

Cash and Markets Working Group (CWG)
National Level, Athens, Greece

Date	Thursday, 23 June 2016 @ 3-5pm in UNCHR Country Office
Participants	CRS, UNHCR, Network for Children's Rights, IFRC, IRC, Mercy Corps, Save the Children, Care Germany (attendance sheet + mailing list attached)
Co-Chair(s)	Carla Lacerda (UNHCR Cash-based Interventions Officer/ Coordinator) lacerda@unhcr.org Rami Beirkdar (CRS Cash Working Group Coordinator seconded by NORCAP/ CASHCAP) rbeirkdar@gmail.com
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General updates from the week (plus tour de table) 2. 4W update and interventions mapping (site master list) 3. Activity Info Cash Indicators 4. Risk Analysis Matrix 5. Conditional Cash Discussions (and One-Pager) 6. NORCAP/ CASHCAP deployment support 7. AOB and Action Points
1. General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o New IFRC and CARE colleagues joined/ welcomed. Last week of MC Adviser, farewell and thanks. New MC staff attended to replace. o MOMP has reached out to CWG co-chairs requesting for a meeting about developing a coherent cash programming policy in Greece next Wednesday. Co-chairs will follow up on who they are interested to meet and revert to CWG members in the coming days. o An inter-agency Food Task Force was created at the request of the government to (a) assess the food security needs of POC populations (as well as cost effectiveness of modalities), (b) review costs and cost effectiveness of food catering (vis a vis alternatives), (c) improve menus and (d) create evidence for the transition out of food/ catering distributions into market-based interventions, cash or vouchers and community kitchen approaches. A food-related/ focused (yet multi-sector) needs assessment is being designed with the support of ACAPS as well as expert agencies. Discussions are ongoing. Scope, TOR, membership, methodology and sampling will be defined in the coming weeks. Any questionnaire and other relevant documents drafted will be shared with the CWG for technical inputs/ comments. A secondary desk review of all previously done needs/ markets assessment. As such, agencies are requested to share all needs and market assessments conducted in Greece so far (particularly those not previously shared or up on the Portal¹). o Next meeting (joint with Food Sector WG) – planned for the following Wednesday – will have to be postponed to Thursday 30 June. o CWG co-chairs spent their first couple of weeks visiting sites to understand the operation better (so far 8 camps in the North and 2 in Attica). There is a plan to visit more (e.g. Ioannina and islands) soon, preferably at the invite of CWG agencies to observe programmes. o Mercy Corps distributed 39,000 EUR worth of funds in pre-paid cash/ bank cards to refugees in Leros last week in 4 camps. MEB amounts are 90 EUR per individual (plus 50 EUR per additional person). One-off seasonal 'summer-ization' assistance to X families. o IFRC, UNHCR, CARE and Save the Children are still at design phases of their cash assistance programmes. o IRC distributions are ongoing in Eleonas. Some challenges with distributions but intending to cover the entire camp with MEB. UNHCR has been drafting the Request for Proposal for financial service provider bidders for cash/ bank prepaid cards. Ideally this will feature the option of multiple wallets for other organizations to use if desired. This will be shared internally with UNHCR first (national and field level) and comments will also be sought by the Cash Working Group members (particularly if a useful platform for others). o A point of clarification: pre-registration cards given to PoCs have the validity of 1 year.
2. 4W update and interventions mapping (site master list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o UNHCR IM focal points were requested to ensure that the 4Ws provided by NGO staff in the field are harmonized with national ones. o 3W up has been updated with thanks to those who provided inputs so far, but 4Ws is now a requirement. Feel free to comment on format but new format has been shared. Please update and revert ASAP – by NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 30 JUNE. o Co-chair used 3/ 4W information along with GPS information on sites by UNHCR to create a cash map. Access to map to be discussed but initially this is for the use of the CWG and its members only for purposes of coordination, to avoid gaps and ensure coverage.

Commented [CL1]: CARE to confirm what assistance cash/ vouchers started? Food WG mentioned blanket distributions of food vouchers in Ioannina during the week. If so can we get this confirmed and included in the 4W?

Commented [CL2]: IFRC to clarify if there are any cash/ vouchers for WASH in the North?

Commented [CL3]: IRC to confirm amounts distributed and number of families assisted so far – 492 out of 500 planned?

