkiye.

- In light of these developments, 3RP appealing partners have been requested to revisit and revise their appeals for 2025. A key emphasis has been placed on ensuring that any form of assistance provided does not appear to act as an incentive for return to Syria, given that approximately 17 million individuals across Syria are reported needing basic needs support, according to UN sources.
- A new component titled the **Return Addendum** has been introduced in the revised 3RP. The updated 3RP document, incorporating this addition, is expected to be published in April and will be accompanied by a regional launch event. Preliminary findings suggest that organizations are primarily planning to deliver transportation support through CVA modalities, while food and hygiene assistance are expected to be provided in-kind at the border areas. It is underlined that the current conditions do not support the implementation of large-scale or comprehensive cash assistance, as this could potentially be perceived as an incentive for return.
- Members provided programme updates for 2025.
 - **UNHCR** informed partners about the cash for protection programmes will be completed in May. Questions or concerns received by other organizations regarding the completion of these programmes can be directed to the UNHCR Counselling Line at 444 48 68.
 - **ASAM** has completed their projects including MPCA and cash for education components with GIZ. The uncertainty remains when it comes to the start of the third component and further details will be provided as obscurity is over. PDM results might be shared with the CBI TWG in the coming meetings.

WFP: Economic Situation in Türkiye and the Minimum Expenditure Basket

- WFP presented the economic outlook in Türkiye and updated MEB prepared for EQ response and for refugees as of February 2025.
- Even though trends continue to be observed the same, some changes stand out. For instance, the food inflation in Türkiye observed to be in decline in the last times, from 43.78% in November 2024 to 35.11% in February 2025, signaling to a change of trend. Bread price in Türkiye is observed around TRY 46.32 in February, slowly approaching to TRY 50 whereas Global Food Index marks an increase in the vegetable oil prices. More details can be found on the relevant Slides.
- The EQ MEB was created based on the needs and consuming behaviors of 13.5 million affected population in 10 affected provinces and it is calculated for household of 5 consisted of a baby, a school age child and three adults. When compared to February 2024, the EQ MEB reached TRY 4.192 per person and TRY 20.959 per household, almost doubled from TRY 2.648 per person. the biggest components of the MEB are rent (45%) and food (31%).
- The refugee MEB on the other hand is prepared based on the 6-person household consisted of two adults, two school-aged children, a toddler and a baby. As of February 2025, refugee MEB per person is calculated as TRY 3.825 per person.
- For details, please see relevant Slides.

CBI TWG Documents to be Updated

- CBI TWG strives to provide members with context-specific and up-to-date guidance in Türkiye. With an aim to reach this goal, CBI TWG documents and guidance created in previous years will be updated based on the needs and novel information on the situation.
 - “*Fact Sheet: Situation of Cross-checking and Deduplication of CVAs in Türkiye*” document created in July 2023 will be updated soon as there are new mechanisms for preventing deduplication in Türkiye.
 - “*Summary Note on FSPs in Türkiye*” document created in June 2023 will also be updated to reflect the expertise and experience gained during the earthquake response. The revised version will incorporate information on newly engaged FSPs that were utilized during and after the earthquake, providing a more comprehensive overview of the current operational landscape.
- Members are encouraged to suggest the documents to be updated based on their needs. A non-exhaustive list of CBI TWG documents, along with their links, that can be updated upon request is available in the relevant slides. Members are also encouraged to visit the [UNHCR Data Portal](#) to access the full set of CBI TWG documents.
- CBI TWG Workplan for 2025 and Terms of References documents will be updated and widely disseminated soon.

2025 Skills Gap Analysis

- Many thanks to 22 members responding to the survey, 2025 Skills Gap Analysis is completed. Details can be reached via this [Dashboard](#).
- Findings indicate that some lacking skills are setting up a mobile money transfer programme, market-based programming, setting up a social protection programme, CVA in finance, supply chain and ICT, gap analysis and transfer value calculation and CVA feasibility analysis. Respondents prefer to initially focus on market assessment

and use of market tools, gap analysis and setting up transfer value, CVA monitoring and evaluation and cash feasibility analysis as top priority training areas while 77% prefers face-to-face training modalities.

- Several organizations such as STL, DRC, TRC, Save the Children and UN Women indicated that they are willing to support CBI TWG 2025 Capacity Building Plan. There is a planned Market Assessment Tools Training in the upcoming months and partners are encouraged to share if they can support the organization of this training financially or by other means.
- More details and learning pathways can be found in the relevant Slides.

Next CBI TWG Meeting: Tuesday, April 29, 2025