

CASH TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

Wednesday, 25 September 2019 at 14:00 - WFP Conference Room, Kampala, Uganda
Minutes of Meeting

Attendance: ACF, ACTED, AVSI, Barclays Bank, CARE, CASHCAP, CESVI, DCA, DFID, DRC, ECHO, Embassy of Ireland, FCA, Finnish Refugee Council, FSD Uganda, LWF, NRC, Opportunity International, OXFAM, PHB Development, PRM, Save the Children, Uganda Red Cross, UNDP, UNHCR, USAID, WFP, World Vision

Agenda:

1. Welcome and follow-up from July meeting
2. Update on the Joint price monitoring – WFP
3. Discussion on Child headed household and cash
4. Financial Literacy Capacity Development Project presentation and Operational Support – PHB Development/WFP
5. Any other business
 - Update from the Connectivity working group – UNHCR
 - Snapshot from the VENA team – REACH
 - Knowledge and practice capacity gap assessment survey – CashCap
 - Presentation and discussion on the CBI dashboard – CashCap

Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
Welcome and follow-up from July meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SCC financial inclusion working group: A financial inclusion group has been set up by the Smart Communities Coalition. This is a public-private partnership (https://www.mastercard.us/en-us/governments/find-solutions/smart-communities.html) the group is covering both Kenya and Uganda, and are currently meeting up via internet. They are currently doing a mapping of the financial inclusion project in the country in addition to planning a Financial Service provider mapping, with emphasis on what the different solutions and combination of solutions the FSP are able to deliver. In charge of the latter is DCA in Kenya. - All the partners to send the coordinator their latest document that can be of relevance for others; any kind of assessments, PDM reports, gap analysis, etc. If you 	

	<p>don't want to share it widely, it is possible to give the name of the report and the partners can contact you to get either the report or a summary of the findings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Education in Emergencies Cash task force will share their position paper before next meeting 	
Update on the Joint price monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report provides food and non-food item price data collected from Kyaka II, Kiryandongo, Rhino Camp, Adjumani, Bidibidi, Imvepi, Koboko/Lobule, Palabek, Palorinya, Oruchinga, Rwamwanja, Kyangwali and Nakivale settlements for the month of July 2019. <p><i>Key Highlights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The price of non-food items is relatively similar across all the settlements - It was difficult to find a single brand available in all the settlements. Prices may therefore be of different brands of the same item. - The report only provided price data. Trend analysis and analysis of household ability to meet essential needs will be presented after gap analysis from VENA. 	Any further comments on the price monitoring report to be sent to Joseph
Discussion on Child headed households and cash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child headed households and unaccompanied minors need special considerations in receiving assistance (Cash/in-kind food) to avoid exposing them to various protection risks including possible diversion of assistance by caretakers. - WFP is currently working with the with UNHCR on Child Protection guidelines for General Food Assistance which also include considerations for cash distributions to CHH and should be discussed together with general SOPs / guidance for cash programming for child headed household. - In the absence of the child protection colleagues in the meeting; the Coordinator will reach out to them to discuss a possible task force on Child protection and cash. The task force should focus on guidelines/SOP for harmonization of inclusion of CHH in cash programming. 	Reach out to the Child Protection working group to discuss a possibility to convene a task force on Child protection and cash.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first phase of testing of the financial literacy training curriculum was successful with considerable feedback received from partners - The curriculum is a foundation course for basic skills in financial literacy - It entails 2 hours per session and taking place twice a week 	

<p>Financial Literacy Capacity Development Project presentation and Operational Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The expectation is for the trained households to become models for behaviour change within their communities - No monetary or material rewards are attached to the programme - Programme employs a participatory approach <p>Pilot 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three locations (Rwamwanja, Kiryandongo and Nakivale settlements) - 3 trainers - 6 groups (2 participants per household) <p>Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small but significant changes in rebuilding confidence, promoting family cohesion, change in character and ability to imagine the future <p>Pilot 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 locations (Rwamwanja, Kiryandongo and Nakivale settlements) - 30 trainers - 600 participants <p>Selection/Enrolment of participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Cash beneficiary households <p>Tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The training tools are in 3 languages (Kinyabwisha, Kiswahili and Arabic) <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding drivers for participation as well as monitoring the household situation is key in determining any outcomes of the programme. The training should also be linked to other initiatives. The humanitarian work should be linked to cover basic need; this programme seems to go beyond this objective. - If any Partners operating in Nakivale, Rwamwanja or Kyriandongo is interested to participate in the capacity building project please reach out to PHB. They are looking for organizations that can dedicate staff to form a group of 30 trainers per settlement. 	<p>WFP to recirculate the email to partners soliciting for more volunteer trainers in the three settlements</p>
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<p>AOB</p>	<p>Update from the Connectivity working group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Network coverage in the refugee settlements - 2G at 82% and 3G at 75% on Medium to high signal strength. The mobile network operators is territorial, have divided themselves between different settlement. The connectivity group is trying to address roaming services between the mobile operators. - The UCC has new licensing rules; all national operators needs to have 100% coverage in the country if they want to hold their license as national carriers. By 2021 they need to adhere to this regulations. - In 2020, the strategy is to have 2G at 100% and 3G at 80% - A detailed map of the coverage has been developed together with GSMA. - Mobile money transactions require 2G network while banks and POS terminals would require internet access which entails 3G. - National mobile phone penetration is 43% - Cost of phone, cost of airtime and charging options being the major barriers to mobile phone ownership - Change in KYC requirement allows refugees to use attestation letter as a legal document for identity and can thus be used to register a mobile sim <p>Future Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees will access sim cards as nationals - Connectivity for refugees will be part of the National development plan <p>Snapshot from the VENA team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data collection is almost completed, only three settlements left. More details will be shared in the assessment technical working group on Tuesday. - The CWG is inviting members willing to support the analysis of the market assessment component of the VENA to reach out. <p>Skills and knowledge gap report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report will be shared with CWG - Capacity training opportunities will be discussed with Calp. 	<p>Skills and knowledge gap report to be shared with CWG</p>
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	<p>Presentation and discussion on the CBI dashboard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Q2 cash dashboard was presented with some changes; the main change is to highlight the number of households receiving any form of cash-based assistance. The data in the dashboard is coming from the partner's registration in Activityinfo.- If you see that organization is not listed in the dashboard, please reach out to the IM team at UNHCR.- Any suggestion for amendments to the dashboard is welcomed.	
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