

Cash Working Group Meeting Minutes

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Agenda Point	Discussion	Action Points/Responsibility
Update on Cash Country Profile - CWG members for comments.	<p>OCHA briefed the CWG members on Cash Country Profile (CCP). Following are some of the key features of CCP,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Government led Humanitarian Cash Transfer Programme 2) Government Guidelines on Minimum Ex-Gratia assistance to the person affected by the Natural and manmade disasters. 3) Government led social protection programme in Pakistan 4) Policy environment/Regulation for Cash transfer Programmes (branchless banking, Know your customer requirements, regularity framework for BB) 5) UN/INGOs/NGOs CTP (Cash Working Group) 6) Private Sector (Banks/Mobile companies) <p>CWG members were requested to give their comments/recommendation to make it more useful document. CCP will be a live document and will be updated periodically.</p>	OCHA will share the Cash Country Profile with CWG members for their feedback and comments.
Mapping of Cash assistance 2016 in Sindh Province.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCHA presented the map of cash interventions by different organizations for Sindh Province. • ECHO raised the point on financial figure as they allocated \$7 million to WFP and CONCERN. OCHA will contact CONCERN to get the financial figure and put it on the map. 	OCHA will collect information from Concern Worldwide and others if any to incorporate in the mapping cash assistance 2016.
Findings of stakeholders mapping.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultant hired for this task completed her assignment and shared some key findings of stakeholders mapping. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conditional cash grant has been the most preferred mode of cash transfer in past four years ○ Major Challenges 1. Beneficiaries verification 2. Low literacy level 3. Security 4. Complaint response <p>Final report will be ready by mid of August, 2017.</p>	The draft report will be shared by PRCS for review and comments
Update on Sindh Wage Rate Harmonization	<p>CWG in Sindh has collected the market rate for unskilled labor wages and also collected the government wages. The next step is to correlate with Minimum Expenditure Basket and Minimum Food Basket but there is no standard MEB and MFB specifically for Sindh. The point was discussed with members and it was agreed upon that an email will be circulated amongst the CWG members for requesting any information and guideline for</p>	Samin will send an email to all the CWG members for the MEB and MFB information for Sindh.

	<p>MEB and MFB in Sindh. WFP VAM unit will also support in finalizing of MEB and MFB. The wage rate for the skilled labour in KP/FATA is a challenge for organization working there. Previously it was set a range of 700 to 900 for skilled labor which is not sufficient amount for the skilled labor wage. It has been requested by FSC and CWG is KP/FATA to revised the ranged for the skilled labor and requested to CWG Co-lead to participate in next meeting there in Peshawar to tackle the issue.</p>	<p>The CWG Co-leads will participate in next meeting in Peshawar to see the possibilities of the skilled labour wage rate.</p>
<p>AOB: a. Collection of cash data 2017 for mapping b. Update on Start Network training on CTP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OCHA started data collection on 4w template for the year 2017 and will map the cash assistance activities of different organizations in KP/FATA and Sindh. Start Network organized training on CTP in Islamabad from 19-21 July,2017. More than 10 members of CWG participated in the training. You can use the link https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B7zs70HeBMWZYIY1WnM5ajhOMWs to find the materials of Start Network training. 	<p>OCHA</p> <p>CWG/Start Network</p>

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