

Cash/Market Working Group Meeting Minutes

Date	4 May 2016
Participants:	Caritas Athens, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Samaritan Purse (SP), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Oxfam, UNHCR, MercyCorps, Hellenic Red Cross, Care Canada.
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Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome / Updates from humanitarian agencies on CTP (Melanie, CRS) 2. Presentation of the final MEB and draft "Guidance and Justification of MEB" document (Mulugeta, CRS) 3. Update on UNHCR site assessment in the North (Mamta, UNHCR) 4. NGOs Intervention in Camps (Camp access for CTPs) 5. Information sharing regarding beneficiaries served 6. AOB
Agenda item:	Update/discussions
Welcome / Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caritas Athens updated about the proposed CTP in Athens, targeting vulnerable refugees and migrants consisting of the elderly, pregnant women, sick people through referrals, and families with children, through a prepaid master card. If access to camps/sites granted, planning to do a blanket targeting. Proposed amount of transfer €90 for individuals, €290 for families. Exact location yet to be determined. ○ MercyCorps: At the final stage of preparation to rollout a CTP in three refugee/migrants camps in Lesbos. Transfer value €90 for individual and 60€ for children under the age of 6 and 70€ under the age of 18?? ○ Oxfam: Planning to implement a <i>multipurpose e-voucher</i> program in the Northeast, in Ioannina camp. They will adopt a blanket targeting, 11 months project. The vouchers will cover the needs of NFIs, hygiene kits and complimentary fresh food. Start date of implementation, as soon as possible. ○ Samaritan Purse: Completed a CTP in Chios islands and exploring funding opportunities for more CTP in Athens and Kavala. ○ Care Canada: Completed its vouchers program with a local implementing partner (Solidarity now). Exploring further options for CTP in Athens.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Danish Refugee Council (DRC): At the planning stage, exploring to do cash and vouchers in Athens. ○ Red Cross: Targeting 4000 people through CTP, €90 for individuals and €250 for households. 	
Agenda Item	Discussions	Action Points
MEB final and draft guidance and justification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRS presented the final MEB for Greece and draft narrative and justification of the MEB 	Mamta to include a section on CTP and protection, and Mulugeta to share the complete draft with the CWG for comments by 5/11/2016
Update on UNHCR site assessment in the North	<p>Update on UNHCR site assessment in the North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mamta returned from the North after cash feasibility assessment in camps. Visited 9 camps/sites in total. • Preliminary findings indicated <i>CTP is feasible</i> in all camps. • UNHCR identified three camps (Alexandria, Giannisa, Veria) for CTP. A two-phase approach recommended. • First phase mixed modality (vouchers with cash backup) • Second phase: Electronic card with limited withdrawals. This will happen once the refugees have a unique identification number, after the UNHCR/government pre-registration process. • UNHCR requested agencies planning to implement CTP in refugee camps to coordinate with UNHCR to avoid any possible duplication. UNHCR is flexible and willing to step aside and accommodate if any agency wanted to work in any of camps that UNHCR planning to intervene. 	

<p>NGOs Intervention in Camps (Camp access for CTPs)</p>	<p>Access to camps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRS updated its implementing partner (Caritas Hellas and Caritas Athens) still waiting for a confirmation from relevant government authorities to get a letter of permission to access refugees camps to start the implementing of CTP. • The CWG suggested it is a good plan to present final MEB justification and project plan to relevant camp authorities and ministry of immigration. This could help to speed up the response. • DRC asked if there has been any green light from the Government side to implement cash in Greece to support the refugee crisis. • UNHCR indicated that there has been a green light from the government but not written confirmation. 	<p>Discuss the issue of access to camps/sites at the inter-sectoral working group on 5/6/2016 (Mulu/Mamta to update this to the ISWG).</p>
<p>Information sharing regarding beneficiaries served</p>	<p>Information sharing regarding beneficiaries served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWG expressed needs for sharing of the beneficiary details to avoid duplication. • It was suggested that UNHCR should finalize the 4 W and circulate among the humanitarian agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR IM team should finalize the 4 Ws for the next CWG
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Share final MEB and justification narrative with CWG and other sectors.</p>	
<p>Next meeting May 18, 2016 3:30 PM at the Samaritan Purse office, Kleisthenous 15, Athens</p>		