

Discussion	Action Points/Decisions
<p>Agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CWG coordination review 2. Updates from partners on MPC achievements for the first quarter and activities planned for 2018 3. Planning for the next phase of Joint Market monitoring 4. MPC transfer value and income gap analysis 5. AOB 	
<p>1. CWG coordination review</p> <p>During the CWG meeting held by OCHA on 5 March in Kyiv it was agreed by the partners to have the following CWG coordination structure: coordination at Kyiv level will be implemented by UN OCHA, coordination at the field level in Donetsk oblast will be ensured by Save the Children and in Luhansk oblast by ACTED. It was agreed at the Kyiv level that CWG coordination at the field level will include three key elements. ACTED in Sievierodonetsk will provide support in terms of 5W reporting, periodic review of cash amount recommended to be provided to beneficiaries and joint market monitoring. As there is information that Save the Children will probably not be able to provide coordination in Donetsk oblast, it was decided to define during CWG meetings on April 25 in Sievierodonetsk and on April 26 in Sloviansk whether the MPC coordination is needed at all.</p> <p>2. Updates from partners on MPC achievements for the first quarter and activities planned for 2018</p> <p>UNHCR conducted IPA (individual protection assistance) cash program last year. In the frames of the program 1,300 people received cash assistance. UNHCR also intends to implement the same program in 2018. Currently SOPs are being completed and the terms are to be provided later. IPA program implies unconditional multi-purpose cash or in-kind assistance provided to people based on their vulnerability and individual needs. The program will be implemented directly by UNHCR and through the partners (Right to Protection and Proliska).</p> <p>NRC provided cash assistance under Food Security and Shelter/ NFI programs in 2017 and 2018. 2,100 HHs received conditional cash for winterization under Shelter/ NFI program and more than 5,000 unconditional cash grants were provided under Food Security/Livelihood.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The participants agreed that coordination is needed at the field level</i> • <i>Partners – to report on the achievements in terms of MPC during January-March 2018.</i>

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<p>Caritas Sievierodonetsk have just started distributing multipurpose cash assistance in Luhanska oblast, GCA, mainly in Novoaidarskyi, Stanychno-Luhanskyi and Popasnianskyi raions. Thus, 1600 payments will be delivered to 400 beneficiaries for 4 months with amount of 860 UAH per individual per month.</p> <p>IOM is implementing a multipurpose cash assistance project. Currently it is almost at the final stage. 1,877 HHs were selected under this project that is 3,645 persons (prioritized categories – single parents, elderly people, people with disabilities, families with three or more children). There are two rounds of payments by 2,580 UAH (each payment covering 3 months) planned to be distributed by the end of June. The covering period is 6 months in 17 locations of Luhansk oblast, GCA and 26 locations in Donetsk oblast, GCA.</p> <p>SOS Children’s Villages in the frames of the joint humanitarian response plans to distribute humanitarian support in the form of food kits in Novoaidarskyi, Stanychno-Luhanskyi and Popasnianskyi raions covering 1,000 children (0-3 y.o.) and 750 adults. Among these number 400 persons will get assistance under cash grant project at the amount 860 UAH for the period of 4 months.</p> <p>TDH is going to distribute 300 multipurpose cash grants in the amount of 860 UAH for 4 months in Luhanska oblast, GCA. The project starts in May. The areas will be divided between SOS Children’s Villages covering Stanytsia Luhanska and Schastya and TDH covering Popasnianskyi and Novoaidarsyi raions.</p> <p>ACTED has three cash programs. The first one is cash assistance for food and hygiene, it has already started. The program will cover 3,500 beneficiaries in both Donetsk oblast (GCA, northern part) and Luhansk oblast (GCA) covering the settlements located in 5 km zone from the “contact line”. The following vulnerability categories are prioritized as the most food insecure based on REACH and Food Security and Livelihood Cluster data – 40+ unemployed individuals, including people of pre-pensioned age, households with three or more children and low-income people residing in urban areas. Another multipurpose cash assistance project implemented by ACTED and funded by Canada will start in May. Under this project ACTED in partnership with People in Need will cover localities along the “contact line” from Mariupol to Stanytsia Luhanska focusing more on the southern part of Donetsk oblast. The project will cover 3,000 beneficiaries in total. Under ACCESS-II ACTED and People in Need are going to implement a multipurpose cash component as well covering the same areas from the southern part of Donetsk oblast to the eastern part of Luhanska oblast. In terms of multipurpose cash, the approach is slightly different and is based on the cumulative vulnerability. The most vulnerable people are being selected based on the assessment of their vulnerability, income, health and housing conditions.</p>	

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<p>3. Planning for the next phase of Joint Market monitoring</p> <p>Joint market monitoring is a joint study in 40 locations that has been led by ACTED and undertaken by ACCESS partners, NRC and Save the Children on quarterly basis. The data analysis is grounded on the information provided by retailers and customers according to six sectors, i.e. basic food items, basic NFI from hygiene group, coal/ firewood, construction materials, agricultural inputs and medication. The data on financial providers available in the locations has also been collected. By now there has been three rounds of data collection and two reports approved by all partners.</p> <p>The start of the next phase of Joint market monitoring is planned for June. The partners who has been engaged in the previous rounds are willing to continue the study, new partners would be encouraged to participate. The discussion of lessons learnt and next steps of the study is planned for the end of May.</p> <p>4. MPC transfer value and income gap analysis</p> <p>By the moment, the value recommended by CWG is 860 UAH per person per month. It was calculated and justified by CWG in 2017 and is used by the majority of partners implementing MPC. As official subsistence level is constantly increasing, there might be a need for amount revision. At the same time with pension increase implemented by government in October 2017 the average income level has also increased comparing to summer 2017 (REACH and WFP data). Therefore, the partners should decide based on their experience in cash interventions whether the revision is needed for the moment.</p> <p>Another important point is income data consolidation. As many partners conduct their own assessments and surveys on income level of their beneficiaries it would be a good practice implemented by CWG partners to consolidate income data (non-sensitive) of vulnerable population in the areas close to the line of contact.</p> <p>5. AOB</p> <p>Periodicity of the CWG meetings.</p> <p>It was initially proposed to have bimonthly meetings. NRC proposed to have quarterly meeting as it corresponds to the frequency of the main points – 5W reporting, rounds of market monitoring and MPC amount revision. NRC also proposed to consider a possibility to have single field meetings for both Donetsk and Luhansk oblast (e.g. in Kramatorsk) as most partners have activities in both oblasts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Partners – to inform whether they will participate in the next phase of joint market monitoring survey.</i> • <i>The partners agreed that 860UAH is a relevant and justified value to be distributed per person per month as a multi-purpose cash assistance and doesn't need to be reviewed by the moment. The need for the review will be discussed on the periodic basis once in 3-6 months.</i> • <i>Partners – to share with ACTED the income data of their beneficiaries indicating the vulnerability categories.</i> • <i>The partners agreed to conduct CWG meeting once in three months to coordinate activities in terms of multipurpose cash assistance. The next CWG meeting is planned for June/July.</i> • <i>The possibility to have single meetings for both oblast will be considered by OCHA at Kiev level</i>

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