

**Minutes of Protection Working Group  
10 August 2016  
Gaziantep**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Summary of Discussions</b>	<b>Action Point/ Time Frame</b>
<b>Welcome and overview of meeting agenda</b>	<b>PWG coordinator</b>	
<b>Follow up on action points from the last meeting</b>	<b>PWG coordinator</b>	
<b>Presentation by UNHCR Geneva-based expert on ESSN programme and its relation to the protection sector.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection in Cash-Based Interventions</li> <li>• UNHCR has a unit for cash-based intervention at HQ level.</li> <li>• CBI is to receive money or voucher to reach out the market. Such initiatives do not provide in-kind support.</li> <li>• Benefits are dignity, less negative coping mechanisms, less vulnerability to abuse, exploitation, violence, and neglect.</li> <li>• The CBI contributes to protection outcomes in the areas of SGBV, child protection, education, social cohesion, and self-reliance.</li> <li>• There are potential protection risks of CBI as well: extortion or theft, access to persons with special needs or most vulnerable, data protection (new actors such as banks and mobile companies), and social relations (increased or decreased tension)-depending on the exercise, CBI doesn't create tension among households because the amount of the money is not that big.</li> <li>• There are several documents and reports on CBI. (please kindly see the presentation)</li> <li>• A CBI was implemented in Lebanon in 2015. Key findings: to tackle child labor issue, education projects should be implemented through CBI. Another finding is the provided amount of money affects nature of the CBI.</li> <li>• E-vouchers distribution in SE Turkey: dignity and respect, and</li> </ul>	<b>UNHCR to share details of CBI workshop and interested agencies to confirm their participation.</b>

	<p>preference for unrestricted cash for choice, dignity, and flexibility to avoid certain stores.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lessons learnt: Jordan- cash and gender discussion groups can decrease domestic violence. Also the cash has short term lifesaving affect but it should be supported by PSS activities and discussion groups.</li> <li>• Synopsis: generally there are positive protection results There are no dramatic effects on gender relations; cash alone does not empower. -Risks are generally related with programme design. -Lack of risk analysis</li> <li>• Key recommendations -Consult the UNHCR Guide for Protection in CBIs -Analyze context-specific protection risks and benefits. -Determine if protection risks and benefits are specific to CBIs and identify how CBIs can contribute to addressing the issues -Monitor changes in protection risks and benefits.</li> <li>• There will be a workshop on CBI by UNHCR HQ. The date and timing will be shared.</li> <li>• Question by Refugee Rights Turkey: How we can tackle the issues once CBI ends; specifically for child labor cases? How we can ensure sustainability? UNHCR: Connection with livelihoods may alleviate this problem.</li> </ul>	
<b>Update on PWG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR has been working on improving PWG recently. As the main aim is to be result oriented, UNHCR brought a specialist from Amman on coordination and asked for his help. The WG is quite big so it is important to share information, updates, gaps, and challenges. Then UNHCR can advocate with local authorities and other stakeholders to address the issues. It was decided to keep PWG as it is. The members are invited to share issues and good practices with the rest of the group. Every</li> </ul>	<b>Partners shall share comments as to the functioning of the PWG as the expert's report is not yet out.</b>

	<p>agency has to provide presentation on their activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DRC will help PWG to map services; they will employ an IT staff to be present for PWG.</li> <li>• During February, all partners there were many recommendations on child labor, CCs etc. in order to address those, small committees was formed. The first committee composed of IMC, UNFPA, DRC, ASAM, Care, STL, and IOM had a meeting. For Community Centres, a workshop was conducted in Hatay. STL is the focal point. UNHCR will be responsible for capacity building and advocacy with government. DRC will handle mapping of the services. The committees/focal points will report to the working group members.</li> <li>• Also co-lead issue was discussed during February workshop. It was agreed that DRC will co-lead the PWG meetings.</li> </ul>	
<b>Update on the 3Ws mapping plans by DRC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DRC said they will initially provide information management support – a staff member of DRC to make things rather practical for partners.</li> </ul>	<b>UNHCR will share information on the government's efforts as to the mapping of services whenever is available.</b>
<b>IRC's presentation about the outcomes of CC/outreach workshop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR defined the different types of CCs. Then IOM briefed about AAP.</li> <li>• The workshop was followed with group work (Feedback &amp; complaint mechanism, Host Community Engagement / "Inclusion"/Peaceful co-existence, Dissemination of Information without duplication, Outreach Programme/Outreach-mapping, roles of outreach &amp; structure): Each group tried to have minimum standards/checklist and they shared good practices. There will be a workshop report which will reflect results and some recommendations. UNHCR will compile and share.</li> </ul>	
<b>UNHCR's Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR has been advocating for the registration of most vulnerable cases and new-born babies. Currently, most vulnerable people and new born babies can be registered.</li> </ul>	

