

# Cash Working Group – Poland

## Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 3:00 PM – online + in person

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### Agenda:

- TOR update discussion
- RRP reporting / RRP 2022 results
- Duplication
- 5W document
- Themes to prioritize in 2023
- Task forces' update
- Meeting schedule of 2023

### Meeting minutes:

<b>TOR update / Themes to prioritize in 2023</b>	<p>The proposed changes to the TOR, in light of the transition from emergency, were discussed and proposed.</p> <p>The feedback related to TORs and strategic objectives is to be obtained through this <a href="#">survey</a> by the partners.</p> <p>Operations in 2023 will not be as extensive as in 2022, as 2022 was considered an emergency. In 2023, the operation will be focusing on vulnerable cases with a targeted approach for cash assistance.</p>
<b>RRP reporting / RRP 2022 results</b>	<p>The RRP reporting mechanism and the 2022 results were presented by the UNHCR IM Team.</p> <p>The RRP covers activities from January to December 2023 and has 243 different partners supporting the host governments. It has four Country Strategic Objectives, which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ensure refugees' access to protection status and rights on a non-discriminatory basis.</li><li>2. Pave the way toward solutions and expand access to social and economic opportunities to facilitate inclusion through a whole-of-society approach and in line with the Global Compact on Refugees, recognizing the critical role played by national and local actors, including NGOs and RLOs.</li><li>3. Ensure that refugees with specific needs continue to have access to targeted support and assistance, while also engaging with and strengthening community-level protective mechanisms.</li><li>4. Advance social cohesion between refugee and host communities through targeted interventions.</li></ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022 RRP <a href="#">results</a></li> <li>• 2023 Cash Activity reporting <a href="#">presentation</a></li> </ul>
<b>Duplication</b>	<p>Partners raised their concerns and issues they faced related to UNHCR’s deduplication tool, RAIS. Followingly, UNHCR will organize two training sessions on 2 March and 9 March at 2 pm for the partners on the RAIS platform, with a Q&amp;A session and reporting needs.</p> <p>For any organization to be part of the DSA and register to RAIS for deduplication, the focal point for all onboarding-related activities is Egor (Yahor) Agievcev <a href="mailto:ahiyeu@unhcr.org">ahiyeu@unhcr.org</a> and all colleagues interested should first reach out to him. The onboarding process is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The organization reaches out to Egor with their intent to be part of the RAIS and deduplication</li> <li>2. Egor shares the Data Sharing Agreement (DSA), with a one-pager to be signed by the organization</li> <li>3. The signed DSA is shared with all members of the agreement for their approval</li> <li>4. Egor notifies the organization, asking for a focal point to register in the RAIS system</li> <li>5. The focal point is given access with username, with the user guide shared, and is added to the MS Teams group for technical issues</li> <li>6. Egor reaches out to the focal point and arranges a training session for the organization</li> </ol> <p>The technical focal point for RAIS is Kashinde Hassani <a href="mailto:hassanik@unhcr.org">hassanik@unhcr.org</a> , with Mohamed Samy Elmorsi <a href="mailto:elmorsy@unhcr.org">elmorsy@unhcr.org</a> as the alternative focal point.</p> <p>An MS Teams group is created and partners having problems will share in the group (<a href="#">click to join</a>)</p>
<b>5Ws</b>	<p><a href="#">W5s</a> document was presented to the partners, with MPCA and winterization programmes to be entered and shared with the partners.</p> <p><u>It is important to note that whereas Activity Info is the official reporting tool of the CWG (of the implementation), the 5W document is for coordination (the programmes can be at any status).</u></p>
<b>Cash for rent or shelter</b>	<p>Partners were asked whether they have any plan or implementation for cash for shelter/rent. Only ADRA Polska reported their cash for rent activity.</p> <p>ADRA implements with cash for rent in around 50 locations (shelters) all over Poland, with payments being for 3 months in the amount of 2000 PLN. The main purpose of the program is to help refugees "get on their feet" in their new country without serious moral and financial consequences. Unfortunately, due to a lack of budget, the operation is reduced/closed.</p>
<b>Meeting frequency and schedule</b>	<p>The CWG regular meetings are to be held on a monthly basis, on the third Wednesday of each month at 3 pm, in a hybrid setting (online + in person). The meeting dates in 2023 are:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15.03</li> <li>• 19.04</li> <li>• 17.05</li> <li>• 21.06</li> <li>• 19.07</li> <li>• 16.08</li> <li>• 20.09</li> <li>• 18.10</li> <li>• 15.11</li> <li>• 20.12</li> </ul> <p>The location of each meeting will be shared in the invitation.</p>
<b>Task forces' update</b>	<p>The task forces are to be activated and used more frequently for technical issues.</p> <p>The Targeting Task Force shared its activities, including their objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating a framework for the most vulnerable Persons of Concern (PoC).</li> <li>• Mapping the targeting approach for all organizations.</li> <li>• Delivering who is a vulnerable group based on organizations' criteria and eligibility criteria.</li> </ul>
<b>Changes in the co-chair structure</b>	<p>Barrie Hebb, who was the co-chair of the Poland CWG since its inception will leave PAH and Poland, and will therefore be replaced by Ahmed Ali Mustafa <a href="mailto:ahmed.ali@pah.org.pl">ahmed.ali@pah.org.pl</a> as the co-chair by PAH.</p>

**Action points:**

- UNHCR to organize training sessions on the RAIS platform on 2 March and 9 March 2023 for the partners.
- Partners are to fill out the Kobo [survey](#) for the TOR update and for the themes to prioritize in 2023.
- Partners to fill out [W5s](#) document for the cash implementation coordination across partners in Poland.
- Partners to update their contact information of their focal point for RAIS deduplication [here](#)
- Partners to update their contact information for the CWG mailing list [here](#)