

Cash-based Intervention Technical Working Group

CBI TWG Monthly Meeting Minutes

20 November 2017

Gaziantep

Chaired by: WFP, UNHCR, and CARE

Hosted by: WFP

Participants: WFP, CARE, UNHCR, WHH, WATAN, ASAM, UNDP

Agenda:

- Introduction and welcome
- Review of the action points of the previous meeting
- Update on the Cash Gap Analysis and 13/14 July Workshop: next steps
- Briefing on the common restrictions on IPA assistance proposed in last Protection Assistance TF meeting and discussion on convergence
- Presentation of the CBI decision tree
- A.O.B.

Summary of Action Points

- ✓ WFP to coordinate the report on the findings of the first day of the 13-14 July workshop (i.e. Recommendations to leverage existing protection programming in facilitating the access to ESN) with TRC and, in turn, government partners / Deadline: 28 November (tentative)
- ✓ UNHCR to review the report on the findings of the second day of the 13-14 July workshop (i.e. Recommendations related to targeting in the Turkish context) and, after consultation with government partners, circulate it to the ISWG / Deadline: 08 December (tentative)
- ✓ ISWG coordinator to include presentation on the findings of the second day of the 13-14 July workshop and proposed next steps on the next ISWG meeting agenda / Deadline: 15 December (tentative)
- ✓ CBI-TWG to advise the PATF on: government social assistance and protection schemes, incl. values; the base rent cost in southeastern provinces; the latest SET MEB; data on the costs related to procuring assistive devices (max. cost) / Deadline: 10 December
- ✓ TWG coordinators to draft and circulate 2018 CBI-TWG work plan and include a discussion on the work plan on the next meeting's agenda / Deadline: 10 December
- ✓ TWG coordinators to actively pursue the participation of key CBI actors (TRC, Japan NGO platform, IOM, UNICEF, SCI and others, as applicable) for the next CBI TWG meeting

1. Introduction and welcome

- The TWG Coordinators welcomed participants and introduced Bahodur Umarov as a new WFP TWG co-coordinator. Huge thanks to Siobhan Simojoki for her great impact on TWG activities over the past eight months.

2. Review of the action points of the previous meeting

Following a brief tour de table, WFP revisited the action points of the previous meeting, as follows:

- CBI-TWG coordinators to provide the CBI-TWG with a thorough de-brief on CGA workshop
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outcomes at the next meeting, highlighting follow up actions/analysis required or requested from the working group. **Status: Complete** (TWG coordinators provided a briefing under the meeting's third agenda item).

- CBI-TWG members to share feedback on the Cash Modality Decision Tree, after which IOM will work toward its finalization. **Status: Finalized.** TWG coordinators will invite IOM to the next meeting to deliver a presentation on decision tree.
- WFP to follow up with other partners implementing CBI in Turkey, including IOM and UNICEF, to encourage their active participation in TWG meetings going forward. **Status: Ongoing.** TWG members further agreed to explore opportunities involve other partners delivering cash assistance (e.g. TRC, PARCIC, etc).
- WFP to follow up with TRC to determine the minimum information required to cross-check winter beneficiaries against ESSN recipients. **Status: Finalized.** The matrix with minimum information requirements was circulated.
- The WFP TWG Coordinator to share a soft copy the GTS questionnaire with CBI-TWG members. **Status: Finalized.** WFP noted that GTS has advised that data collection is now complete, and the findings of the report will be available within the coming few weeks.
- CBI-TWG members to provide feedback/suggestions on the questionnaire to WFP, for onward submission to GTS. **Status: Finalized.**
- In order to ensure TRC is prepared to manage the increased workload associated with cross-checking winter beneficiary lists, NGOs to advise, through the winter taskforce, on their expected timelines for sharing of data. (WFP to follow up with the winter taskforce). **Status: Ongoing.** The request was shared with Winterization TF members several times and is pending their feedback.
- WHH to share their criteria for selection of beneficiaries of CBI assistance in Maras. **Status: Finalized.** The selection criteria was provided by WHH and shared with TWG members.
- WFP to consult the TSI regarding the inclusion of children aged 15-17 in the calculation of the youth unemployment rate and share feedback with the CBI-TWG. **Status: Finalized.** WFP circulated references to existing legislation and methodologies via email.
- WFP to explore the possibility of sharing graphs illustrating trends in key macroeconomic indicators since the onset of the Syria crisis. **Status: Finalized.**
- WFP to consult UNHCR and other agencies represented on the STF to determine whether there is any data available on the unemployment rate among refugees in Turkey. **Status: Pending.**

3. Update on the Cash Gap Analysis and 13/14 July Workshop: next steps

- TWG Coordinators provided an update on the Cash Gap Analysis and 13-14 July workshop, noting that, following the workshop, some delays had been encountered due to the need to consult the government on the findings and recommendations. To this end, based on the workshop, two separate documents have been prepared: one on the first day of discussion, which focused on leveraging existing programming to support vulnerable households to access the ESSN; and another on the second day of discussion, which examined ways to target vulnerable households in the Turkish context. WFP is collaborating with TRC to consult the government on the first document, while UNHCR is leading on the second.
- WFP noted that it is expected to take several more weeks to obtain the official green light to circulate the report on ways to leverage existing programming to facilitate access to the ESSN, after which relevant stakeholders may review the recommendations and develop an action/work plan to ensure their timely implementation. UNHCR, in turn, noted that after the report on targeting methodologies has been reviewed and endorsed, it will be circulated to the ISWG to ensure that all relevant actors (BN, PRT, etc.) are included in pursuant discussions.

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4. Briefing on the common restrictions on IPA assistance proposed in last Protection Assistance TF meeting and discussion on convergence

- At the TWG Coordinators invitation, CARE and UNHCR delivered a presentation on Individual Protection Assistance (IPA) actions and assistance guidelines (attached). It was noted that the PATF has developed draft guidelines on actions and assistance to be provided under the IPA programme, and that all IPA support shall be based upon protection risk analysis and linked to a specific protection outcome (a primary difference between IPA and SNF);
- According to the draft guidelines, IPA will include a range of assistance, including referrals, accompaniment, transportation, rent and other accommodation support, the provision of assistive devices, medical treatment, core relief items (cash and in-kind), document issuance fees, translation, and legal and information counselling. The guidelines outline proposed restrictions and limitations for each type of assistance.
- PATF coordinators requested the CBI-TWG feedback on the guidelines, and, in particular, requested that the CBI-TWG i) advise on the base rent cost per province in southeast Turkey for families of 5-6 people (as well as the added cost, per head, for larger families); ii) share the latest SET MEB. It was also suggested that members share existing data on costs related to protection assistance (e.g. assistive devices) to determine the maximum amount to be spent on each type of assistance without prior donor approval.
- CBI TWG members suggested that comparable GoT social protection and social assistance schemes would provide a useful guide on the appropriate assistance value in different cases, and agreed to share this information with the PATF. Where individuals or households do not match the profiles of those who are receive social assistance or protection in Turkey, the assistance value should match the ESSN (120 TL / month).
- It was suggested that the ISWG, in collaboration with the PATF, develop guidance on the differences between IPA and SNF (including coverage, differences between two programmes, etc.).

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5. Presentation of the CBI decision tree

- The presentation of the CBI decision tree was postponed to the next meeting due to absence of IOM partners.

6. AOB

- TWG members agreed to draft and circulate the 2018 CBI-TWG work plan and include a discussion on the work plan on the agenda of the next meeting.
- Next meeting: 15 December 2017 (tentative).