# Cash-based Interventions Technical Working Group EQ
# Türkiye

## CBI TWG Meeting Minutes

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**Chaired by:** UNHCR & TRC

**Venue:** Online WebEx Meeting

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**Participants:** Action Against Hunger, DG ECHO, GIZ, IFRC, Independent Doctors Association, IOM, Maram Foundation, MEDAIR, Orange Organization, OXFAM KEDV, REALs, Relief International, SARD, Save the Children, SEVKAR, Shafak, Support to Life, Takaful Al Sham, TRC, Trust Consultancy, UNFPA, UNHCR, UN Women, US Embassy/PRM, WFP, WHH

### AGENDA:

1) Welcome & Introductions *(5 mins)*
2) Review: Action Points and Announcements *(UNHCR/TRC, 5 mins)*
3) Operational Planning *(45 mins)*
    a. CBI TWG Lessons Learned Workshop
    b. Cash Updates from Hubs: Adıyaman Updates
    c. Presentation: Cash Cross-checking Tool Pilot
    d. Program Update: TRC-AFAD Cash Assistance Scheme
4) AoB

### New Action Points from the Meeting:

1. Members interested in becoming a member of TAG to contact co-chairs by mid-December
2. Co-chairs to share Lessons Learned Workshop invitation
3. Co-chairs to share 2023 CBI TWG evaluation survey

### Documents

1. Meeting Presentation
2. CBI TWG ToR
3. TAG ToR

### I. Review Action Points & Announcements

- CVA Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will consist of 5 representatives selected from CBI TWG member organizations and a specific ToR is prepared and disseminated in the past weeks. So far, 3 applications are received, and members are still urged to share their interest in TAG until mid-December.
- CBI TWG ToR was disseminated in the past weeks; however, no feedback is received. Members are encouraged to provide feedback on the document.
- WebEx platform will be utilized for CBI TWG meetings in 2024. Members are encouraged to share feedback and let the co-chairs know if they are experiencing any problems with WebEx.

### II. Operational Planning

*CBI TWG Lessons Learned Workshop*

- The objective of the CBI TWG Lessons Learned Workshop is to document lessons learned from CVA interventions conducted by CBI TWG members within the scope of the EQ response (Flash Appeal) and 3RP during 2023.
- CBI TWG members provided their preferences regarding the upcoming Lessons Learned Workshop via survey. Based on the results, the CBI TWG Lessons Learned Workshop will be held in Gaziantep on 19 December as a one-day event. The language will be English and simultaneous Turkish translation will be provided. Accommodation, transportation, and transfer will not be covered.
- Members will receive the invitation today, CoB. Further details on the venue and agenda will be shared closer to date.
- The most preferred themes for the workshop are: Lessons learned from program implementation, including successes and challenges; Best practices in designing cash and voucher assistance programs; Interagency collaboration and coordination in cash and voucher assistance; Monitoring and Evaluation for cash and voucher assistance; Innovations in cash and voucher delivery mechanisms; Strategies for inclusive targeting program design, and reaching vulnerable populations and Future of Cash and Voucher Assistance in Türkiye.

*Cash Updates from Hubs: Adıyaman Updates*

- 9 months after the earthquake, Adıyaman Civil Society Working Group held a meeting together with STL Concern and WHH in the living area. This meeting was created as a platform for organizations providing cash aid in the field to come together and introduce their programmes to prevent duplication. The group shares the programme information they collected from partners in the field as data for newcomers who are planning to implement CVA.
- Approximately 1600 refugee family's move to Bebek Village TSS where they were positioned the first time they entered Türkiye in 2013 was organized after the earthquake and after that point it was hard for humanitarian agencies to collect data in this area due to AFAD and governorship's decision making providing humanitarian assistance difficult to vulnerable groups. After bilateral discussions with the camp management and other authorities the situation was perceived to be better in terms of data collection. Still, even though the good relations and efforts, the problems are not totally overcome.

*Cash Cross-checking Tool Pilot*

- UNHCR presented their novel blind duplication tool and introduced the website to participants to prevent duplication while providing winterization support.
- Creating the UNHCR Duplication Tool posed several challenges, particularly in the realm of **data protection**. One major obstacle was the absence of data-sharing agreements among all cash workgroup members, hindering the seamless flow of information necessary for effective tool development. Another issue arose during the activation of Standard Operating Procedures **(SOPs) for winterisation**, as some members perceived them more as suggestions than binding commitments. Additionally, there were divergent views on the scope and mandate of the cash workgroup, with certain members contending that establishing **crosscheck mechanisms fell beyond its mandate**. **Trust and the safeguarding of targeting pools** emerged as yet another challenge, as organizations were hesitant to share their target lists, impacting the tool's potential for comprehensive and accurate data analysis. Addressing these challenges required a delicate balance between respecting organizational boundaries and fostering collaborative efforts for the tool's successful implementation.
- To address the challenges encountered in the development of the UNHCR Duplication Tool, a set of strategic solutions were implemented. Firstly, a **Trusted Cross-Checking Platform** was created to facilitate secure and collaborative data sharing among cash workgroup members. Employing a **blind cross-checking approach**, the platform incorporated **SHA-2 cryptographic techniques** to store values, ensuring that the stored data remained irreversible by platform operators. This cryptographic measure added an extra layer of security, assuring organizations that their sensitive information was protected. Furthermore, data verification was carefully scoped to specific projects, creating **isolated spaces designated for each organization involved**. Within these designated projects, users were granted access only to information they were privy to, enhancing trust and confidentiality. This restricted access ensured that the cross-checking mechanism was not only effective but also aligned with the concerns regarding data protection and trust within the cash workgroup.
- The first version of the tool is available for all members interested via this link. UNHCR also presented the interface of the tool during the meeting. Users from CARE, IOM and SEVKAR have been granted access. On December 13, 82 duplications have been identified by the system.

*TRC-AFAD Cash Assistance Scheme*

- On November 8th, payments totaling 78,216,000 TL were disbursed to 26,072 individuals for the October period. On November 15th, Kızılay ESEN Cards were utilized to make payments totaling 51,174,000 TL to 17,058 recipients for the November period. On November 15th, AFAD ESEN Cards facilitated payments totaling 47,082,000 TL to 15,694 individuals for the November period.
- Cumulatively, Kızılay ESEN Cards have disbursed a total of 405,481,500 TL to disaster victims to date, while AFAD ESEN Cards have provided a total of 120,873,000 TL in assistance.

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