CBI TWG Meeting Minutes
9 August 2023

Chaired by: UNHCR & TRC
Venue: Microsoft Teams (Virtual)
Minutes: Umay Atik (UNHCR)
Participants: Action Against Hunger, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, DG ECHO, DRC, GeniusTags, GOAL, IFRC, IOM, MAPS, Medair, Mercy USA, Muslim Hands, Orange, REALs, SARD, Save the Children, Shafak, SRP-NGO, Support to Life, Takaful Al Sham, TRC, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNHCR, UN WOMEN, UK FCDO, WHH

AGENDA:
1) Welcome & Introductions
2) Review: Action Points and Announcements
3) Operational Planning
   a. Quick Survey on JMA Round 2
   b. CVA Updates by Partners
      i. UNHCR cash updates (UNHCR)
      ii. Assistance Usage Details of Children First (TRC)
      iii. Monitoring Results of Children First (jointly UNICEF and TRC)
      iv. Other partners
4) AOB

New Action Points from the Meeting:
1. The final version of the MPCA and Sectoral CVA Advocacy Note to be shared with partners
2. Child protection and GBV related SOPs to be shared with partners in the coming weeks
3. The FSP Ininal to be contacted for the possibility of a presentation of their services in a coming CBI TWG meeting
4. CBI TWG co-chairs to liaise with the FSL sector on the most recent guidance on food assistance details such as transfer amounts

Documents
1. Meeting Presentation
2. CBI TWG Advocacy Note – MPCA and Sectoral CVA
3. Fact Sheet: Situation of Cross-checking and Deduplication of CVAs in Türkiye July 2023
4. CBI TWG EQ Materials Folder

I. Review Action Points & Announcements
   - The MPCA and Sectoral CVA Advocacy Note encouraging partners to horizontally expand their outreach since only around 600,000 beneficiaries were reached so far out of the targeted 2 million.
   - Gender Checklist for CBIs in Türkiye Earthquake Response prepared collaboratively with the Women Empowerment in Humanitarian Action Working Group (WEHA) was highlighted again for partners’ use.
   - Individual Protection Interventions Standard Operating Procedures List of Protection Risks is a work in progress. Child protection and GBV related SOPs will be shared with partners in the coming weeks.
   - This is the last meeting to be held only in English. From now on, Turkish translation will be available in the CBI TWG meetings.
   - The meetings will continue to be conducted on a bi-weekly basis until otherwise is needed.
II. Operational Planning

a. Quick Survey on JMA Round 2

- That markets were mostly functioning in the EQ-affected areas were established in the previous round, so for the Round 2, rather than only focusing on the same locations, the coverage will include TSS locations too.
- The poll on the specifics of the Round 2 was shared with partners.
  - 75% stated that the Round 2 should revisit previous points along with TSS areas and it was accepted.
  - As the coverage will be expanded with the inclusion of TSSs, the Round 2 is to be held in October.
  - 71% responded that the Round 2 questionnaire should be revised and a specific task force with the interested partners will be established for this purpose.
  - 89% stated the Round 2 should explore price changes, but this time based on a structured item list.
- Along with UNHCR and TRC as the co-chairs, Save the Children, WHH, Mercy USA, UN WOMEN, GOAL (in Hatay), Orange, Shafak (in Gaziantep), Medair and UNICEF expressed interest for contributing to the Round 2 to varying degrees with the possibility of only supporting the revision of the questionnaire and methodology without partaking in the field work. In addition, IOM and UNFPA volunteered tentatively.

b. CVA Updates by Partners

All Partner Updates

Mercy-USA
- Their MPCA programme in Hatay has started, targeting to reach 1,000 households in Antakya and Reyhanlı via their financial service provider (FSP) Ininal, which does not charge service fees for this programme as they are piloting working with NGOs and because the implementation targets the EQ-affected region.
- 6,000 TL in total will be distributed in three instalments of 2,000 TL. The second instalment was distributed in July and the third will be around mid-August.
- They shared that in addition to the local shops, two BIMs, one A101 and one LC Waikiki shops have recently been opened in Hatay.

SARD
- They are providing MPCA in two rounds targeting rural areas of Adıyaman. The first round of payment was in July and the second will be on 10 August. The transfer value is 750 TL per person, month and round.
- E-vouchers were distributed to 122 households (512 individuals).

