

Cash Working Group Athens Greece



**AN INTRODUCTION TO MARKET BASED
INTERVENTIONS AND THE WORKING GROUP
IN RESPONSE TO REFUGEE/ MIGRANT
INFLUX 2015-2016**

Who are the Cash Working Group (CWG) members?



- **Current members:**
 - UNHCR (Co-Chair)
 - CRS (Co-Chair) / Caritas Hellas/Caritas Athens
 - International Rescue Committee
 - Mercy Corps
 - Network for Children's Rights
 - IFRC/Hellenic Red Cross
 - Save the Children
 - Oxfam
 - Care (Germany)
 - Samaritan's Purse
 - IOCC/Apostoli

Market based or cash based assistance



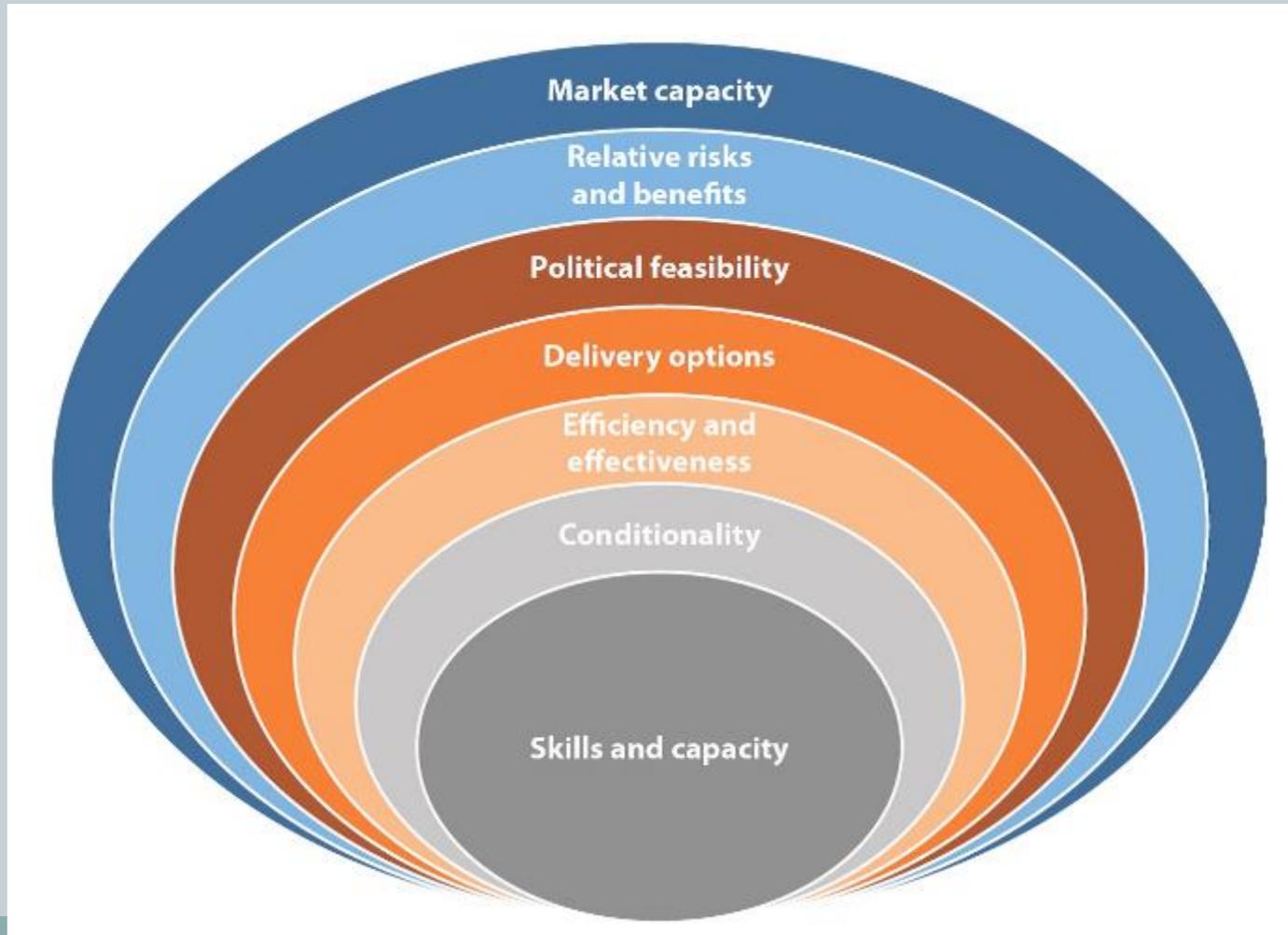
- Programs that create linkages between beneficiaries and local markets.
- Dual purpose of empowering beneficiaries and benefiting local markets
- Can include provision of paper vouchers, electronic voucher, Pre-Paid Debit cards that enable beneficiaries to meet their needs

