

Basic Needs Working Group Amman, Jordan

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	7 May 2018
Facilitator	Elizabeth Burnhart (UNHCR) Mohie Wahsh (Mercy Corps)	Meeting Time	2.00-4.00 pm
Minutes Prepared by	Ruba Saleh (UNHCR)		
Purpose of Meeting	Regular/Monthly Meeting		

1.) Summary of action points

No.	Action Point	Focal Point / Organization
1.	To contact the new Inter-Agency coordination focal point for matters related to the basic needs sector	Ghassan Shehadeh/ UNHCR shehadeg@unhcr.org
2.	BNWG membership approved an automatic blocker on RAIS to for duplication of monthly multipurpose cash assistance	Harry Brown brownha@unhcr.org
3.	BNWG partners are encouraged to contact GIZ for guidance on JoMoPay campaigns and awareness raising	Hatem Shatnawi / GIZ hatem.shatnawi@giz.de

2.) Session Summaries

Item	Discussion
Introducing the new BNWG Inter-Agency coordination focal point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appreciation was given to Ruba Saleh from UNHCR for her great support over the course of the last two year and for her commitment in fulfilling the role of BNWG Inter-Agency coordination focal point. - Ghassan Shehadeh (shehadeg@unhcr.org) from UNHCR will take over the role of the BNWG Inter-Agency coordination focal point.
Protection cash definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2017, the BNWG started the process of creating guidelines to define cash assistance types. The BNWG objective was to identify practices, create standard definitions and draft guidelines for UCA/ECA, which will be used as a reference for humanitarian assistance partners providing urgent or emergency cash. - Taking into consideration the broad aspect of cash for protection and the integrated nature of UCA/ECA that most often is complimented with other assistances, the BNWG agreed to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To look only on the unconditional propose cash assistance. ▪ To look into the programming aspect of urgent/ emergency cash assistance and not to explore the modality and amount of assistance delivered.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To agree on the coordination aspect of the delivering the UCA/ECA assistance and to communicate to RAIS coordinator the conditions allowing for of duplications among different types of cash assistances. ▪ To look into disqualifying criteria for UCA/ECA instead of qualifying criteria as it will be easier to narrow it down. <p>- Mohie form BNWG and Douglas agreed to continue the discussion with Protection Working Group. Further information will be shared with the BNWG in the next meeting.</p>
Presentation on DRC/consortia Winterization PDM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DRC presented the findings of ECHO consortium winterization project PDM. The consortium conducted around 276 PDM's within seven governorates at the end of April taking into account that the project implementation started in March due to late approval from the relevant line ministries. - Although the assistance was delivered during march/April, the PDM respondents confirm that it was provided at the right time for them. The findings shows a spending patterns that was manly on rent, accommodations and repaying debts. - Almost 60 percent of the respondents indicated the month of Ramadan as the best period to receive a one-off cash assistance. The BNWG agreed to explore further and to look into the finding from other organizations PDMs.
JOMOPAY working group: Representatives from CBJ attending for presentation and Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GIZ presented the finding of their project (DIGI#ANCES) that aims to improving access to remittances and other financial services through digital solutions in Jordan. - The project was implemented by GIZ in partnership with CBJ. The project aim is to increase financial literacy with digital financial solutions through campaigns and trainings. and to develop an ecosystem for national mobile payments in addition to enhancing policy and exchange knowledge. - For further details related to Modality, approach and findings Kindly see the full presentation : https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/44?sv=4&geo=0 - Partners are encouraged to contact Hatem Shatnawi (hatem.shatnawi@giz.de) for any support related to awareness raising and campaigns. - CBJ joined the discussion with partners interested in JoMoPay, based on the discussion CBJ suggested providing the BNWG with a focal point who will be able to address all inquiries and question from partners regarding policy, framework and technical troubleshooting. - The BNWG suggested that the CBJ look to providing more specific support to issues surrounding humanitarian assistance and use of mobile wallets.
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Next BNWG meeting to take place on Monday 4 June 2018 from 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm in the UNHCR EMOPS conference room (Taking into consideration Ramadan working hours).

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