

# Cash and Market Working Group

Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The recording is available at:

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**Participation:** 25 people as shown on Zoom (CRS, ACF, USAID, Plan, WVI, ECHO, gFSC, USAID, Solidarites, FSC from 8 countries: WoS, Venezuela, Mali, Zimbabwe, Ukraine, Somalia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, )

## Agenda:

- Introduction
- Update members
- Update webinar
- Update stories
- REACH presentation: approach and strategy around supporting data collection for in-country clusters on Cash and Markets
- AOB

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

## Previous action

Action	situation	Who
The consultant should contact the members of this CM-WG	Pending	Consultant Support from CRS
Damien to link this outcome indicators with the gFSC handbook on indicators, from the PQWG led by Matthew (REACH) and Davide	completed	Damien
Global Cash cluster focal point: for the next meeting, CashCap to be invited	pending	Giuseppe (CaLP)
Webinar on adapting CVA delivery in the face of C19: if interested, please send an email	ongoing	Ruco Damien, Corrie
Damien to check with the other gFSC WG if they will have LL from C19	completed	Damien

<b>Proposition:</b> organise a meeting on the State of the World's Cash 2020 on what recommendations would apply to the FSC	Before the gFSC partners' meeting	Chairs of the CM-WG
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## Action

Action	Timeline	Who
Linkage FSC CC Myanmar and WoS on the issue of Hawala	May 2021	Damien
Webinar on adapting CVA delivery in the face of C19: if interested, please send an email to Ruco, Corrie or Damien	ongoing	CM WG members
gFSC stories: possibility to add more stories if interested, please send an email to Ruco, Corrie or Damien	ongoing	CM WG members

## 1. Update from the members/countries

### 1.1. Myanmar

Many partners (Plan, WVI, ACF) are having issues to have cash for the response. They have put all their CVA on hold. For ACF, they are even facing issues for paying their staff. In the WoS, they use Hawala for money transfer when they faced similar situation

**Action:** to link the 2 FSC in Myanmar and WoS to discuss this issue and solutions. A presentation on Hawala can be done in the next CM-WG meeting

### 1.2. Tigray (Ethiopia)

- Limited market functionality which has huge impact on the financial system. The food aid cluster is active in Tigray.
- WVI: conducted a market assessment which indicates that it is possible to implement cash activities in the region
- CWG: assessment done, report to be shared
- Plan: deployment of cash specialist

## 2. Webinar on adapting CVA delivery in the face of C19

- Planning webinar focused on C19 CVA adaptations of FS programming and the effects on outcomes and beneficiaries.

- Contacted IDEAL in regards to the planned Food Security Covid-19 Learning Series (May 24-27). Opportunity to dovetail?
- Preliminarily reached out to several partners. If interested, contact Damien, Ruco and Corrie.

### 3. gFSC stories

Submissions from

- 1.Oxfam (Vanuatu – Unblocked Cash)
- 2.ACF (Lebanon – Fresh Food Vouchers)
- 3.PUI (Nigeria – CVA for Food and IGAs)
- 4. REACH ( South Sudan –JMMI )
- Potential interest from CARE Chad
- If others are interested, we can add to these going forwards
- Next steps – Finalize and publish on website in April

### 4. Approach and strategy around supporting data collection for in-country clusters on Cash and Markets (REACH)

The presentation is available [here](#) , it was done by Christopher PACI [christopher.paci@reach-initiative.org](mailto:christopher.paci@reach-initiative.org)

Chris started by introducing REACH in general and its activities in relation to CVA, which includes:

- Joint market monitoring initiatives
- Cash feasibility and market studies
- Rapid market assessment
- Thematic cash based project and assessment

The joint assessment is split into the Joint Market Monitoring Initiatives (JMMI) and the Joint Rapid Assessment of Market (JRAM).

The JMMI is currently implemented in 16 countries. It aims to calculate standard, harmonised cash transfer values using an evidence-based Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB). The JRAM aims to produce data within 2 weeks.

REACH has been working to add value to data from the JMMI and other market assessments by fully documenting these datasets and mapping how each indicator fits into the IPC framework.

#### **Questions/Answers**

- Words of thanks from Mauricio (FSC-CC Venezuela), Paul (WVI), Ruco (USAID) to REACH and their work
- ECHO asked REACH regarding their potential engagement in Lebanon. This is in view of the potential value addition where their skills and capacities would be instrumental in reinforcing existing market monitoring systems and in refining specific processes that inform situation outlook in the current state of play. Chris responded that he would look at it.
- Difference between JRAM and JMMI: JMMI is a market monitoring, following prices of the key items, monitoring indicators on market accessibility & functionality. JRAM is a one off

assessment providing a snapshot on market access (functionality, barrier, etc.) with the aim to provide rapid information.

## AOB

- Global Partners' meeting: between 18-20<sup>th</sup> May or 25-27<sup>th</sup> May
- Transfer of Bruno Minjauw, Naouar Labidi is the Global FSC coordinator O.I.C (officer in charge)