Orange
- They will distribute 12,000 A101 e-vouchers in Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Hatay and Kahramanmaraş.
- TRC will contact them to share their query template for cross-checking against the ESSN databases.

GOAL
- Rent assistance will be provided to around 300 EQ-affected households in Adana, Hatay and Gaziantep.
- They will distribute A101 and De-facto vouchers in Hatay and Gaziantep.

Takaful Al Sham
- Their Türkiye mission has recently been established and they are providing SNF related cash assistance in Hatay as UNHCR’s implementing partner.

Action against Hunger
- They are working in partnership with SRP-NGO, and they are planning to distribute one food assistance voucher per month for around seven-eight months to 160 households mainly in Hatay, particularly targeting pregnant and lactating women and caregivers of children under two.

Medair
- They have recently been active in Türkiye and are implementing projects through their local partners.
- They distributed MPCA in their previous projects in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş. Currently, they are preparing to provide MPCA in Adiyaman with Bahar Organisation.
- In coordination with İSKUR, they had meetings with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security to develop a mechanism to include refugees in the cash for work programmes.

UNFPA
- UNFPA’s implementing partners will provide unrestricted and unconditional cash assistance to GBV survivors and key refugee groups, initially in the EQ region, replacing service provision and in-kind assistance for similar purposes.
- The assistance will be provided at the individual level within case management processes, so the target criteria will be rather strict, and the project is expected to be reported as sectoral CVA and not MPCA.

DRC
- DRC started to provide MPCA in March and has reached 2,975 households so far with three monthly payments in Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Şanlıurfa and Kilis.
- They also distribute shelter voucher in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş for the EQ-affected populations and in Şanlıurfa for those affected by the floods, reaching 623 households in total in all three of these provinces.
- 1,000 beneficiaries are targeted within their cash for work activity that has started in Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Şanlıurfa.

Save the Children
They are in the second phase of a project with the Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS) and supporting 1,600 children through the Socio-economic Support (SED) programme of the MoFSS.

They are planning to start an MPCA programme in September in Adıyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Gaziantep, targeting around 7,500 households.

For Adıyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Gaziantep, their cash for shelter assistance will start soon.

They will soon start to distribute MPCA of 3,000 TL to 7,500 households in all districts of Gaziantep and Hatay.

In addition to providing CVA in Reyhanlı and İslahiye, they distributed food baskets in Osmaniye and Reyhanlı and hygiene kits in Adıyaman, and central Gaziantep after the earthquake.

Maps is preparing for an e-voucher distribution programme in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş, and they would like to coordinate with the CBI TWG for this.

UNHCR has three cash for protection programmes for adolescents discharged from orphanages, transgender and intersex refugees, and GBV survivors. The transfer amount is 2,337 TL per person and month.

The transfer amount is 230 TL per person in the household per month for their “regular cash assistance for households with socio-economic vulnerabilities and specific needs.”

UNHCR have also been providing one-off emergency support under their SNF project for the EQ response since June. The transfer amount is 1,539 TL per person in the household and the maximum number of household members can be taken as 10.

SNF programmes have wider criteria to cover the protection needs of more people affected by the EQ. For example, families with two or more children, single parents, individuals with compelling and lifesaving needs, persons with disabilities and older persons without support arrangements, and caretakers of separated and unaccompanied children are targeted.

Disability reports are not a prerequisite for application and the eligibility of persons with disability is established via filed protection assessments.

Process monitoring results and beneficiary experiences of the Children First humanitarian cash transfer programme, that is implemented by TRC and MoFSS and funded by UNICEF, were presented.

The transfer amount of the aid distributed on 23 June was 900 TL based on the February 2023 MEP calculations. Further details can be found in the relevant slides.

The rate of redemption of the Children First programme, that was implemented in Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, Hatay, Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş, Osmaniye and Malatya, is 83.7%.

Beneficiaries’ having one month to redeem the assistance was effective for increasing the usage rate.

Usage rates were high in provinces such as Istanbul, Ankara and Antalya as beneficiaries later moved to these.

There will be another round of assistance for those who could not redeem their assistance in the first round.

The next meeting will be in early September.