

Southern Africa Regional Technical Cash Working Group (SARTCWG)

Cyclone Idai regional coordination

Mozambique: Cash Working Group and Social Protection Working Group Updates

The situation in Mozambique is evolving rapidly, The information included in this sitrep below reflects the current understanding of the different groups as of 4 April 2019.

An active Social Protection Working group and a national CWG in exist in Maputo and a sub-national group in Beira has been set up since the start of the emergency. There is a strong desire by all actors to build links to planned emergency cash or voucher programming, and initial meetings between the Maputo CWG and SP working group have taken place.



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Past and Upcoming Meetings.

SARTCWG
Meeting 1 02/04/2019
Meeting 2 15/04/2019

Maputo CWG
Meeting 1 29/03/2019
Meeting 2 04/03/2019

Maputo SP WG
Meeting 1 01/03/2019

Beira CWG
Meeting 1 01/03/2019
Meeting 2 05/04/2019

Social Protection Working Group Update

An interagency concept note for social protection responses to Cyclone Idai in Mozambique has been developed and received initial government endorsement; a revised version will be discussed with relevant government officials on 11 April. The concept note presents a social protection programme with the following components:

PASP-Recovery (cash-for-

work). Adaptation of the existing PASP programme for a period of three months, reaching a larger number of households and focusing on both stabilization of food consumption and rehabilitation of public assets.

PASD-PE (unconditional cash transfers). After three months when CWF component is completed, this will provide six months of unconditional cash

transfers to support affected households, via horizontal and possibly vertical expansion of the existing system. Expected transfer amount is 40 USD a month per HH.

Child Grant. Expansion of the Child Grant programme in selected districts, potentially involving both vertical expansion and adjustments to programme criteria (e.g., raised age caps). The concept note will be presented at a planned

donor conference in the end of may.

Separately ILO is redirecting its Inclusive Growth, Social Protection and Jobs program to respond to the emergency with a focus on clearing roads and employment investment work.

Maputo Cash Working Group Update

So far two CWG meeting for the response have been held in Maputo on Friday 29 March and Thursday 4th April, with WV and WFP being co-chairs.

As of 29 April, the government Disaster Management Agency (INGC) was not allowing any assistance to go directly to individuals or families with assistance restricted to ready-to-eat meals. Additionally there is no beneficiary identification ongoing yet (this will change soon as IOM has gotten authorization to start the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) exercise).

Cash transfers are not currently authorized by the government. Advocacy has started based on the work done in 2018 to enable their usage. More work will be needed on this area, but voucher programming may be more acceptable to the

government.

WFP has one contract with a Financial Services Provider (FSP) and is hopeful that it will be able to extend its contract for other actors.

There has been significant destructions of infrastructure in Beira, but the private sector seems to be recovering rapidly.

WFP, on the behalf of the CWG, has made a request to CashCap to deploy an inter-agency expert to support the CWG.

WFP has deployed a team to undertake a retail market assessment (not inter-agency) next week and will be coordinating with the work being undertaken by other actor.

Key Issues raised for Maputo CWG

- Transfer value – it is likely that the hu-

manitarian transfer value when calculated will be higher than the current social protection transfer value.

- There is a legislative restriction on the use of cash transfer programming in emergencies. Advocacy on the use of MPC, CFW, and vouchers will need to be undertaken and the CWG will need to engage with the government on the safe use of cash and voucher assistance.

- To ensure the CWGs in Maputo and Beira are operationalised and able to support the expected response analysis, market analysis and coordination functions as the response develops.

Beira Cash Working Group Update

The Beira sub-national CWG (BCWG) is currently coordinating an inter-agency Multi-Sector Market assessment.

This assessment is being undertaken using a form developed by the BCWG using the 72hr market assessment template and the recent meeting was focused on finalising the questionnaire, the use of Kobe as the assessment platform and assessment planning to confirm where partners would be rolling out the questionnaire. WVI, IFRC, UNICEF, CRS and Oxfam are currently involved in this process.

The BCWG is also looking at the wider cash feasibility process, and after the market assessment, a beneficiary assessment is seen as top priority with a need to develop a questionnaire for households and focus group discussions.

Participants agreed the questionnaires should remain separate, market/

beneficiary, as they are intended for separate audiences, and as to not delay the finalization of the market assessment.

The BCWG has shared a FSP mapping undertaken by the COSACA INGO consortium with DFID support in 2018 along with a presentation on the mapping.

Care International has shared a Rapid Gender Analysis, looking at Gender and Protection Issues in Cyclone- and Flood-Affected Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

CRS has deployed a Cash Adviser to Beira and Oxfam confirmed that its cash focal point would be arriving in country in the next couple of days, with a stopover in Maputo first.

Oxfam is exploring the possibility of using the social safety net for cash transfers. .

With the limitations on the use of cash,

partners are now exploring the use of vouchers, noting that any feasibility assessment results would benefit both voucher and cash response and provide evidence to support advocacy efforts.

Partners noted the importance of starting to look at sample voucher and banking agreements in Portuguese as to facilitate possible program implementation.

Key Issues raised for Beira CWG

- The BCWG has noted the importance of information as much has already been developed by the Maputo CWG and COSACA.
- The BCWG has encouraged partners to share any available information on past voucher programs, market assessments and background information on past advocacy efforts/markets assessments.

Southern Africa Regional Technical Cash Working Group (SARTCWG)

The Southern Africa Regional Technical Cash Working Group (SARTCWG), was established in 2017 as a platform of technical professionals and experts dedicated to cash transfers programming in the Southern Africa region, with the overall objectives of streamlining the design, development and implementation of cash and voucher assistance, as well as influencing informed decisions by government and humanitarian actors.

The group strives to improve programs and their ability to benefit vulnerable groups.

The working group is currently active and providing support to the ongoing regional response to Cyclone Idai, in particular supporting the Humanitarian and Development actors undertaking Cash and Voucher assistance in Zimbabwe, Malawi

and Mozambique.

It had produced three guidance documents before the onset of the current response.

- Considerations in Determining Cash Transfer Values : Towards Harmonising Cash Transfers Programming in Southern Africa
- Synthesis of Lessons from the El Nino Response : Cash Transfers Lessons Learnt in Southern Africa
- Mapping of Financial Service Providers in Cash Transfer Programming in Southern Africa

These documents and all other reports can be found at the SARTCWG humanitarianresponse.info page at

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/southern-eastern-africa/southern-africa-regional-technical-cash-working-group>

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