	<p>PGMM wants individuals to approach them with relevant documents without any referral mechanisms. Self-referrals are encouraged. Vulnerable individuals who are in need of urgent provision of services can approach to PDMMs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is legislative development because of the state of emergency. The humanitarian actors should be vigilant. Although the detention duration is 30 days, it is not a martial law. The humanitarian actors should monitor their staff and beneficiaries. New regulation says medical intervention can be done against perpetrators of sexual abuse and child abuse.</li> <li>• New regulation of labour force which replace work permit law. Law on international labour force. Article six and article 18 are under our interest. Work permit can be received after six months receiving TP ID.</li> <li>• 46 agencies get accreditation in SE turkey to provide services to refugees</li> </ul>	
<b>ASAM to inform about provincial level case management discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last meeting was held at IOM to discuss challenges and gaps.</li> <li>• Next meeting, they will discuss referral and service mapping at Malumat office on 29 August.</li> </ul>	
<b>IMPR's Update on Work Permit Fraud</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMPR has a work permit office in Gaziantep and they are in touch with all beneficiaries. They are visiting employers and employees and during those visits they found out about fraud cases. Language barrier and lack of information caused the fraud. A group of accountants has been telling refugees that work permit costs. Also they were informing refugees that if they ask for I/NGOs' support, they will not get work permission.</li> </ul>	<b>All members and agencies to inform refugees who approach their offices about this issue.</b>
<b>Updates from I/NGOs on Protection Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNICEF mentioned that</b> child protection sub-working group's first meeting will take place on 24 August at 14:00 o'clock. The venue is UN House. Agencies to send their comments on ToRs before the meeting.</li> <li>• IOM mentioned that since March they conducted four workshops on case management and SNFs. They discussed minimum standards to write SOPs for case management and</li> </ul>	<p><b>All agencies to send their comments on ToRs of Child Protection Sub-Working Group before the meeting.</b></p> <p><b>IBC to share information about their new center and</b></p>

	<p>SNFs. The next meeting will be on 10 August to discuss many issues including referral mechanisms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handicap International's Inclusion Programme organized a one day workshop with some agencies. The aim was to share good practices of inclusion. They conducted several FGDs on community based approach, committees etc. They would like to share the report.</li> <li>• YUVA is planning to start their project with IMC on PSS, outreach and protection in Istanbul and Konya. It will start in September.</li> <li>• IOM has new staff who will be focusing on counter-trafficking. She will get in touch with all agencies for information and experience sharing.</li> <li>• AAR Japan starts a mental health programme; group and individual sessions will be provided.</li> <li>• IBC recently opened a women's center in Islahiye where they can provide vocational training, language courses to target Syrian and Turkish women.</li> <li>• UNHCR has been receiving many training requests as they received in 2015. In order to handle high volume of trainings, there will be a ToT workshop on 19-22 September. The agencies are asked to provide accommodation to their staff. The language of instruction is English. The agenda will include international protection, child protection, community based protection and case management. UNHCR disseminated a format to identify gaps and challenges but none of the agencies provide inputs.</li> <li>• Malumat will organize a thematic info fair which focus on work permit, job opportunities, and vocational courses. The details and agenda will be shared.</li> <li>• Refugee Rights Turkey is based in Istanbul and they provide legal assistance to the refugees. In Gaziantep, they provided trainings to lawyers in cooperation with Bar Association, they</li> </ul>	<p><b>The WG coordinator to disseminate among members.</b></p> <p><b>UNHCR to disseminate information of ToT.</b></p> <p><b>All members to share gaps and challenges format or mail to UNHCR</b></p> <p><b>Malumat and HI to do a presentation on their recent activities.</b></p>
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	<p>will visit Yazidi camps. In addition to that they are now partnering with DRC to monitor Greece border, they also provided support refugees in detention centres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMPR has 8 women's centre and they have an SNF project. Also they will be opening first youth centre of Urfa in September.</li> </ul>	
<b>Participants</b>	<p><b>AAR Japan, ABA ROLI, ASAM, Care International, Concern Worldwide, DRC, GIZ, GOAL Turkey, Handicap International, IMC, IMPR Humanitarian, IOM, IRC, Malumat, Refugee Rights Turkey, RET, Syria Relief Network, YUVA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, WHH</b></p>	
	<p><b>Next meeting will be on 12 October, at 10:00, at Grant Hotel</b></p>	