

Cash-based Interventions Technical Working Group (CBI TWG)

National Meeting Minutes
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Review of Action Points

- **ECHO Indicators:** It was noted that guidance on ECHO indicators can be provided, as needed, to ECHO-funded partners, whose number is more limited this year due to funding constraints and ongoing contracting processes. It was also added that the ECHO Cash Expert, who is expected to visit Türkiye in late September/early October, may contribute to this process.
- **2025 Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Mapping:** The exercise has largely been completed; however, any missing information or corrections can still be incorporated, if necessary.
- **Inter-sectoral CVA Dashboard:** The [dashboard](#) presenting cash assistance provided to date by sector has recently been updated and shared with partners.
- **Inter-Agency Deduplication Platform:** It was shared that various improvements are currently being undertaken within UNHCR to enhance the [platform](#)'s usability.
- **CVA Technical Advisory Group (CVA TAG):** Core coordination needs were discussed under the CVA TAG. Given that cash-based interventions in Türkiye are predominantly associated with multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA), the need to place greater emphasis on sectoral CVA was highlighted. This was also reflected in the meeting agenda.

Operational Issues

Programme Updates

MPCA Updates

- **GOAL:** A new **MPCA** programme funded by **ECHO** and implemented in partnership with **ASAM** is currently under preparation and is expected to be launched shortly in **Kayseri, Şanlıurfa and Mersin**.
- **ASAM:** The programme to be implemented with **GOAL** will be the only planned **MPCA** programme in the coming period. The MPCA programmes implemented with **STL** will conclude in **July**, while the programme implemented with **GIZ** will end **this month**.
- In addition to MPCA, it was considered beneficial to place greater emphasis on **sectoral cash assistance**, including through collaboration with the **Economic Empowerment** and **Protection** sectors, in light of the growing importance of promoting sustainable livelihoods and self-reliance.

TRC Cash-Based Assistance under the Community-Based Migration Programmes Coordination

- **TRC** provided an overview of its cash activities delivered through its Community-Based Migration Programmes, which combine social services with complementary cash assistance where needed. These activities are implemented under three main programmes: **Protection**, **National Assisted Voluntary Return**, and **Socioeconomic Empowerment**.
 1. **Protection Programme:** Following a protection assessment conducted to address identified protection risks, **time-bound cash assistance** is provided through the **Special Needs Fund (SNF)** until the protection risks are resolved.
 - Assistance covers needs related to **health services and assistive devices** (e.g. wheelchairs, prostheses and surgery costs), **basic needs and shelter** (e.g. non-recurring rental assistance of up to two months to

mitigate protection risks), and **education, administrative and legal processes** (e.g. school uniforms and stationery, notary fees).

- Under the **Cash+** approach implemented through the **Conditional Cash Transfer for Education (CCTE)** and **Social Safety Net (SSN)** programmes, cash assistance is integrated with social protection and social services. For example, under CCTE, if a student is absent from school for more than four days in a month, protection teams conduct a household visit and take measures to address the underlying risks. Where needed, beneficiaries are referred to socioeconomic empowerment programmes. A similar protection assessment process is implemented under SSN, with Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations (SASFs) playing an active role.
- 2. **National Assisted Voluntary Return Programme:** The programme is implemented through the national mechanism established by the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA), the Presidency of Migration Management** and the **TRC**.
 - The programme is based on the principle of voluntary return and **does not involve returning individuals to their country of origin in a manner that would jeopardise their safety.**
 - Following a protection assessment to determine the voluntary nature of the return, **irregular migrants and international protection applicants and status holders referred from the field or applying directly to TRC Community Centres** may receive travel planning, travel cash assistance, and cash or in-kind reintegration support to facilitate their reintegration in their countries of origin.
- 3. **Socioeconomic Empowerment Programme:** The programme promotes **job creation** through entrepreneurship and production support, while supporting **employment** through profiling, Turkish language and vocational training, capacity-building and social skills training, career counselling, and job placement services.
 - Beneficiaries attending Turkish language and vocational training courses with at least **80% attendance** receive a **daily stipend of TRY 920**, while women with children aged **0-6** receive an additional **daily childcare allowance of TRY 250**.

CBI TWG Materials

- A brief overview of selected CBI TWG resources and tools available to partners was provided. Examples are listed below, and partners were encouraged to share suggestions for additional materials with the CBI TWG.
 - [Türkiye: Inter-sectoral CVA Assistance Dashboard 2026](#)
 - [Updated Guidance Note on Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance in Türkiye - February 2026](#)
 - [Cash-Based Interventions Technical Working Group MPCA Targeting Criteria Guidance](#)
 - [Deduplication of Cash and Voucher Assurances in Türkiye](#)
 - [CBI TWG - Summary Note on FSPs in Türkiye 2025](#)
 - [CBI TWG Mapping of Cash and Voucher Assurances in Türkiye in 2024 Summary Note](#)

2025 CVA Mapping Macro Findings

- The **2025 CVA Mapping** captured **29 CVA interventions** implemented by **9 partners**, with a total reported budget of approximately **USD 84 million**. It was noted that the decrease in the number of partners, interventions and overall budget compared to the 2024 mapping may be attributed to funding constraints and the inclusion of ongoing earthquake response programmes in the previous mapping round.
- Of the interventions mapped for 2025, **18** are **single-sector** and **11** are **multi-sector**, with the highest number of programmes reported under the **Basic Needs** and **Protection** sectors.
- **14** of the interventions are **MPCA**, while the remainder are sectoral CVA interventions.
- Although the mapping exercise has been completed, partners were informed that any missing information or corrections can still be incorporated by contacting the CBI TWG.

Other Issues

- Partners' **sectoral cash programmes beyond MPCA** will be discussed in detail during the next meeting.
- A detailed presentation of the **2025 CVA Mapping** and the corresponding dashboard will also be shared at the next meeting.