Cash Working Group meeting

Meeting Details	
Date	*9 February 2023, next CWG meeting planned – 23 February 2023*
Time	*10.00 to 11.30*
Co-Chair	*Yigit Anil Gurer, CBI Officer, UNHCR*
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Agenda

- Presentation of the Refugee Assistance and Information System – RAIS deduplication platform
- Reporting by CWG partners on their activities
- AOB

Information collection and relevant links

UNHCR Operational Data Portal Moldova - https://data.unhcr.org/en/country/MDA
Moldova Cash Working Group - https://data.unhcr.org/en/working-group/318?sv=0&geo=680

Participants:

Ana Palii - KIV - Pm Distrib – Solidarities International	Pietro Mirabelli – NRC
James Whitaker – REACH	Andrei Girleanu – ADRA
Ibrahim Marte – IOM	Stella Lingens – ACTED
Sorina Guzun – IOM	Tatiana Ciumas – General Inspectorate for Migration (BMA)
Daniele Pedretti – HELP AGE	Teodora Zafiu – UNDP
Celine Brixander – UNFPA	Xavier R Sire – UNICEF
Ramesh Ghimire – International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC)	Michel Gerges – WVI
Ala Svet – UN Women	Cristian-Victor Besliu – CRS
Dustin Achgill – ACTED	Constanta Cravet – Concordia
Rashid Khasanov – UNHCR Poland	Kashinde Hassani – UNHCR Poland
Luca Igor – APSCF	Andrei Hincu – CARE & SERA Romania
Jane Muriithi – International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Gokalp Arslan – UNHCR Poland
Fadel Daoud – WFP	Orfan Shahada – ACF Spain
Bianca-Elvira Miccione – ACTED	Viorica Bulat
Eirini Aletra – CRS	

Agenda	Discussion
Agenda Point **Introduction**	The meeting started with the introduction of the participants, with sharing the updates of the activities. UNHCR presented the deduplication platform -RAIS- related to the Ukrainian Refugee Response used in Poland and Romania and what kind of roll-out actions need to be taken. For cash for the Moldovan population, including the families hosting/non-hosting refugees, under the umbrella of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection (MoLSP), the humanitarian organization can use the AID.MD platform for identification of beneficiaries and de-duplication. WFP started to use this platform, targeting vulnerable Moldovan families under the Joint Programme with UN Agencies, namely – WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA, and IOM.

Agenda Point
 	
Presentation of the Refugee Assistance and Information System – RAIS deduplication platform
 	
UNHCR Poland
	UNHCR Poland presented the de-duplication digital tool -Refugee Assistance Information System (RAIS)- and shared the experience of Poland Operation.
	The importance of the tool is increasing the accountability affected population, efficiency, and effective use of the assistance by various humanitarian actors.
	Functionalities:
	   o Avoid duplication of assistance
	   o Identification of assistance provider, type of assistance and location
	   o Automatic deduplication avoiding manual search of work
	   o Planning and coordination of cash assistance
	   o Ability to run reports per agency
	   o A secure system protecting personal data
	
	The tool allows different way of coordination among the partners:
	(i) Basic – sharing of enrolled beneficiaries for the purpose of deduplication and sharing assistance data post-distribution
	(ii) Advance – sharing of enrolled beneficiaries for the purpose of deduplication; "Block" beneficiaries in advance, detailed assistance recording system and referral system and reporting system.
	
	Requirements for deduplication using minimal data points and a shared database:
	   o Standardized Data Collection / Standard Operating Procedures
	   o Data-sharing agreement

	o Training on system
	Data required for deduplication – using Unique Identifiers and a shared database, that depends on the operation context and based on the standards data collected by the partners:
	• International passport number: (biometrics and no biometrics)
	• National passport / ID
	• Country of Asylum ID
	• Optionally: Telephone number
	In addition, for each assistance:
	• Amount of cash
	• Start and end date of assistance
	• Size of family or household as enrolled for cash
	Data sharing agreement includes**:**
	• Comply with the UNHCR data protection policies, internal policies of partner organization, including the national data protection legislation.
	• Organizations/partners responsibilities: uploading their assisted data; the platforms generate the report, etc.
	Next actions:
	1. The partners are requested to share their intentions to be part of the platform by 16/02/2023.
	2. Upon receiving the intention of the partners to be part of the platform, the cash partners will discuss the data confidentiality protocol and SOPs.
Agenda Point	Activity Info Reporting - sectoral reporting decision.
Reporting by CWG partners on their activities *UNHCR*	Partners discussed how to report cash related activities under Activity Info and the following points have been agreed. - Frequency of report will be on monthly basis. - Timeline for reporting: The last two weeks of the month to report the previous one. The partner will receive the email when the reporting will be started. - Term "unique beneficiary": The term "unique beneficiary" applies to the calendar year. For instance, assuming that the partner has a CBI programme with 1,000 beneficiaries started in January and throughout the year, same beneficiaries are targeted. The partner will report these 1,000 beneficiaries once in January and the upcoming months the # of beneficiaries will be zero.

	- In case the partner targets new beneficiaries in the upcoming months, only new beneficiaries will be reported. For example: as above mentioned, the partner had 1,000 beneficiaries in January but in February, 200 new beneficiaries are added to the programme. Thus, the partner will report only 200 beneficiaries in February. The year-to-date number by the end of February will be the cumulative unique beneficiaries = 1,200 individuals. - The partners will provide the number of beneficiaries based on the payment lists they submit to FSP until December. In December, the partners will provide number of reconciled numbers (meaning that the actual number of individuals collected the entitlements for whole year). - The partners seek for any help can consult UNHCR CBI (mdachcbi@unhcr.org) and IM Units (mdachim@unhcr.org) through e-mail.