

Poland Cash Working Group Guidance Note

MPCA Transfer Values, July 2023 onwards

Cash Working Group in Poland uses a Minimum Expenditure Basket approach where the transfer values will be defined by a Survival Expenditure Basket calculated by Instytut Pracy i Spraw Socjalnych (IPISS)¹ and the amounts are weighted by family size. In March 2022, during the onset of the emergency, the CWG in Poland calculated the transfer values based on 2020 Survival MEB values, adjusted by inflation.²

Following the results of the survey on the MEB approach, and decisions taken in the ad hoc CWG meeting on MEB calculation held on 28 April and the regular CWG meeting on 17 May,³ Poland CWG will maintain the same approach to update the transfer values in 2023. Using the same methodology as the last year, the Survival MEB in 2022⁴ (775 PLN per person), adjusted by inflation and CPI⁵ (6%), gives the **transfer value of 820 PLN per person**. As opposed to the last year when the additional family members received a lower transfer amount (610 vs. 710) than the first individual applicant, in 2023, each family member will receive the same amount (820 PLN).

The transfer values are rounded to facilitate the withdrawal and below are the recommended transfer values by family size for the MPCA as of July 2023:

| Transfer values per month as of July 2023 | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|
| Family size | Amount (PLN) | Amount (USD) ⁶ |
| 1 | 820 | 195 |
| 2 | 1640 | 390 |
| 3 | 2460 | 585 |
| 4 | 3280 | 780 |
| 5+ | 4100 | 975 |

¹ The Institute of Labor and Social Affairs (IPISS) is a scientific and research institution dealing with the problems of labor and social policy in an interdisciplinary way, and publishes the MEB in Poland on a quarterly basis. <https://www.ipiss.com.pl/>

² Poland CWG Briefing Notes, 23 March 2022 [CWG-Poland Brief 23_03_2022_Update.pdf](#).

³ Following the ad hoc CWG meeting on MEB calculation held on 28 April, and followingly, co-chairs shared a survey concerning the MEB and transfer value approach with partners. The survey was filled out by 11 organizations (Oxfam, IRC, UNHCR, DKH, Mercy Corps, ADRA Polska, PAH, NRC, IOM, Action Contre la Faim, PCPM). As per the key results ([presentation](#) and [minutes](#)) of the survey, the majority of the partners decided to with a light approach, relying on Survival MEB by IPISS, using the similar methodology as the last year.

⁴ <https://www.ipiss.com.pl/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/ME-srednioroczne-2022-30-03-2023.pdf>

⁵ <https://stat.gov.pl/en/topics/prices-trade/price-indices/flash-estimate-of-the-consumer-price-index-in-april-2023,21,10.html>

⁶ As of 30 May 2023, assuming 1 USD = 4,2 PLN.

The new transfer values, calculated in June 2023, will be effective July 2023.⁷ The updated transfer value is a 15% increase per person, and between 15-30% increase in the transfer amount in PLN and between 18-33% in USD, depending on the family size. The table below shows the transfer values in PLN and USD, including the changes in percentages:

| Transfer values - Poland CWG | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Family size | Amount 2022 (PLN) | Amount 2023 (PLN) | Change % (PLN) | Amount 2022 (USD) ⁸ | Amount 2023 (USD) | Change % (USD) |
| 1 | 710 | 820 | 15% | 165 | 195 | 18% |
| 2 | 1320 | 1640 | 24% | 306 | 390 | 27% |
| 3 | 1930 | 2460 | 27% | 448 | 585 | 31% |
| 4 | 2540 | 3280 | 29% | 589 | 780 | 32% |
| 5+ | 3150 | 4100 | 30% | 731 | 975 | 33% |

UNHCR, together with partners, will conduct a Multi-Sector Needs Assessment in July-October 2023 and the MEB and transfer values will be revised according to the MSNA results.

Transfer Duration:

It was decided to continue with the three-month duration for cash assistance as a reasonable timeframe that can guarantee immediate support to refugees during the initial period of their establishment in Poland.

The following essential safeguards are requirements for the MPCA:

- To support and protect the most vulnerable (i.e. non-autonomous, high vulnerability, and persons with specific needs)
- To ensure the transfer amount and duration are meaningful and in line with national standards.

⁷ Partners implementing cash in Poland have been using the transfer amounts established in the CWG in Poland in March 2022.

⁸ As of March 2022 (average), 1 USD = 4,31 PLN.