

**Cash Working Group Meeting
Athens, Greece**

Date:	25 August 2016
Location:	MOMP Office, Syngrou Avenue 83
Participants:	Thomas Byrnes (IFRC/ HRC), Jane Waite (IRC), Ms. Maria Dimitriopoulou (MOMP), Kaja Wislinska (Mercy Corps), Rami Beirkdar (CRS/ CWG Co-Chair), Sally Morson (Samaritan's Purse), Melissa Blauvelt (Samaritan's Purse), Carla Lacerda (UNHCR CBI Officer/ CWG Co-Chair), Sophia Peponi (Hellenic Red Cross), Claire Mariani (UNICEF), Lydia Bolani (Asylum Services, UNHCR Liaison with SG office), Col. Dimitri Pantelatos (Kepom), Nicole Ochando (Oxfam)
Chair:	Carla Lacerda UNHCR, Rami Beirkdar CRS
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorsement of minutes 2. 4Ws mapping – coverage, overlaps and gaps (focus on the Northern region) 3. Field implementation issues, concerns and challenges 4. Government liaison (MOMP/ MOD), harmonization of communications and messages plus plan for national campaign 5. Child Protection, Cash for UASCs update/ follow-up 6. Other Inter Sector Working Group (ISWG) updates and follow-ups (e.g. 'Impact of Cash Assistance on other Sectors and Food Cel/ Task Force Report) 7. Review of MEB – TOR 8. SOP draft and task force to be created to meet separately next week 9. AOB
1. Endorsement of previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxfam comments incorporated and minutes endorsed
2. 4W Mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFRC- Ritsona- September-March (Planned) • CRS Elliniko September-onwards dependant on funding • Mercy Corps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malakasa- 220 families Rafina pending approval Elefsina pending approval Lavrio old pending MoU with MoL • UNHCR, IRC and IFRC/ Hellenic Red Cross to discuss how to cover sites in the North (MOMP is not allowing cash to start unless all sites can start simultaneously), Western Greece and the remainder of mainland. • Agencies need to share more details. For e.g. NHCR Relocation partners missing but will be collected in the coming days.
3. Field implementation issues concerns and challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRC mentioned that PoCs specifically in the North such as Giannitsa are aware of cash programs in Athens and are asking for cash. <p>Action point: UNHCR, IRC and IFRC to discuss messaging to PoCs after this meeting.</p>
4. Government Liaison on messaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Col. Pantelatos (MOD) shared contact of Government focal point for communication strategy Mr Athanassios Koutsis <p>Action point: CWG co-chairs to link Mr Koutsis with CwC colleagues and invite him to the next CWC meeting or to meet him separately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CwC to take on messaging for cash programs, using the draft ones from the co-chairs and the experience from cash implementers. The plan is to create a national campaign in September to POCs with regards to cash assistance.
5. Cash for UACs (unaccompanied children)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All cash actors have unanimously decided not to distribute cash to UACs until further guidance from CP WG actors.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While no cash is being distributed to UACs for protection concern reasons, this is also raising protection concerns (e.g. children complaining, visible, not assisted and given more incentives to lie about their age). • Guardianship of UASCs being discussed, MoL involved. Legislative changes may be needed. • Cash for UAMs pending guidelines from CPWG, meeting around that next week. • Practical limitations were also highlighted around some financial service providers' regulations of not allowing cash cards to be printed/ distributed to minors and children under 14 years old. • Save will have increased capacity due to cash advisor coming in to look at cash for UAMs and support CWG. IFRC can step in should there be a need. <p>Action Point: Co-chairs and members of the CP WG to meet again and come up with draft recommendations, minimum standards, risks.</p> <p>Action Point: IFRC focal point to draft a one-pager with some key issues from cash side on UACs.</p> <p>Action Point: new Save the Children incoming cash + CP focal point arriving next month to provide surge and technical capacity in this area.</p>
<p>6. Food cell report & impact of cash on sectors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food cell report still needs to be finalized (Ms Maria has minor comments and asked for restructuring and minor additions). • The SG office's comments are now not on content but on format following discussions between the UNHCR HC and Mouzalas (where most of the recommendations were agreed to be incorporated). • This report will have one last review by Food WG focal point (Maureen McBrien) and Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator (Kate Washington). Following this, regional presentation of findings and plans for cash will need to be held with MOMP and MOD focal points. Invites will be drafted and sent to regional focal points by the week of 05 September for mid-September presentations. • These presentations will also need to be followed with a meeting with UNHCR and other agencies' site managers to share cash plans. The aim of this is to ensure that site managers can answer POCs questions as to why some sites are receiving cash and when they will receive cash. In addition, Cash and CWC WGs are working together to come up with messages for a national campaign. • MOD clarified that the handover of food responsibilities to the MOMP will occur in October. Catering can continue until the end of the year, if and as required. Menu recommendations have been adopted in some sites only (e.g. Elefsina). Communal kitchens is still an issue, being piloted in some but will need to scale up when cash comes in. Government is requesting for winter containers. • SG/ MOMP was asked whether they have approved the approval form and system. They will revert by the next meeting. <p>Action point: ISWG coordinator to follow up on report finalization with the aim of 1st week of September publication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of scaling cash on sectors: Draft document created after initial meeting. Highlights the risks of cash but with the aim of preparing other sectors to what the impact on their sectors' plans, investments etc will be to look ahead. <p>Action point: To be shared at interagency level to be further expanded to include all sectors and inputs from all agencies.</p> <p>Action point: MOMP/ SG office to confirm the approval system and form for agencies to submit and receive clearance.</p>
<p>7. MEB revision TOR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOR shared and comments requested.
<p>8. Cash interagency SOPs</p>	<p>Action point: CWG co-chair to adapt template and share with volunteer agencies (to be selected).</p> <p>Action point: 3-4 volunteers with technical expertise on sectors that are highly impacted by cash to input into SOP.</p>
<p>10. AOB</p>	<p>Action point: Divide sites in Greece into clusters to be covered with cash around the same time and report back to government for feedback.</p> <p>Issue: Interviews for full registration with Asylum Services starts nationwide in September. Asylum seekers eligible for relocation will be accommodated for interviews in the Asylum Service offices near their sites/ residence/ accommodation. Asylum seekers not eligible for relocation only have the ability to have their interviews for full registration at an office near Piraeus port regardless of their place of residence. A request for cash for transport by the Asylum Services was made. Most agencies clarified this would be difficult due to limited resources, targeting etc. In addition, this raised several concerns to participants. In particular, the fear that some might miss it due to lack of economic purchasing power but also that maybe several will come to Athens and not be able (or not wish) to return.</p> <p>Action point: Raise issue to ISWG suggesting mass transport as the solution</p>

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 8 September 3-5 PM (now confirmed at UNHCR)