

Regional Cash Working Group (CWG) Ukraine Refugee Situation

[11 May 2022 - Meeting Minutes and Action Items](#)

Chair: IFRC (Emma Delo, Cash Hub)

Participants:

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Action Items

Local capacity strengthening

- Regional CWG members to share training plans and any materials (especially those in local languages) with CaLP for the Cash Learning Hub.
- CaLP will conduct a pre-training online survey with different audiences to clarify training needs, look at what CaLP have already in terms of materials as well as potential funding for any training support.
- Invitation for CaLP to provide same update and session for the Ukraine CWG.

National CWG ask and regional CWG matrix

- UNHCR to update the matrix separating out the national CWG ask and regional coordination and coherence activities.
- UNCHR to upload the matrix to a SharePoint or similar and share back to the national CWG for prioritisation and to the regional CWG.
- Regional CWG members to 1) add any regional and country documents to the SharePoint e.g. technical guidance, 3Ws, 4Ws, PDMs etc and 2) add organisational info into the ongoing actions section of the matrix.
- Matrix to be tabled back to the regional CWG at the next meeting(s) to prioritise those activities the regional CWG can support.

Meeting Minutes

1) The [minutes from the 27 April meeting](#) were reviewed and endorsed.

2) Local capacity strengthening – CaLP

CaLP are in the process of receiving information from organisations about their planned learning and development initiatives and asked members to share their plans (both now and after the meeting) and thoughts around the current and emerging training needs from the neighbouring country responses.

IFRC, UNHCR, IoM, WVI, MercyCorps highlighted that to date the majority of training has focused on the operational need, with tailored training by the programme based on the design of that programme and any internal organisational processes. Several members noted that more general humanitarian training had also been provided on various areas and themes.

IFRC noted that mentor support is likely to be needed and effective given the likely scale up of staff and volunteers for the current and longer-term response.

All members noted an interest in opportunities to provide inter-agency trainings that could supplement the more specific programmatic ones being delivered. CaLP clarified that it would be good to be clear on what is needed and there followed a short discussion about the training needs as well as the potential value of an inter-agency cash helpdesk, monitoring approach as well as a training for mentors programming.

The members agreed that the next step would be to talk to the national CWGs in neighbouring countries as well as the Ukraine CWG, to understand what's needed and already available. CaLP committed to take forward the thinking on how to do this more systematically, potentially through a survey and also to look at what CaLP already have. For example, CaLP also have an [Across Organisational Mentoring Programme](#).

It was noted that funding may be required for any inter-agency training and capacity building approach.

3) 13.30 – 13.50 - Update on feedback from national level CWGs and the matrix being developed – UNHCR

UNHCR provided an update of the consolidated table of themes and issues raised during the consultations with the national CWGs of the neighbouring countries. Much progress is already in place but there remain some areas of work that the regional CWG could support with.

IFRC suggested that the table could be better clarified by separating the 'ask' to the regional CWG from the national CWGs and the aspects that relate more specifically to regional coordination.

CRS noted that once the table was complete, it would be beneficial to share this back to the national CWG for their final feedback and ensure the ask is well defined and also prioritised (low/medium/high) from their perspective. This will of course help with prioritisation of support by the regional CWG.

It was agreed that the table would be updated and then UNHCR would share the link with all members to update from their organisations perspective in terms of ongoing work. It would also be tabled at the upcoming regional CWG meetings with a view to decide where support can be mobilised and prioritised. NRC suggested the regional CWG prioritise 1 or 2 pieces of work to ensure that these can be delivered in a timely and quality way. There was general agreement to look for those activities that could be done quickly and simply and that would bring the greatest benefits for national CWGs.

4) AOB

- The [Cash for Protection Taskforce](#) established to support the Ukraine regional response offered to attend a future regional CWG meeting which was welcomed. They also shared some resources: bi-monthly Fact Sheets ([1](#), [2](#) and [3](#)) and a [live map](#). They also shared that they are planning to conduct an inter-agency training towards the end of September.
- The regional CWG members agreed to amend the meeting frequency of meetings to be every two weeks from now.