

Cash Working Group (CWG)

Meeting Action Points

June 28, 2022

15:30 – 17:00

Online Meeting (Microsoft Teams)

Chair: Red Cross

Attendees:

Full Name	Email
Dora Margarit	
Cabinet consilier de stat Mădălina TURZ	
Mohsen Alavian	alavian@unhcr.org
Ahmad Zia Furmolly	furmolly@unhcr.org
Rebecca Carter	rebecca.carter@savethechildren.org
Heather Rossouw	heather.rossouw@saf.salvationarmy.org
Jelena KRIVCEVIC	fslhod@pl-actionagainsthunger.org
Caroline HOLT	Caroline.HOLT@ifrc.org
Alexis Zoe Porter	porter@unhcr.org
gift sibanda	gift_sibanda@wvi.org
George Maalouf	gmaalouf@mercycorps.org
Paz, Emilio	Emilio.Paz@plan-international.org
Colette Le Jeune	colette.lejeune@drc.ngo
Natalia Cirimpei	natalia.cirimpei@sos-satelecompiilor.ro
Natia Katsia	Natia.Katsia@care.org
Monica Blagescu	Monica-Blagescu@dfid.gov.uk
Amos Doornbos	Amos_Doornbos@wvi.org
Heinonen, Erik	erik.heinonen@crs.org
Knapp, Patrick J (Kyiv)	KnappPJ@state.gov
Eric A. Kiruhura	eric_kiruhura@wvi.org
Manuel Busser	manuel.busser@nrc.no
Muhammad Usman	Muhammad.Usman@oxfam.org
RRIMCVA Romania	RRIMCVA.Romania@ifrc.org
RROpsMan Romania	RROpsMan.Romania@ifrc.org
RRCVAIM Romania	RRCVAIM.Romania@ifrc.org
Gregory Matthew Cameron	cameron@unhcr.org
BOANCA Simona	sboanca@iom.int
Cristina Adam	cristina.adam@salvaticopiii.ro
Andreea Furtuna	
Loek Peeters	lpeeters@mercycorps.org

Discussions and Action Points:

Siret border situation - Update & lessons learned

- Red Cross updated CWG members on the Siret border situation. Red Cross disqualified all registrations done on 20 June, 2022 in Suceava and Botoșani on the grounds of brokers receiving money for registering refugees in their online platform and did not provide cash assistance. Red Cross is going to monitor the situation and put more mitigation measures including temporary suspension of its programme in these locations. Moreover, Red Cross confirmed that cash assistance are only paid in Romania through Moneygram;
- UNHCR suggested that all partners agree to a minimum 7 day stay requirement in order to register arrivals for cash distributions; RC said they would take this into consideration but did not commit;
- Ms Turza's Chief-of-Cabinet reiterated the conclusion of the meeting on 27 June 2022 and asked RC to stop all cash distribution country-wide until the situation at the border was regulated and firm mitigating measures were in place. However, Red Cross stated that they had a different impression from the meeting on 27 June 2022 and the meeting was "more brainstorming on what can be done" and they were asked to put measures, without stopping the ongoing cash support. In addition, IFRC cited the independence of the Red Cross in making decisions about its program, while acknowledging that Red Cross is an auxiliary to the government and strictly considers the concerns of the government into account. Red Cross restated while they are continue to monitor the situation, but currently the mitigation measures were effective and the situation is under control.
- 6-months cash support - discussing possible arrangement.

None of the organizations has firmly assumed the continuation of the program. Discussions on this subject have been very vague because there is little information coming from the government. Save the Children representatives mentioned that the lack of clear info coming from the Gov. (timeline and measures assumed) make it difficult for agencies and organizations to plan the second phase of the assistance. CWG concluded that the continuation of the MPC program is decided upon after the 3 months, and to move from blanket to targeted distribution, addressing the most vulnerable.

- **CONCLUSIONS:**

- - Each organization will analyze the extent to which it can support the continuation of the program after 3 mths.
- - For a start, if moving to a targeted distribution, is up to each organization to evaluate the cases according to its own criteria, until a

consensus can be reached regarding the criteria, at the level of the working group.

- **Red Cross to update CWG on the situation and progress on the effectiveness of mitigation measures and looking preparation to avoid such incidents in other borders points.**
- **The CWG leads agreed that Red Cross to conduct risk assessment and develop Risk Mitigation Matrix for online enrolment and cash distribution delivery and UNHCR to develop offline Risk Mitigation matrix for in person enrolment and cash delivery. The Co-chairs to agree on the templates during 1st week of July and the draft risk mitigation matrix will be shared with all members for their comment. The dates need to be agreed with co-chairs.**
- **UNHCR to re-share the Data-sharing agreement amended in response of all CWG comments and its relevant SOP for members feedback.**