¹ UNHCR Inter-Agency/ Greece Data Portal: <http://data.unhcr.org/mediterranean/country.php?id=83>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need to link this to urban maps and interventions across Athens and Thessaloniki. There is also a need to link this to UNHCR (and government) Relocation Programme. Relocation focal point will attend CWG meetings. Clarifications on relocation would be useful mainly on: 1. overall programme, 2. cash amounts/ harmonization, 3. issues of referrals (e.g. from IRC cash programmes in Eleonas to UNHCR relocation programmes benefitting from accommodation and vouchers).
3. Activity Info Cash Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These were discussed at length and the main ones agreed upon are to be collected on a monthly basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicator 1: Number of PoCs (migrants/refugees) benefitting from MPGs (in individuals). Indicator 2: Number of PoCs (migrants/refugees) benefitting from sector specific cash or vouchers (in individuals). Indicator 3: Number of Greek people benefitting from cash based initiatives (in individuals) * note that this is aspirational for us to receive data from NGO (national/ local on humanitarian cash assistance) and GVT (on cash based safety nets to poor households). Indicator 4: Sum of value of all cash grants (total in EUR) *we might need this broken down by person or household to ensure that the monthly MEB is being adhered by all agencies (to be discussed). Indicator 5: Number of cards/vouchers distributed (in number of cards) *this is a proxy indicator for households assisted.
4. Risk Analysis Matrix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A risk analysis matrix, started by IRC and commented on by MC and Save the Children, is being compiled by co-chairs. A first draft was shown to CWG members and will be shared on email along with the minutes for comments and endorsement. The list is fairly comprehensive and would be interesting to incorporate into the inter-agency contingency planning activities.
5. Conditional Cash Discussions (and One-Pager)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first discussions on Conditional Cash transfers were held 2 weeks back. Follow-ups included: drafting a one pager outlining key definitions, points of legal clarifications (work permit/ access to livelihood in Greece for TCNs) and advocacy points in order to 1. Meet with lawyers from different agencies and 2. Raise this issue at the Advocacy WG and 3. Request for a meeting with relevant ministries. The one-pager was discussed and will be circulated along with the minutes for comments.
6. NORCAP/ CASHCAP Deployment Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NORCAP/ CASHCAP is submitting a call for proposal from ECHO for general field deployment requests and support. If agencies require support, send them to co-chairs for follow-up. Requests can include for assessments, technical, scale-up or trainings.
8. AOB and Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Next CWG meeting (joint w/ Food WG): Moved to Thursday, 30 June at 3-5PM in UNHCR (postponed from Wednesday 29 June). <input type="checkbox"/> CWG actors to revert with 4Ws by the next meeting (DEADLINE: Thursday 30 June). <input type="checkbox"/> CWG actors to share all cash/ feasibility/ market/ food/ community assessment related studies so far by no later than Friday 01 July. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CWG co-chairs to share government curfew decision (noting that it is in Greek and attached with the minutes CAMP_REGULATION). <input type="checkbox"/> IFRC to update on any ongoing cash for work and cash for WASH ongoing activities for clarification. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNHCR IM to include the 2 main cash indicators requested in previous meetings to Site Profiles. Final are attached with the minutes. <input type="checkbox"/> CWG to discuss and seek advice with other sectors on the tracking of assistance for POCs in urban and peri-urban settings. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNHCR (and GVT) Relocation Staff to present programme in an upcoming CWG. Relocation Fact Sheet is attached with minutes. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CWG co-chairs to circulate a draft one-pager on conditional cash transfers, as well as draft a general CBI interventions one-pager for comments. Both are attached with the minutes. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CWG co-chairs to request ISWG to follow up on conditional cash issue: 1. to clarify legality for refugees/ migrants to access to work/ livelihoods (or be remunerated for volunteering skilled or unskilled work) and 2. to advocate with relevant ministries to allow for limited/ time-bound ability of refugees/ migrants to work after they are pre-registered and before they are granted asylum rights. <input type="checkbox"/> UNHCR Attica FO is planning to conduct FGDs on food and will share findings with group. <input type="checkbox"/> UNHCR card with open wallets for other agencies' use to be discussed further. Nothing will be enforced by donor or agency unless it is needed, bottom up and agreed by the CWG. Agencies to send inputs on this approach plus constructive ways forward to co-chairs. <input type="checkbox"/> Agencies to submit needs for NORCAP/ CASHCAP deployment support (e.g. capacity building or M&E support) by Thursday 30 June.

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