

Cash Working Group – Poland

Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 3:00 PM – online + in person, UNHCR Country Office in Warsaw

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Agenda:

Topics	From	To
General updates	15:00	15:30
Targeting Task Force – Eligibility criteria presentation	15:30	15:50
Integrity of the cash assistance programmes in Poland	15:50	16:05
Deduplication and transfer duration approach & survey	16:05	16:20
Task Force updates	16:20	16:25
AOB	16:25	16:30

Meeting minutes:

Topics	
General updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Due to the change of the co-chair, the CWG SharePoint migrated to PCPM's server, and in case of any inquiry to contact Agnieszka Nosowska at anosowska@pcpm.org.pl- UNHCR has donated equipment to partners (5 organizations) who reached out with their need. For any further equipment reservation, UNHCR will share the information similarly with the CWG partners.- There was an intersectoral meeting on which a planned “pooled fund” for NGOs in Poland was presented. Cash is not included as an eligible activity.- 13-14 September there will be a Planning Workshop for RRP, with a in-person meeting in Warsaw + online option. Venue and location to be confirmed. <p><u>Updates related to Winterization:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Inter-agency heads of sectors meeting will be conducted on 6 September during which winterization will be discussed.- Oxfam: planning to do indirect implementation through the partners. Currently in the programme design stage. More information to be provided in September.- ACF (AAH): plans cash for winterization, in accordance with CWG guidelines and transfer values for winterization.- (Information received after CWG: DKH is also planning to implement Cash for Winterization)

	<p><u>Cash programme updates by partners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Save the Children: Implementing the last MPCA. Designing two other CBIs: cash for health and cash for rent assistance. - Polish Red Cross (PCK): already finished the last cycle of the MPCA program in Poznan. - IRC: Preparing a cash for protection programme in Katowice and an MPCA programme to start in September/October. - Oxfam: Already on third instalments. Designing the programme for targeted cash and winterization with partners starting from September/October through indirect implementation. Planning pilot cash for shelter program for Roma communities living in shelters, and cash for livelihoods for income generation. - UNHCR: Expanded eligibility criteria (which will be shared with partners, and a session with the update including Q&A will be organized). Planning a one-off top-up for vulnerable people for 4500 HHs (verification ongoing). - PCPM: Continue MPCA for new arrivals (after February 2023) this year. Aiming to complete the initial target by the end of August.
<p>Targeting Task Force – Eligibility criteria presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Task Force FPs presented the Vulnerability and Targeting Framework (August 2023) <p>The final document will be shared as a guidance note with partners.</p>
<p>Integrity of the cash assistance programmes in Poland</p>	<p>Co-chairs and colleagues shared the information concerning the integrity of humanitarian assistance programmes, with a stress on PSEA, fraud, inconsistencies, with recommendations related to the cash activities, related to enrolment, registration, referral, duplication, monitoring, and accountability. Partners are encouraged to use RAIS to prevent duplication and fraud.</p>
<p>Deduplication and transfer duration approach & survey</p>	<p>The survey was circulated following the previous meeting in July, and the results were presented by UNHCR. Only 1 organization since the last time and 7 organizations in total responded.</p> <p>The deduplication approach and time frame were discussed during the meeting, with no agreement reached or decision taken.</p> <p>UNHCR presented the results of the RAIS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently, there are 19 Organizations registered in RAIS. - Only 9 Organizations uploaded the files to RAIS (AAH, DKH, Fundacja ADRA Polska, IOM, Oxfam, PAH, PCPM, save the Children, UNHCR) - Only 7 organizations blocked their cases.
<p>Task Force updates</p>	<p><u>Social Protection TF:</u> A draft SPTF presentation is shared, pending partners’ feedback by 14 September. A meeting on the validation of the alignment options will be on the week of 11 September. It is expected to be presented in the Protection WG and Cash WG meetings.</p>

AOB	Issues to be discussed in the next meeting (tentative): <ul data-bbox="472 233 1206 312" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="472 233 1206 268">• Winterization (including transfer values and modality)<li data-bbox="472 275 786 312">• Joint PDM approach
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