What is the role of CWG?

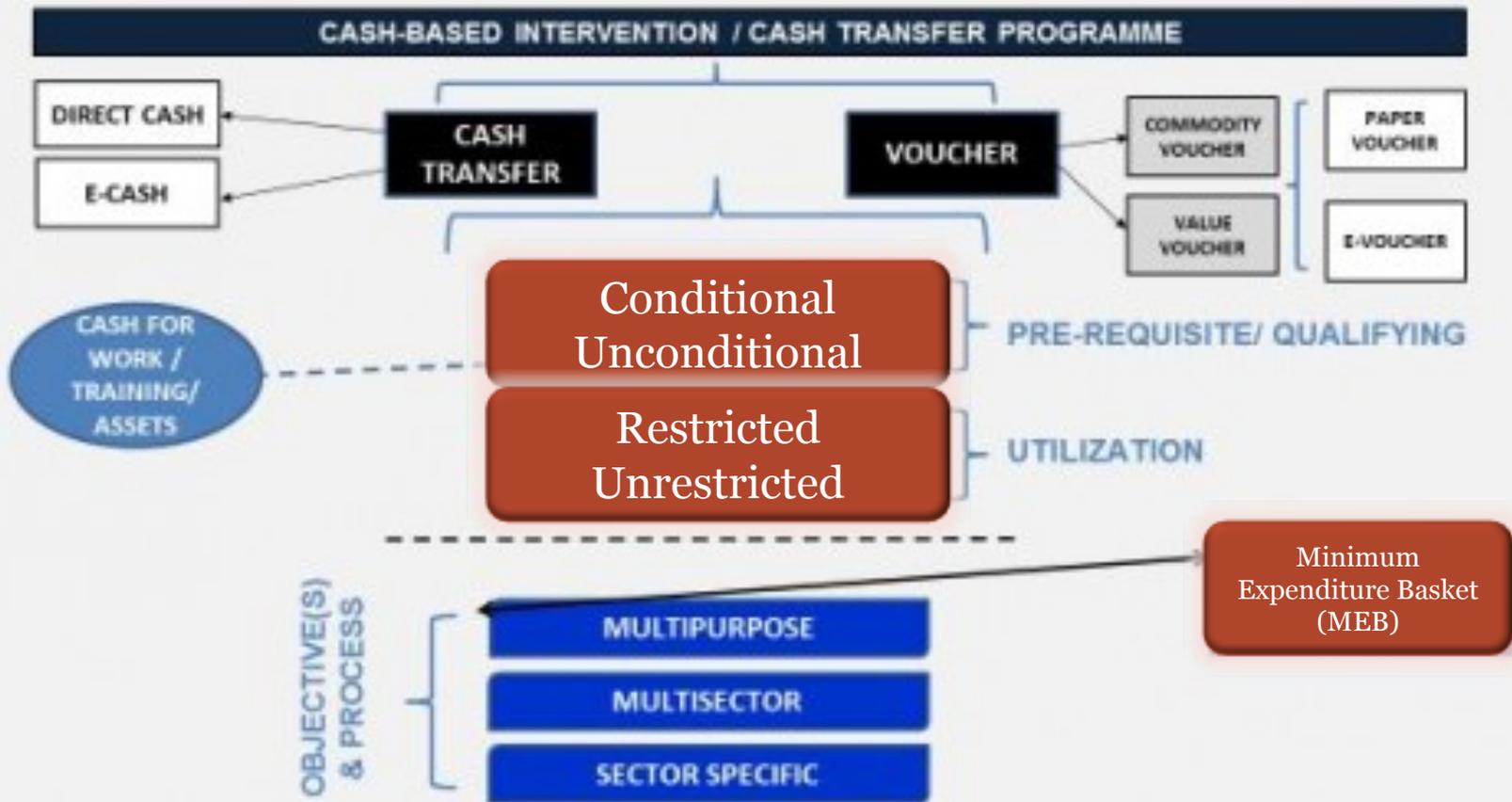


1. Provide guidelines and standards for market based programming to enable refugees and migrants to meet their basic needs.
2. Develop consistent, harmonized, and coordinated approaches for **immediate, short and long term** initiatives inclusive of standardized frequency, amounts, and process.
3. Create transition strategy from in-kind distribution to market based response
4. Create programming that supports local Greek economy by promoting market based response

Components of response analysis when considering Market/Cash Based Interventions



Market/Cash Based interventions



Conditionality



Conditional Cash Transfers

- Cash for work (teaching, cleaning, assisting with work in camps)
- Cash for training (attending training sessions)

Unconditional Cash Transfers

- No prerequisite conditions (cash for basic needs – multipurpose cash)

Utilization



Restricted

- Restricted transfers limit the use of money to a specific purpose. Fuel vouchers can only be used to purchase fuel. (pre-paid cards can not be used at liquor stores or gambling establishments)

Unrestricted

- Unrestricted transfers allows the use of money freely.

Transfer amounts when In-Kind still provided



Transition Amounts: Reduced from Complete MEB to reflect in-kind items being provided				
Item	Individual	Family up to 5	Family up to 7	% Reduced
Shelter (being provided)	0	0	0	
Food	45.75	160.125	194.44	50%
NFI (hygiene)	6.428	13.908	15.584	40%
NFI(clothing and child)	4.5	48.08	55.34	
Health	10	20	30	
School Supplies	0	7	14	
Phone Credit	10	10	10	
Transportation	9.8	9.8	9.8	
Total	86.478	268.913	329.164	
Transfer Amounts	EUR 90.00	EUR 290.00	EUR 330.00	

Transfer amounts when no in-kind being provided



Multi-purpose Grant Minimum Expenditure Basket (MPG-MEB)

Greece Monthly Minimal Expenditure Basket No In-Kind Provided			
