Somalia
Cash Working Group (CWG)
What is the Cash Working Group?

- The CWG (re-)started Feb 2017 after a few years of inactivity
- Chaired by ADESO and WFP and meets every 2-3 weeks
- Meetings open to all agencies implementing or supporting the implementation of cash-based transfers
- Members consist of NGOs (intl/natl), UN, donors, WB, CaLP
CWG – progress in 2017

• Key issues on the agenda in 2017:
  • MEBs and transfer value recommendations
  • Markets dashboard – market analysis was done monthly
  • **Cash reporting through cluster 3W** – providing useful overviews
  • Local coordination and cash focal points
  • M&E, risk management discussions
  • Engagement with mobile money providers
  • Overall: provide a forum for learning and info sharing amongst agencies engaged in cash programming
Points to note: up to approx. 3 mill people reached/month with any type of cash-based assistance (but numbers are very rough)

Food Security makes up the large majority of transfers

**Good monthly reporting is paramount** – thank you for the effort and please keep it up! It helps us understand how many people are getting cash/vouchers, where and by how much
CWG – next steps

• Agenda and priorities continue to develop as members bring up topics of interest
• Continuing work on market analysis, transfer values, sharing of M&E findings, risk analysis, mobile provider engagement etc.
• Improving coordination at local level – how can we work with the FCS to achieve this?
• Partners continuing reporting through the cluster 3W matrix
• Joint CWG evaluation of cash in the drought response: external evaluation team to be hired in coming weeks – aim is to inform and improve how we work with cash-based transfers in coming years. 20+ agencies supporting.
• Humanitarian cash-based response continues to be at the forefront, but...
• cash beyond humanitarian response gets increasing attention: Social protection and safety net transfer discussions are increasingly coming up – how to bridge humanitarian cash and long-term programming.
Meetings and further info

Upcoming meetings – you are always welcome to join us!
25th Jan – 8th Feb – 22nd Feb

Co-leads – email us to join mailing list:
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Info, guidance, minutes, documents can be found on CaLP’s webpage:
http://www.cashlearning.org/somalia/somalia