Cash-based Interventions Technical Working Group
Türkiye

CBI TWG Meeting Minutes

29 April 2025 Online

Chaired by: UNHCR & TRC

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

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Participants: Buca Belediyesi, CashCap, DG ECHO, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH) Jordan, GIZ, Human Appeal, IFRC, Olive Branch, Save the Children, SGDD-ASAM, Support to Life (STL), Türk Kızılay (TRC), UNFPA, UNHCR, World Food Programme (WFP)

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. Update on Capacity Building Events
    c. Presentation: MPCA Programme PDM Results (ASAM)
4) AoB

New Action Points from the Meeting:

1. Members interested in joining CVA TAG to contact CBI TWG Coordination Team
2. Members to provide feedback on the CBI TWG ToR & Workplan (ideally no later than 23 May)
3. Members to complete Coordination Survey until April 30, CoB (deadline past – action completed)

Documents

1. Meeting Presentation
2. CBI TWG Terms of Reference
3. CBI TWG 2025 Workplan
4. 2024 Coordination Survey

I. Review Action Points & Announcements

- CBI TWG Workplan and Terms of Reference (ToR) documents are typically updated at the beginning of each year. However, this year's update was delayed due to contextual changes and shifts in the funding landscape, which posed challenges in developing a forward-looking plan. The revised versions of the 2025 Workplan and ToR have been shared with members, and feedback is expected by the next meeting.
- Due to changes in organizational structures, some colleagues within the CVA Technical Advisory Group (TAG) have left their positions, resulting in a vacancy for a technical advisory role within the CBI TWG. Interested members are invited to contact the CBI TWG coordination team for further information.
- 3RP's Annual Coordination Survey for 2024 has been opened for partners' inputs. This survey aims to inform a review of the current 3RP coordination mechanisms at the national and field levels, to better understand what is working well and what could be improved and strengthened in 2025. Members can fill in the survey until April 30, CoB. Results will be shared as soon as the report is completed.

II. Operational Issues

Program Updates & Discussions

- TRC provided their observations from the field regarding returns to Syria.
  - There has been misinformation circulating regarding the cancellation of IDs upon departure at the border and claims that individuals would not be able to re-enter Türkiye. Awareness activities have been conducted to address this misinformation, and individuals have been informed accordingly.
  - With respect to the intentions of Syrians regarding returns to Syria, it is observed that several families waiting for the summer season and the conclusion of the school year for their children before making decision.
- TRC provided information regarding the impact of **Go&See visits on SSN beneficiary status** of families.
  - SSN applications are made at the household level, covering **all members under the same family unit**.
  - When an individual from the family conducts a go-and-see visit, his/her ID **is deactivated upon departure from Türkiye** (and reactivated when returned to Türkiye). This inactivation of ID changes the family composition of the SSN beneficiary family, and consequently, **family automatically loses the assistance**.
  - This applies regardless of whether the person conducting the go-and-see visit is the cardholder or not, or whether they are the head of household.
  - Families must apply from anew with the updated family composition. There is no prioritization or fast-track for previous beneficiary households. The application process follows the standard timeline and is completed within **five to eight weeks**.
  - As an additional information it was shared that, cardholder status cannot be transferred between family members and transferring cardholder status requires a new application.
- Members provided programme updates for 2025.
  - **TRC** informed partners about the cash assistance programme for shopkeepers and farmers, which was implemented in collaboration with the Spanish Red Cross. A PDM report has been prepared following the assistance, and TRC indicated that they **can provide a presentation on the findings to the CBI TWG at the next meeting**.
  - Additionally, TRC provided an update on the support programme for orphaned children due to EQ, noting that support is currently being provided to 657 children, **with a transfer amount of TRY 4,000 per child** (up to four children per household). This represents an increase compared to last year, when the transfer amount was TRY 2,000 per child and 532 children were supported.
  - TRC also informed members of the current cash transfer values of SSN, in-camp assistance and CCTE.
    - TRY 500 for SSN beneficiaries, TRY 700 to C-SSN beneficiaries and additional TRY 2700 (as of April) support to beneficiaries with severe disability (all of them paid per person),
    - TRY 425 per person for in-camp assistance,
    - and for CCTE, TRY 90 for boys and TRY 100 for girls in grades 1–8, and TRY 130 for boys and TRY 150 for girls in grades 9–12.
  - **STL** shared that they provided an additional **20 households with MPCA assistance** in Adıyaman thanks to their budget surplus due to the exchange rate changes and operational cost savings. The UNHCR deduplication platform was utilized previously while determining the households to receive assistance.
  - **Save the Children** reported that they are providing **cash for education** assistance to 200 children and supporting 700 children at risk of dropping out of school in Hatay. Additionally, cash for protection assistance is being provided in İstanbul.
  - **UNFPA** indicated that their cash support and menstrual hygiene items support with ASAM will continue in Adıyaman and Hatay **until the end of the year**. The menstrual hygiene items support as well as the family planning assistance conducted with KAMER in Adıyaman and Malatya accept referrals and members can contact UNFPA should they encounter individuals in need of support within the scope of these programmes until the end of the year.

Capacity Building Events

- **CBI TWG** delivered the Core CVA Skills for Programme Staff training developed by the CALP Network to staff of the FRIT Coordination Unit of the Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS). Participants work on key programmes including FRIT funded CCTE and SSN. The training took place between 14–18 April at Green Park Hotel, Ankara, and included two deputy coordinators as well as specialists and assistants working in monitoring and evaluation, child protection, data, communication, and data analysis. The course was facilitated by CALP-certified trainers from UNHCR, IFRC, and TRC (through CashCap deployment). A total of 20 MoFSS staff successfully completed the training, which covered core CVA themes including opportunities of CVA, assessment and analysis, programme

design and implementation, monitoring, integrating CVA into social protection systems. As an outcome of the event, a training report will be created and shared with members once available.

- STL started a transition to livelihoods programme in Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş and Hatay and trainings will be provided to STL staff internally on CVA and transition to livelihoods.
- TRC plans to organize internal trainings related to CVA with their internal cash working group. Currently the training needs assessment is being conducted.
- CBI TWG continues to prioritize the provision of capacity-building opportunities for its members and can organize trainings both in-person and online. Members' technical and financial support in facilitating these activities is highly appreciated.

PDM Presentation: CLIP II Earthquake Response

- ASAM provided an update on the outcomes of the PDM conducted under the CLIP-2 Earthquake Response Rounds I and II between November 2023 and April 2024, 2,261 beneficiaries were supported in Ankara, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, and Malatya through MPCA based on vulnerability assessments. In Round II (July 2024–March 2025), operations focused on Hatay and Malatya, reaching 1,357 households with MPCA and 2,574 children with education-focused cash support. Additionally, 600 children received case management and in-kind assistance.
- Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) conducted in January 2025 with both Turkish and Syrian beneficiaries revealed that the support provided, especially assistance with school registration, uniforms, and transportation, **positively impacted school attendance and motivation**. However, families reported limited long-term improvements in children's academic performance, highlighting the need for **tutoring and structured study spaces**, particularly in container cities. Transportation barriers were also identified as a major challenge, especially in Malatya, where restrictions impeded access to school transportation services at the Beydağı Elemendik Temporary Accommodation Center.
- ASAM noted that feedback from the FGDs will inform future programming, particularly the need for more **flexible assistance modalities and additional educational support services.**

Next CBI TWG Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 2025