

Cash and Market Working Group

Meeting 19th January 2022

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Participation: 35 people as shown on Zoom

- Action Aid International COOPI, CWW, CRS, CashCap, Solidarités Internationale, CaLP, USAID, WHH, WFP HQ, WFP Pakistan, WFP Zimbabwe WFP Niger, FAO HQ, gFSC, Plan, IOM
- FSC from 8 countries: CAR, , Yemen, Colombia, Libya, Somalia, Lebanon, Pakistan, Nigeria
- CWG coordinator in Afghanistan and Pacific

Agenda:

1. Update on Cash Coordination
2. Review of past workplan activities
3. Discussion on November GPM activities and planning for next 6 months
4. Discussion on the next global cluster Cash focal points/chairs
5. Partner Updates
6. AOB

The meeting was chaired and organised by Corrie (CRS), Ruco (USAID) and Damien (gFSC)

Action

No specific action from last meeting

1. Update on Cash Coordination

Kate from CaLP presented the progress on the Cash coordination Caucus TWG. She started with the key meetings, which took place until now:

- Key Meetings
- 22 November 2021: High level strategic dialogue of Principals
- 29 November 2021: Planning meeting of Senior Technical Working Group
- 6-8 December 2021: Online workshop of Technical Working Group
- 17 December 2021: follow on calls of Technical WG
- 18 January 2022: Technical WG met again

Latest update are available on <https://www.calpnetwork.org/cash-coordination-2021-live-timeline/>

The parameters to agree on a cash coordination set up are:

- Any recommendation(s) should be implementable within 2 years
- Put people affected by crises first
- Agree principles and function of cash coordination
- Ensure recommendation(s) is/are future proof

So far, the key elements of the proposed model agreed so far by the TWG are:

Country level:

- Cash coordination to be the responsibility of the Intersectoral/ Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) under the existing chair (OCHA in IDP/ mixed setting, UNHCR in refugee settings, RC/HC settings where no inter-sector)
- A Cash Working Group (CWG) established to manage day to day coordination, reporting to ICCG/ ISWG (or HCT if not present). Existing capabilities should be identified and built upon
- CWG has non-programmatic (OCHA) and programmatic co-chairs
- Programmatic co-chair is voted in (criteria identified), should be a local actor where possible

Global level:

- Establishing a global Cash Advisory Group (gCAG) to support country level cash coordination
- Technically and in terms of capacity. This would have a non-programmatic chair/ facilitator (OCHA) with representation from the programmatic agencies and others (CALP, CashCap). OCHA to be global convenor of the gCAG. For pure refugee situations UNHCR to chair.
- CWGs not to report to gCAG but can reach out and ask for support as needed.

Next steps:

- Members of the Technical Working Group to meet in the coming days to look further at a) financing of Cash Coordination; b) the role of the gCAG.
- Proposal/ recommendation to be sent to the Principals at the beginning of February
- Principals to meet on 8 February.
- Expectation to then be formally taken to IASC for adoption

There is still a lot of work to be done in order to tackle the remaining issues

Discussion

- Who are the Principals? The list of the chairs, members and standing invitees is available here: <https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/the-inter-agency-standing-committee>
- What do we mean by Cash coordination? It this different than the CWG?
 - The TWG looks at different models. The CWG members will probably remain the same but the leadership and the ToR may change. The CWG will need to be formally under the ICCG
- What is the timeline?
 - There is no definite timeline; it will depend on the Principals' agreement
- What will happen during the transition?
 - There will be a need for a transition period to the new model,
 - It will be also context specific

Action points:

- Continue to invite Kate (or Anna or Dina) to be updated on this issue

2. Review of past workplan activities

Corrie presented the achievements of 2021:

- Set up of the gFSC Help desk
- Linkage with other CM-WG of other global clusters: identifying cluster counterparts, building links and sharing experiences
- Cash and Markets 'Stories from the field' - practical case studies across partners on a variety of CM topics + webinar on Market Based Food Security Programming adaptations and COVID19

We decided not to conduct a webinar around adapting CVA delivery in the face of C19 as there were many other similar initiatives

3. Discussion on November GPM activities and planning for next 6 months

In the last GPM (Global Partners' meeting) in November 2021, we had a special day on Anticipatory Action, climate and Environmental issues. The main points mentioned were:

- Documentation of best practices and challenges of some anticipatory actions, including local knowledge expertise
- Case studies and lesson learned
- Increased funding for piloting new technologies, for more innovative and efficient cash distributions
- *Aligning CWMG to the priorities of national government. Improve engagement and alignment with government*
- Adding "environmental costs" to the MEB
- Engaging with the CaLP CoP and identifying FSL activities to collaborate on
- Make sure that emerging environmental standards could realistically be implemented at the field level and in line with people choices and preferences.

Discussion:

- How do we see the activities of the global clusters and OCHA?
 - The gFSC is "ahead of the curve" on AA (Abdul Majid) and it is a key agenda item within the GCCG (Global Cluster Coordination Group)
- There is an interest to organise a webinar/meeting around the use of cash in the context of severe food insecurity (equal or superior to IPC Phase 4) in countries like Madagascar, Somalia, Afghanistan, looking at best practices,
- Francesca (FSC CC Lebanon) is interested to support the linkage around humanitarian cash and social protection
- The CMWG workplan included two other activities which we could not conduct; we can still implement them if relevant
 - Follow up with the GB /STOWC in regards to coordination and new models emerging
 - Cash and Social Protection guidance : practical case studies (how food assistance, via CVA has linked to existing social protection infrastructure somehow)

Action points:

Damien to send a table to collect inputs from CMWG members on the workplan and priorities

4. Discussion on the next global cluster Cash focal points/chairs

Damien mentioned that the next meeting with the global cluster cash focal points will meet on 26th January. Agenda item can be shared by the CMWG members.

5. Partner Updates

- Plan mentioned that a feasibility study has been conducted in Northern Ethiopia on CVA and the report will be shared in a few days
- In Pakistan, there is a task force to establish the MEB
- In CAR, the MEB is being discussed with the development of an hybrid MEB

6. AOB

- No AOB to report