

# Cash-based Intervention Technical Working Group

## CBI TWG Monthly Meeting Minute

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Gaziantep

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**Hosted by:** WFP

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**Agenda:**

- **Welcome and review of action points from the previous meeting**
- **Update on initial CBI mapping results**
- **Definition of 'Cash for Emergency' and decision tree for reporting its reporting**
- **Update on the ESSN implementation and plans for 2018**
- **AOB (Update on the CGA and 13/14 July Workshop, CBI TWG page in CaLP)**

### Summary of Action Points

- ✓ TWG coordinators to follow-up bilaterally with actors who are running cash-programmes and did not provide their feedback to the mapping exercise yet. **Deadline: 15 April.**
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- ✓ TWG coordinators share with partners the link to page of CBI TWG in CaLP web-site as well as the announcement of the up-coming CaLP training in Gaziantep. **Deadline: 23 March 2018.**
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### 1. Welcome and review of the action points of the previous meeting

The TWG Coordinators welcomed participants. UNHCR revisited the action points from the previous meeting, as follows:

- TWG co-chairs to circulate the link to CBI Decision tree and CBI Protection Risk matrix and their PDF/Word versions among the partners. **Completed**
  - IOM to continue amending the CBI decision tree based on comments/feedback received from partners. **Ongoing**
  - TWG co-chairs to share CBI related indicators under 3RP 2018 with relevant sector coordinators asking for additional details. **Pending, needs to be followed-up by TWG chairs.**
  - CBI TWG coordinators launch the online mapping exercise. **Completed. The review of the initial results is in agenda of today's meeting**
  - TWG coordinators to send invitation to BN WG members to nominate an NGO for Technical Advisor of the CBI TWG along with the ToRs for reference. **Completed. No response is received.**
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## 2. Update on initial CBI mapping results

- WFP presented the initial results of the online CBI mapping in Turkey. The initiative has been carried out by the CBI TWG chairs from 8 to 20 March, 2018. The primary objective of the exercise was to collect the data on cash-based programmes and projects being implemented in Turkey to:
  - identify possible gaps and overlaps;
  - compare the CBI approaches across different sectors;
  - map the modalities, transfer mechanisms and geographical coverage of the CBI programmes.
- The total of 26 responses were received through the online tool from 14 UN agencies and I/NGOs. The number of programmes/ projects after exclusion of duplications was equal to 21.
- The main findings were listed as follows:
  - ✓ BN and LH are the main sectors where the CBI is implemented (10 and 6 programmes respectively)
  - ✓ Most of the programmes (74%) are currently on-going
  - ✓ Only two programmes include vulnerable members of host communities (i.e. Turkish citizens)
  - ✓ Programmes are mostly implemented in SET (43%), and there are five programmes implemented nationwide
  - ✓ 62% of CBI is unconditional; and 52% are unrestricted
  - ✓ Almost half of the CBI are provided on monthly basis
  - ✓ PTT cards and e-vouchers are the most frequent transfer mechanisms (each 33%)
  - ✓ There's no common definition of the 'emergency cash'
- The results show that the transfer value is mostly identified per individual, and differs based on type of intervention, sector, etc. from 35 up to 1600 TL. No significant harmonization of amounts within the sectors was observed.
- Despite the fact that majority of actors (71%) indicated that they provide the 'emergency cash', there is no a clear and common agreement in definition and understanding of '**What the emergency cash is?**' Respondents referred to different interventions provided under Case management, Food e-voucher, IPA, etc. as an 'emergency cash' assistance.
- Partners agreed upon the following next steps:
  - a. Continue reaching out to actors to identify more CBI programmes going on in Turkey
  - b. More in-depth analysis of CBI programmes within each sector (especially LH and BN)
  - c. Efforts to enhance common understanding of the 'emergency cash' across the sectors and actors
  - d. Collect the data related to the volume of the interventions (budget) in order to estimate the amount of CBI in Turkey across the sectors.

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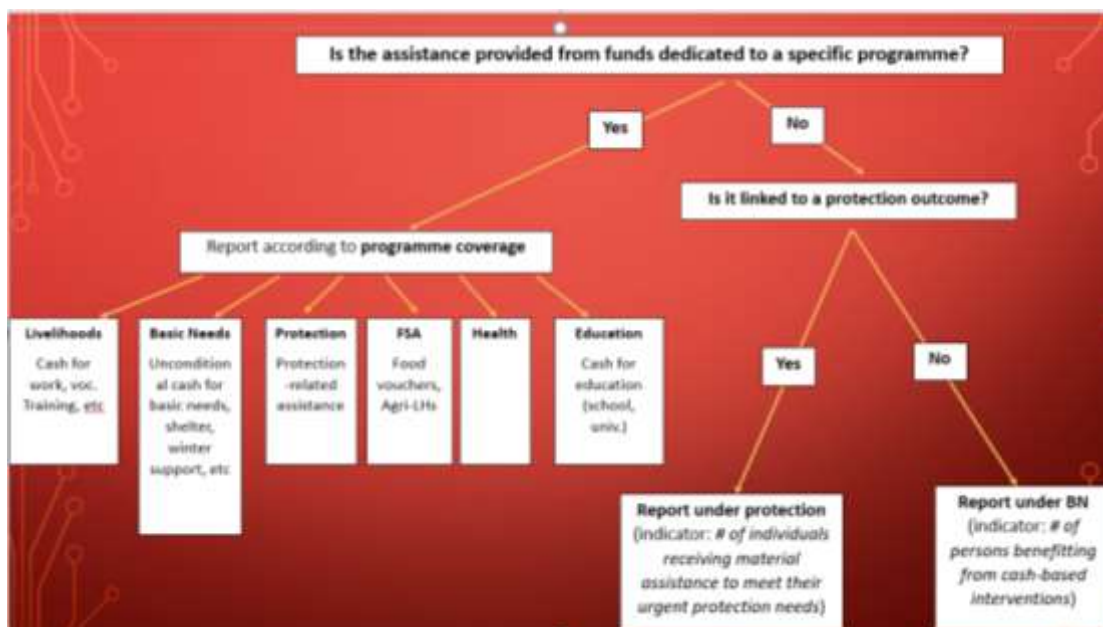
### 3. Definition of 'Cash for Emergency' and decision tree for its reporting

