

Cash Working Group – Poland

Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 3:00 PM – online + in person

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Agenda:


Topics	From	To
General updates	15:00	15:15
TORs for CWG 2023	15:15	15:45
IMPACT-REACH Cash survey round (January 2023)	15:45	16:05
IRC/IFRC Cash for Rent Assistance presentation	16:05	16:20
Task Force updates	16:20	16:45
AOB	16:45	17:00

The [link](#) to the meeting's recording.

Meeting minutes:

General updates	<p>In 2023, the operation will be focusing on vulnerable cases with a targeted approach for cash assistance.</p> <p>5Ws tool was presented with partners' input. 5Ws to be updated by the partners for coordination, and Activity Info for the actual implementation.</p> <p>The results of the Poland CWG survey for TOR and the work plan for 2023 were presented. In total, 8 organizations provided feedback. The respondents flagged the necessity of setup rules, timeline, and action plans for SWG and Collaborative Cash Delivery Network (CCD) the proposed revision of MEB and discussion on transfer values for CVA programs going forwards.</p> <p>An update on the highlighted trend in Poland of keeping big collective centres and closing small ones was shared in light of the government's act stating that Ukrainian citizens staying in collective accommodation centres.</p>
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<p>TORs for CWG 2023</p>	<p>TORs were presented. The document is to be shared with a request to provide feedback.</p> <p>It was proposed and agreed to create a shared list with partners so they could put their ideas and propose training sessions to have a platform for exchanging knowledge.</p>
<p>IMPACT-REACH Cash survey round (January 2023)</p>	<p>The key findings of the Income-Expenditure Survey with people displaced from Ukraine, which was held through phone surveys in December 2022 - February 2023, were presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total number of refugees interviewed in the first round is 3,613 adults (1,799 in Poland) from 26 countries and in the second round 3,546 adults (1,742 in Poland) from 23 countries. • The vast majority are women, from Poland, followed by Germany. • Almost half of the respondents in Poland work, and mostly in manual labour jobs. • Most people get their income working abroad. Also, total monthly expenditures were estimated at 400-1,000 EUR per HH (the median household expenditure was around 600 EUR). • The median amount per month a household could put into savings in Poland, among households that indicated they could build savings was 200 EUR in November 2022 and 105 EUR in December 2022. • 40 % of the total is expenditures for food, and nearly 28 % for accommodation.
<p>IRC/IFRC Cash for Rent Assistance presentation</p>	<p>Cash assistance for 6 months is paid monthly; the amount depends on family size. 180 HHs: Lodz 30, 150 HHs in Nadarzyn where the Program started on 15th of March in Nadarzyn. The transfer amounts depend on the number and the size of the bedrooms. Additionally, a one-month security deposit is covered by the program. Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a bank account in a Polish bank • Have Pesel and at least one HH member should receive a constant income. <p>Additionally, HH may get once +500 EUR if any of FM lives with a disability. The most vulnerable HHs may get 3 months extension.</p>
<p>Task Force updates</p>	<p><u>Deduplication Task Force</u>: Two training sessions for CWG members were held on RAIS on 2 and 9 March. The updated User Guide will be shared with partners.</p> <p><u>Targeting Task Force</u>: A draft of a targeting document was reported created, to be finalized and shared at the next TWG meeting.</p> <p><u>Social protection Task Force</u>: A new TOR including a 3-month work plan was presented. The task force will create the mapping of the social protection schemes by the government.</p>

<p>Meeting frequency and schedule</p>	<p>The CWG regular meetings are to be held monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at 3 pm, in a hybrid setting (online + in person). The next meeting is on 19 April.</p> <p>CWG and TF meetings calendar</p> <p>The Centrum will no longer host the CWG. The change of the meeting venue was discussed, potential venues are UNHCR and PAH offices. Partners are to be informed once it is agreed.</p> <p>Agreed to create a list of attendance to follow members who will attend in person.</p>
<p>CWG 2023 meeting schedule</p>	 <p>The graphic displays nine calendar cards arranged in two rows. The top row contains cards for April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, and August 16. The bottom row contains cards for September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20. Each card has a red header with the month name and a white body with the date in large black font.</p>
<p>Training needs</p>	<p>CWG members are requested to fill in (Trainings needed.xlsx (sharepoint.com)) for the required training needs.</p>