



# Cash-based Intervention Technical Working Group Turkey

## CBI TWG Monthly Meeting Minute

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Ankara

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### Agenda:

#### Welcome & Review of Agenda

- 1) Review and Endorse CBI Mapping Survey (*All Participants, 20 min*)
- 2) Thematic Focus: Cash for Protection Programs in Turkey (*PWG Coordinator, 45 min*)
- 3) Work on 2020 CBI TWG Working Plan (*All Participants, 15 min*)
- 4) AOB (*5 min*)

### Action Points - Follow up Issues and Updates:

- ✓ ToR will be updated and shared with partners.

#### New Action Points from the Meeting:

- ✓ Technical training meeting on IA referral form will be planned.
- ✓ Data for CBI Mapping Survey will be collected after 3 February 2020.

### Welcome and Action Points from Previous Meeting:

#### 1. Review and Endorse CBI Mapping Survey

The CBI TWG and Inter-Agency Coordination structure introduced to the participants.

The aim of collecting data by CBI mapping survey:

- See gaps and areas to develop
- Support enhanced referrals
- Capitalize on opportunities for harmonization
- Support prevention of overlaps
- Support advocacy for CBIs

There are updates on CBI mapping Survey such as:

- Indirect transfer as a modality which is optional.
- Additional payments/top-ups added. When a regular monthly payment is selected there will be open text additional payment top-up option.

- Added a question 'Did you benefit from CBI TWG?'. If the answer is yes, 'Please share whether your benefit from' but if the answer is no 'What you expect to have CBI TWG?' questions will be asked.

There are some instructions which are:

- Ensure coordination, which means there are programs received funding and it is asked to the partners to report activities they implement. It is requested that coordinate with implementing partners.
- Each program should submit separately, survey approximately takes 15 minutes.
- If cash used as a tool in activities such as higher education grants, vocational training, these are also CBI activities.
- DSSM programs will be reported in additional payment, CCTE will be reported in the education.

Survey can be accessed through [this link](#). Data collection deadline is 28 February.

Two dashboards using the partner reported activityinfo data are presented by the co-chairs:

- **CBI – Cash Based Assistance Programs in Turkey, refer to [this link](#)**
- **Cash/In-Kind for Protection, refer to [this link](#)**

## 2. Thematic Focus: Cash for Protection Programs in Turkey

### a) UNHCR

Last week of February, there will be a protection workshop about Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP). Sectors will be invited to the workshop; details will be included in the e-mail.

### Key Considerations and Protection Mainstreaming

Protection Mainstreaming Principles are:

- Prioritize safety and avoid causing harm
- Ensure meaningful access
- Accountability to affected populations
- Participation and empowerment

Key considerations:

- Understand communities and individuals who receive service. Identify, monitor and mitigate different protection risks.
- Continuously evaluate the programs and interventions to make sure that they are still relevant and addressing the needs of communities.
- Make sure that apply to age, gender, diversity perspective to the programs.
- Collaboration between cash and protection colleagues on their areas of expertise.
- Designing complementary activities and services.
- Consideration of personal data protection.
- Make sure all cash programs have an accountability framework set-up.
- Make sure that all staff have all went through certain capacity development processes around the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

### Recommendations for Programming Protection-Sensitive CBI

- The first step before designing an event is to understand the context, assess the different protection risks and mitigation mechanism. The next step is taking different outcomes of assessments and incorporate them into the design.
- Make sure that whether there are any government public institutions programs.
- Analyze potential shifts in dynamics in consultation with communities, assess whether these shifts create, prevent or mitigate tensions within households and the community.
- Ensure modality and delivery reflected protection risks/benefits, also consider alternative delivery mechanisms for certain individuals or groups as necessary.
- Analyze potential risks of PSEA in the delivery process, engage in prevention efforts through capacity development of staff on PSEA and protection mainstreaming (including if delivery is through state mechanisms), establish accessible feedback/complaint mechanisms.
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### **Linkages between Cash and Protection:**

- Cash is a mean to achieve protection outcomes.
- To reduce harmful coping mechanisms, there is a certain understanding that cash can be utilized to mitigating the risks of negative coping mechanisms such as child marriages.
- Cash used as a mean to reduce tension between communities.

### **Examples from Turkey: IPA and SNF**

#### **IPA:**

- Specifically intended to reduce remote and prevent individual protection risks. It is used in simple time-bound intervention specifically aim to change protection outcomes for individually.

#### **SNF:**

- It does not have protection specific outcome, it is a more general issue. It is used for covering medical expenses not covered under the health implemented directions.

### **Examples from Turkey: UNHCR's SGBV Mainstreaming Project**

- The program specifically has two aspects; one targeting SGBV survivors and other target people risk of SGBV. For the assessment process of this program, the committee not only includes CBI unit but also the protection unit.
- UNHCR not only provide cash but also different opportunities for survivors such as skill development opportunities.
- There is an obligation to attend Turkish language courses. If participation up to 80% minimum, a person receives a daily basis money.

## **b) ASAM**

### **Cash assistance types in terms of sectors**

- ASAM is implementing different projects on protection, livelihoods, education, and health with different sectors and donors.

### **Emergency Budget Items**

Asam covers:

- Rent assistance for beneficiaries
- Accommodation assistance as a hotel assistance
- Inner city and inter city assistance
- Food allowance
- Cash assistance

### **Rules**

- All of the caseworkers and protection officers must conduct protection assessment. If there is any risk or vulnerabilities this is not enough for emergency cash assistance.
- Caseworkers must take into consideration 2 key point;
  - Emergency assistance as a temporary means used until more sustainable solutions are identified
  - as a tool in case management/ protection assessment.
- Generally, field workers discuss the case and emergency assistance with the protection supervisor and approval of the supervisor must be given for emergency cash assistance.
- The information about whether applicants are provided by any other assistance is necessary to identify the amount of money.
- All types of financial assistance must be documented by the relevant record
- Applicants without any identification form cannot be benefited from emergency cash assistance.

### Cases

- ASAM showed how they use cash with the example of cases and also it is highlighted that how they use cash complementarily with other practices.

### c) Useful Resources

- The presentation includes useful resources about cash and protection, it will be shared with participants.
- Sector coordinator summarized what these resources mainly focus on.
- Participants are encouraged to share if they have any resources about cash and protection.

### 3. Work on 2020 CBI TWG Working Plan

- There are continuous agenda items for meetings which are; MEB, market/economy updates, program updates and IA referral. Working groups will work on these items throughout the year.
- It is suggested that
  - Two trainings be planned for CBI TWG.
  - There might be technical training on the IA referral form, and CBI TWG members might be referred. CBI TWG may have focus on IA form.

The below plan is suggested to take place during 2020

January	March	May	August	October	December
Cash for Protection	<i>Gender Mainstreaming in CBI</i>	CBI Mapping Analysis	<i>Regional Good Practices on Cash</i>	<i>Risk Assessment and Mitigation</i>	<i>Social Protection</i>

### 4. AOB

- ToR will be updated and shared with partners.
- Two job opportunities by UNHCR and The Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) are shared with the participants.