- UNHCR presented the draft definition of the 'cash for emergency' and the proposed decision tree for its reporting. It was highlighted that the request to provide the technical advice regarding this issue was received from the BN WG, where some partners extend different types of assistances in urgent cases, which initially can be reported under various sectors.

- Based on the results obtained from the CBI mapping survey it was understood that there is no a general and clear understanding of the 'emergency cash'. The proposed definition is an attempt to come out with a single definition for these type of the assistances taking into account their main characteristics:

***"The provision of one-off (or extemporary) cash assistance to individuals or households, as a relief intended to meet immediate and emergent needs for basic items or services, provided from the funds not allocated for a specific programme."***

- These kind of activities can be reported in AI under BASIC NEEDS sector (indicator 1.2.1: # of persons benefitting from cash-based interventions), but if provided to address an urgent immediate protection case, the reporting should be done under PROTECTION sector (indicator 2.1.3 - # of individuals receiving material assistance to meet their urgent protection needs).
- The main characteristics of this intervention includes:
  - ✓ Provided only one-off
  - ✓ Covers immediate/urgent needs
  - ✓ Covered from funds not allocated for any specific programme
  - ✓ May include a wide range of assistances, when assisting under more relevant programme requires longer time or not possible (pre-assessments, requirements, etc).
  - ✓ The initial assessment of the case is not based on criteria, but more on individual and subjective approach
- Based on the proposed definition, the decision may look as per below graph, where the first step includes the identification of whether the intervention was covered from funds under a specific programme. If yes, then the reporting should be done through the relevant sector.



- Partners proposed that the absence of the common understanding in this issue may also relate to the use of the term of 'emergency cash', and that one of the possible ways to address this, is to change the name of this category of assistances. For example, 'Assistance provided in urgent cases' may reflect better the nature of these interventions. It was also agreed to continue discussion around this with sectors sector leads in the next IS WG meeting.

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## **4. Update on the ESN implementation and plans for 2018**

- TRC provided a brief on the plans to start the provision of the additional assistance for severely disabled people under ESN programme. The SASF allowance for vulnerable households who doesn't meet the ESN demographic criteria is another assistance, which is also planned to be covered through the programme. The consultations continue with the line ministries and governmental institutions, mostly covering the identification of the relevant cases and changes required to be introduced in the system. The ongoing discussions also cover the harmonization of the socio-economic criteria for targeting of the beneficiaries to provide the SASF allowance.

## **5. AOB**

### **a) Update on the CGA and 13/14 July 2017 Workshop**

- In July, 2017 the CBI TWG, the BNWG and the Protection WWG organized a workshop to discuss the findings of the CGA analysis produced by CBI TWG. The main outcome of the workshop were the following two documents:
  - Recommendations on Leveraging Existing Protection Programming to Facilitate Access to ESN;
  - CBI Targeting methodologies to assist refugees in Turkey.
- WFP informed that the report from the Day 1 (i.e. Recommendations on Leveraging Existing Protection Programming to Facilitate Access to ESN) is currently translated and pending the endorsement of the line-ministry.
- UNHCR is currently finalizing the revision of the structure of the Day 2 report (CBI Targeting methodologies to assist refugees in Turkey). It was proposed that after final endorsement both reports can be combined under one document with common introduction and content. At the same time the option to download chapters/reports separately will still remain.

### **b) CBI TWG page in CaLP**

- TWG chairs informed partners that after a pause in 2017, the page of the CBI TWG in CaLP web-site is again being updated and currently all the materials and products of the TWG are available at:  
<http://www.cashlearning.org/coordination/turkey-cash-working-group>
- It was also announced that the Cash Learning Platform (CaLP) will be conducting the Core CTP Skills for Programme Staff training in Gaziantep, on 9th - 13th April 2018. This core skills for CTP course is structured around the project cycle and covers all of the key skills and competences required to design, implement and monitor cash transfer programmes.

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**Next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (tentative) in Gaziantep.**