

Cash Working Group (CWG) Syrian Refugee Response in Jordan

Meeting Location	UNHCR–Large Conference Room	Meeting Date	06.01.2014
Chair Person	Volker Schimmel, Kate Washington	Meeting Time	14:00-15:00
Minutes Prepared by	Angeliki Panagoulia		
Purpose of Meeting	Cash strategy for 2014		

1.) Summary of action points

Number of action point or discussion	Action point	Focal Point / Organization
1.)	CWG DEC dashboard – last submissions will be received by 8 Jan	Volker Schimmel-UNHCR /Angeliki Panagoulia-UNHCR
2.)	Report from TF on harmonization (Oxfam) and discussion of endorsement of standards for project submissions	Volker Schimmel-UNHCR /Kate Holland-ACTED
3.)	Self-assessment exercise will be presented at the next meeting by DRC and OXFAM	Dalia Al-Awqati- DRC/Kate Washington-CARE
4.)	Cash Strategy outline to be circulated by next meeting	Kate Washington- CARE

2.) Attachments and References

Documents	Location	Contact Person
Cash WG monthly dashboard (DEC 2013)		Volker Schimmel-UNHCR /Angeliki Panagoulia- UNHCR
Cash Working Group (CWG) Standard for Project Submissions (Dec 2013)		Volker Schimmel-UNHCR/Kate Washington-CARE
Winterization dashboard (16 Dec 2013)		Volker Schimmel-UNHCR

3.) Minutes

Item	Discussion
<p>Cash Strategy</p>	<p>The cash strategy draft puts together the action plans that have been agreed in the Nov 2013 workshop and further elaborated in Dec 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → A plan for 2014 divided in major areas has been circulated; big objectives for 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerability criteria • Common assessment and monitoring tools • Trainings and learning • Common advocacy issues • Targeting Jordanians • Reporting on our gender commitments • Need to talk about more sustainable future instead of talking about livelihoods. → Volunteers to work on specific areas of interest; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICFC – PU-AIM: vulnerability criteria, common assessment and monitoring tools • Oxfam – DRC-Acted: other modalities • DRC: best practices • CARE: methodology <p>If any organisation is interested in working in a particular area please contact Kate Washington (kate.washington@jo.care.org) and Angeliki Panagoulia (cc: panagoul@unhcr.org).</p>
<p>Standard criteria</p>	<p>Standardized figures for project submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Household size – the average household size is set and maintained at five (5) → Sizing (levels of assistance) – the average of 150 JD per household for regular cash assistance and 100 JD for urgent cash assistance will be used. → Criteria – the existing CWG set of vulnerability criteria is to be used → The recommended duration of cash assistance is set to be six (6) months. <p>The full overview (standard) is available on the portal</p>
<p>Winterisation</p>	<p>Mapping of activities-Winterization dashboard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Last dashboard dated 16 Dec has been circulated; for any comments or corrections please contact Angeliki Panagoulia (panagoul@unhcr.org). → The coverage has reached the 217.145 individuals; we still have a gap between the actual implementation and the planned activities. In some cases the activities haven't been implemented or agencies haven't used RAIS to identify the beneficiaries. → Revision of the projections that have been scaled up is necessary and use of RAIS to identify the beneficiaries and provide the assistance. → If you face any technical problems or if you need access to the module please contact Murad, for any additional information or additional training please contact Angeliki Panagoulia (panagoul@unhcr.org)
<p>Vulnerability criteria</p>	<p>Recent developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → On 12 Jan 2014 a meeting with the donors will take place to explore what their expectations are from the vulnerability framework discussions → In Jan the INGO forum meeting will take place in order for the NGOs to nominate their representatives in the Steering Committee.

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AOB	<p>1. Monthly reporting is essential for 2014 (RRP6 requirement)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ The information to update the dashboard will come from the Activity Info. ➔ A monitoring tool is on the process of development. ➔ Trainings will be released for the new DB. <p>2. Targeting of Jordanians; practices by NGOs (to be further developed under the CWG strategy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Care-DRC and Save the children receive lists of Jordanian families entitled to receive assistance by NAF. ➔ ACTED: works with development units in different governorates; they receive lists of Jordanians and verify by home visits.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Next CASH meeting will take place on 20 Jan 2014 at 15:00 at UNHCR BO – large conference room 1st floor.