

Cash Working Group – Poland

Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 3:00 PM – online + in person, UNHCR Country Office in Warsaw

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Agenda:

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Meeting minutes:

Topics	
General updates	<p>1. MEB (Minimum Expenditure Basket) update:</p> <p>The co-chairs briefed the audience referring to the previous meetings and agreements, including the guidance note on the updated transfer values.</p> <p>The new transfer values will be effective from July onwards and organizations are to comply with the new transfer values. Partners having different delivery mechanisms can round (up or down) the values to multipliers of 50 to facilitate the withdrawal.</p> <p>Several organizations already stated that they started using or will use the new values (NRC in June, PAH as of August).</p> <p>2. Cash for protection – organizations shared their update on their implementation and planning for C4P:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IOM: Planning to implement the program as of July, targeting around 200 households through pre-paid card delivery mechanism.• IRC: A C4P program with case management will start in September-October in Katowice where the community center is based. The budget is confirmed, targeted around 100

households through dependency cash for families with protection risks.

- Oxfam: Will launch a pilot program at the end of June that will compensate transportation expenses for 50 refugees that want to go out of shelters in Podkarpackie Voivodeship.

Note: Any activity related to protection, whether it be cash or non-cash, should be consulted/coordinated with protection sector co-leads.

3. MSNA 2023:

- Works on the finalization of the questionnaire are in progress. Questions related to expenditure are mandatory part for all countries conducting MSNA.
- The sample design is currently under construction. 12 cities of the Union of Polish Metropolises (Białystok, Bydgoszcz, Gdańsk, Katowice, Kraków, Lublin, Łódź, Poznań, Rzeszów, Szczecin, Warszawa, Wrocław) and, simultaneously, country-wide are to be sampled.
- Data collection is planned for July (the whole month) and aims for 6,000 responses. This stage will be performed by UNHCR Protection Monitoring enumerators and IOM staff under field supervision of the Information Management units of UNHCR and IOM.

Partners willing to participate in MSNA data collection should contact UNHCR, Gokalp Arslan at arslanm@unhcr.org or Andrii Mazurenko at mazurenk@unhcr.org

4. Funding tracking reporting: Co-chairs shared the tool and informed partners on the necessity to report on funding activities every month. The data will be consolidated and presented each quarter, reported data can be found on the [RRP 2023 overview and reporting dashboard](#). **The deadline for funding reporting for Q2 is 14 July.** The partners can refer to the [RRP 2023 Refugee Funding Tracking SOP](#).

5. Program update by partners:

- IFRC and Polish Red Cross: Implementing MPCA in Bydgoszcz and Poznan. Already reached 1,500 households during the last month and will start the payments within a week. The implementation will end in August. The Polish Red Cross will finalize its MPCA in Poland.

IFRC is developing a 2-year CVA strategy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM: Will continue MPCA for 600 individuals countrywide. The current caseload will receive the old values whereas the new registered cases will receive the updated transfer values.
Harmonized PDM	<p>The co-chairs presented the common indicators for PDMs.</p> <p>It was agreed to use the PDM with agreed indicators. The recommended indicators which have been used by UNHCR.</p> <p>The objective is to create a set of common indicators to be used for PDMs by cash actors in Poland. The request for feedback will be shared by email and partners are to review and give feedback on the indicators.</p>
Training and capacity building	<p>Several sources for online and in-person training courses were presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR online learning platform: here are the different topics on online courses by UNHCR. Partners interested in these courses can share their requests with UNHCR and can register on the platform for the courses. - CALP: Facilitated courses are here. <p>CALP's CVA: The Fundamentals course is now translated into Ukrainian and Polish. The Ukrainian course is now available on CALP's Cash Learning Hub on the Kaya learning platform here, in Polish here and the English version here. The course is free of charge and provides an introduction to the basics of CVA.</p> <p>UNHCR, depending on the cost and interest, might fund the facilitated training activities in Poland for the CWG partners.</p> <p>Partners are to review and give feedback on their training needs and interest in participating by filling out the form here.</p>

Task Force updates	<p>1. <u>Deduplication TF</u>:</p> <p>Updates on RAIS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new update that enables blocking more than 1000 cases in 10 minutes on RAIS was released. - The user guide is being updated and the users are to continue using the latest version. - Report/dashboard: UNHCR received a sample of the dashboard and <u>will call for a meeting on 30 June, Friday, at 10 am with the partners</u> the following week on the reporting needs and formats. <p>Co-chairs shared the need for an agreement in the CWG for the deduplication timeframe, whether to exclude any case which received assistance at any time previously or have a threshold for exclusion. Co-chairs will share a survey on partners' input and partners are to fill out the survey by 7 July.</p> <p>2. <u>Targeting TF</u>: A draft of a document on targeting criteria was shared, pending TF partners' feedback. Followingly, the document is to be finalized and expected to be used as a guidance document for targeting MPCA in Poland.</p> <p>3. <u>Social Protection TF</u>: The survey targeting the government institutions and humanitarian actors, aiming to find out the access and challenges for access to Poland's social protection programs by Ukrainian refugees has been finalized and disseminated with government institutions, humanitarian actors, and the inter-agency for a in Poland.</p>
AOB	<p>Reporting:</p> <p>Partners are to report on ActivityInfo and the results will be presented in the upcoming meeting in July. Partners are also to update the 5W document.</p>