

**Joint Cash and Food/ NFI/ Community Kitchens Working Groups Meeting  
National Level, Athens, Greece**

<b>Date</b>	Thursday, 30 June 2016 @ 3-5pm in UNCHR Country Office
<b>Participants</b>	TBD
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<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. WGs updates</b></li> <li><b>2. Food Task Force (Needs and Field Site Assessments)</b></li> <li><b>3. MPG SOPs</b></li> <li><b>4. Next Steps</b></li> </ol>
<b>1. WGs updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4Ws are still needed from organizations – please submit those by Friday 01 July COB. A mapping is being created.</li> <li>○ One pager on Conditional Cash Transfers has been shared. Inputs are required.</li> <li>○ Two pager on Cash Transfer Programmes overall has been shared. Inputs are required.</li> <li>○ Risk analysis has been drafted and shared. Inputs are required.</li> <li>○ Site profile indicators have been incorporate along with a few more. Thanks for the inputs.</li> <li>○ Indicators for Activity Info have been incorporated. Thanks for the inputs.</li> <li>○ A CWG presentation (used for a meeting with the government yesterday) has been shared. Any inputs would be much appreciated.</li> <li>○ Requests for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commitment on enumerators/ field staff to contribute,</li> <li>○ Sharing needs/ markets/ FSP assessments would be URGENTLY needed (for secondary data review).</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Additional information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Agencies' plans to submit donor proposal funds for geo coverage on MPG, and</li> <li>○ FSP bid for proposal status would be greatly appreciated for coordination and harmonization.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ A meeting between the CWG and the MOMP/ government was held yesterday whereby there was positive feedback on MPGs. Agreed outcomes were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Draft an SOP on MPGs,</li> <li>○ Arrange a meeting with MOMP/ MOL on right to work,</li> <li>○ Arrange a meeting with Ministry of Finance for MPGs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ MOMP staff are invited to join the meetings and might be included in the mailing list for CWG if requested.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Discussions: Food Task Force (Needs and Field Site Assessments) and MPG SOPs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ECHO: 4Ws and mapping would be great if it can lead to a gap analysis on cash/ MPGs.</li> <li>○ Save the Children: A separate meeting on M+E needs to happen urgently and ASAP.</li> <li>○ IRC/ Refugee database: What updates from UNHCR? PROGRES v4 is being looked at but might take sometime. UNHCR is looking for an interim inter-agency database in the meantime (RAIS will no longer be implemented). Alan/ IRC to provide suggestions and recommendations to CWG co-chairs.</li> <li>○ ECHO/ CRS: Solidarity Cards and National Safety Net Programmes: agreed that we need to better understand the system. ECHO and DG HOM are in conversations about looking at the future transition from MPG to national social safety nets and potentially supporting with/ ensuring funding pipeline.</li> <li>○ CRS/ IRC: Exit strategies for cash and exit criteria: CWG and MOMP agree that for MPG it will be either (1) access/ right to work (and possibly proof of employment) or (2) inclusion in social safety net.</li> </ul>

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- IRC: Conditional cash: what is meant by this is cash conditional to an activity (not to how cash is spent e.g. restriction) i.e. cash for work, cash for training. Overall it implies the remuneration of refugees/ people of concern for a service provided (whether in the form of skilled or unskilled labour).
- DRC: Food Task Force: agencies will need clear timelines, dates and sites in order to commit staff. This will be provided by COB Friday by the Food/ Cash WG co-chair colleagues. Ideally staff already on the ground can be allocated for these responsibilities to maximize resources and avoid inefficiencies.
- Leonie: Clarifications on FGDs for the Food Task Force: only 2-3 sites will be visited (or at least until enumerators reach saturation point e.g. getting the same answers repeatedly by different nationalities in different sites). All sites will be visited by UNHCR for the infrastructure side of assessment.
- WGs: Food, Cash and NFI plus Community Kitchens discussions are very related. WG emails are getting repetitive and sharing the same information or cross-posting. Would it make sense to merge them? Most people agreed. There is a gap on a focal point for community kitchens.
- Separate more technical and detailed discussions (e.g. discussing financial service providers and delivery mechanisms for MPGs) would require a separate thematic meeting (in which all WG may be invited but only those interested to work on tasks and provide technical inputs attend).
- For some people this was contentious after the meeting and the modality of the merge of WG will need to be fleshed out further. Perhaps only merge them in relation to the Food Task Force discussions?
- This needs to be discussed. Maybe merged WGs can be information sharing and technical discussions can be more operational and technical problem solving?
- WG: Generally Thursday 3-5 pm is a good day to meet. Most people believe there is a value in merging those discussions to avoid duplication of info in meetings. Again, to be further fleshed out and consider how these interact with thematic and new/ technical Urban Shelter Strategy WG etc.
- CRS: MPG vs ongoing cash programmes: a discussion around the design of MPGs should not preclude pilot cash programmes from continuing (particularly those with funding and capacity). Evidence and data from those programmes will contribute to MPG design.
- UNHCR/ CWG: MPGs: are preferred by several agencies, as well as donor and governments. This would/ could allow ensuring funding from donors, better conditions with financial service providers and government access to sites. SOPs can help leverage all of those 3 if all agencies are on board.
- Relocation program cash amounts:
  - 90 euros/person/month for food
  - 5 Euros/man/month Hygiene
  - 10 Euros/woman/month Hygiene
  - 15 Euros/Vulnerable case/month
  - I also remember a mention of an amount for transport
  - Perhaps we double check with relocation colleagues before we circulate this
- M&E working group suggestion should be raised at the ISWG tomorrow.
- There was the issue of harmonisation of conditional cash amounts and deciding on amounts for skilled labour which might be a bit down the line but is worth mentioning.
- UNHCR FGDs on food preferences to be shared and feed into ACAPS assessment.

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<b>4. AOB and Action Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> WGs to share the Food Task Force details (TOR, questionnaire, sites, dates and timelines) to WG members,</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> WG will share the SOP draft outlines and global standards. UNHCR to take a stab at contextualizing it to Greece to share for comments by next week (bearing in mind ECHO proposal and others),</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> WG members to share ASAP 4Ws, staff for food task force/ needs assessment, plans for MPGs (coverage etc), status on bidding for FSP proposals and any previous or ongoing needs/ market/ FSP assessments.</li></ul>
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