Item	Individual	Family up to 5	Family up to 7
Shelter*(being provided)	0	0	0
Food	91.50	320.25	388.88
NFI (hygiene)	16.07	34.77	38.96
NFI(clothing and child)	4.50	48.08	55.34
Health	10	20	30
School Supplies	0	7	14
Phone Credit	10	10	10
Transportation	9.8	9.8	9.8
Total	141.87	449.90	546.98
Transfer Amounts	EUR 140.00	EUR 450.00	EUR 540.00

Benefits of Market Based Assistance



For affected populations:

- Flexibility and Choice
- Dignity
- Empowerment
- Reduces negative coping mechanisms such as survival sex

For implementing agencies

- Flexibility and adaptability of delivering assistance
- Inputs into the local economy reducing tensions and building into social cohesion
- Cost saving

Risks and mitigation



- **Push/pull factor between camps.**
 - Mitigation: Harmonized cash transfer programming in terms of amounts frequency and duration.
- **Duplication of service provision**
 - Mitigation: Geographical delineation of coverage by actors
- **Use of cash for unsocial behaviors**
 - Mitigation: Restricted cash programs may limit such actions

CWG Strategy



- Ensure standardized coverage of all sites:
 - Providing for all migrants/refugees
 - Same amounts
 - Same frequency
 - Same process
 - Different INGOs/NGOs commitment mapped regularly to identify gaps and ensure coverage
- Ensure no duplication by assignment of responsibility by site to organizations
- Conduct one off distributions in camps by several partners to **meet immediate needs** and **serve as pilots** for medium and long term strategy that would provide feedback and lessons learnt to allow for a full scale up and request for funds from donors.

Issues for advocacy



1. INGO/NGO need support in obtaining approval for Pre-Paid Card distribution in sites for purpose of meeting immediate needs
2. INGO/NGO need support for approval for conditional cash programming

Thank you



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