Cash-based Interventions Technical Working Group (CBI TWG)

National Meeting Minutes

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Review of Action Points

- **ECHO Humanitarian Implementation Plan (HIP) Consultation:** The CBI TWG Co-coordinator participated in the ECHO HIP consultation in August. Advocacy drew on the **2026 3RP Basic Needs Mid-Year Review Advocacy Note**, Ministry of Family and Social Services and TRC's latest **Social Safety Net (SSN) Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) and Intersectoral Vulnerability Study (IVS) findings**, and the UNHCR-led inter-agency **Community Pulse** survey. Key messages included:
  - Nearly **57% of vulnerable refugees are indebted** to meet food and rent costs (IVS), while vulnerable households are unable to meet approximately **60% of their basic needs** (Community Pulse).
  - **Significant needs for cash assistance persist.** Given Türkiye's functional markets and liquidity, cash remains the most feasible and preferred modality, particularly unconditional and unrestricted assistance that provides greater flexibility, unless sector-specific considerations do not require alternatives.
  - According to the **3RP Basic Needs Sector 2026 Mid-year Review** assessments, seasonal variations in needs remain significant, including the continued need for **winterisation support**.

  Additional points were shared by other organisations regarding cash and voucher assistances. Several organisations shared their observation that cash assistance remains important for individuals facing **protection risks**, including those requiring legal counselling, those at risk of GBV, as well as LGBTIQ+ individuals and persons with chronic illnesses.
- **Recent Relevant Publications:** The **5th SSN PDM Report** and the **3rd edition of the 2026 IVS** were shared.

Operational Issues

Key Findings of 2025 CVA Mapping

- **2025 CVA Mapping dashboard** is available here. Key findings, assessments and recommendations of the mapping exercise were presented during the meeting; further details are available in the relevant slides.
- The decrease in mapped CVA programmes compared with 2024 mainly reflects **continued funding constraints and the conclusion of many earthquake-related programmes** in 2024.
- The final **2025 CVA Mapping Report** is expected to be published in late August following review and feedback by CBI TWG members.
- Partners suggested reintroducing a field from the 2024 mapping to capture **implementing partners**, ensuring their visibility where UN agencies submit data on their behalf. While reporting directly by implementing organisations remains preferable, UN agencies may need to report if partners face capacity constraints, including due to high rates of staff turnover.
- Draft report is circulated along with these minutes, feedback from partners is expected by 31 August CoB.

Programme Updates

MPCA and Sectoral CVA Updates

- **GOAL:** A **12-month health-focused MPCA project with ASAM** has started in **Kayseri, Mersin and Şanlıurfa**, targeting **553 households (2,765 individuals)** affected by recent regulatory changes, including vulnerable refugees who have temporarily lost SSN assistance or access to health services. Potential beneficiaries will initially be identified through ASAM's database with a possibility of referrals, followed by additional vulnerability scoring assessments. CBI TWG guidance will inform transfer values. 2 market analyses are planned during the project, including one in February.
- **Save the Children: MPCA and a winterisation top-up** were provided to **250 households in Adıyaman** affected by the **closure of Bebek Temporary Accommodation Centre (TAC)** and relocation to urban areas. Transfer values followed the CBI TWG guidance, and **Inter-Agency CVA Deduplication Platform (ICCP)** was used for deduplication. Payments ran from **February to July**, with no further cash assistance planned for the remainder of 2026.
- **UNFPA:** Ongoing cash assistance targets **GBV survivors and individuals at risk**, with direct implementation by UNFPA and referrals accepted. Under the **Advancing Gender Equality in Partnership with Civil Society** programme, cash assistance with partner CSOs is being planned to address **GBV risk prevention, menstrual hygiene and other protection risks**, with activities expected to start in the **last quarter of 2026**.
- **IOM:** MPCA is planned for **579 households** affected by camp closures and relocating to urban areas in **Adıyaman, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Şanlıurfa**, aiming to prevent negative coping mechanisms. Households will receive **3 cash transfers through PTT**, with transfer values informed by **CBI TWG guidance**.

Presentation of a Financial Service Provider (FSP)

Givy by Innovation Consulting & Solutions (ICS)

- **Givy** was presented by **ICS** representatives as an **end-to-end digital platform for designing, delivering and monitoring CVA programmes**. Please refer to the relevant slides for further details.
- Developed and maintained by **ICS**, Givy was created in **2021 to streamline CVA delivery in Syria** and bridge humanitarian and financial systems. It is designed for humanitarian, development and social protection contexts and currently works with **6 FSPs globally**.
- **ICS has been registered as a company in Türkiye since 2019** and has worked with INGOs including Save the Children and CARE.
- In Türkiye, ICS operates as a **platform provider rather than an FSP** and therefore does not hold a payment services licence. Givy works with organisations holding the required licences and is **compliant with Türkiye's data protection requirements, including Personal Data Protection Law (KVKK)**.

Other Issues

- The next meeting is expected in **late September**, focusing on organisations' anticipated **2027 programming**.
- Next meeting is planned to include reflection from agencies regarding their 2027 cash and voucher plans.
- The CBI TWG's **updated MPCA guidance for the remainder of 2026** is expected to be prepared soon.