Participants: See attendance list
Chair: WFP

1. Opening

The Chair welcomed participants and provided an overview of the CWG for new participants.

2. Review and Update

- UNHCR has been implementing cash for livelihood project targeting Chadian refugees and Sudanese returnees from the Central African Republic in South Darfur. UNHCR together with WFP assessed the capacity of local markets and refugees’ perceptions on cash and vouchers at Al Nimir and Kario refugee camps in East Darfur, between the end of October and the beginning of November. Lastly, Refugee Consultation Forum (RCF) led by UNHCR will organise an ad-hoc RCF meeting on cash-based interventions (CBIs) for the refugee response on 13 December. Organizations who work with refugees and are involved in CBIs are encouraged to join.
- Save the Children has been preparing a cash transfer programme targeting 2,400 South Sudanese refugee households in South Kordofan and North Darfur states since November with support from ECHO. Implementation of the programme is expected to begin January 2018.
- ZOA together with Oxfam America conducted the Emergency Market Mapping and Analysis (EMMA) in Al Nimir and Kario refugee camps in East Darfur and a draft report to be shared once finalised. ZOA is involved in two CBPs targeting South Sudanese Refugees in North and East Darfur states and hopes to begin implementation in January 2018.
- Islamic Relief Worldwide supports approximately 600 orphans through the provision of a cash transfer to their bank accounts on a quarterly basis in Khartoum, South Kordofan and Blue Nile States.
- Updates on the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP):
  - CaLP will organise a regional meeting on 24 and 25 January 2018 in Nairobi. Four individuals (including the Chair) can join from Sudan. The Chair asked the participants to express their interest if they would like to join and stated that priority may be given to the Core CWG members. The participants will be asked to cover their individual travel expense and accommodation.
  - The Chair will share the information on the planned CaLP training/ workshops in 2018.
  - CWG members who have previously presented at CWG meetings will be individually contacted to confirm their agreement to posting their presentations on the CaLP Sudan website.

3. Update on 4Ws

- OCHA noted that 10 organisations had submitted their 4Ws. OCHA hopes to have an initial 4Ws map by the January CWG meeting. OCHA encouraged CWG members to populate the 4Ws template.
- It was agreed to circulate the integrated 4Ws to the CWG members. The organisations who have submitted their 4Ws were asked to inform OCHA if there were any concerns over sharing their information by 13 December COB.
- The 4Ws template together with an additional template to register cash/voucher intervention-related assessments will be circulated to CWG members.

4. SUDAPOST Presentation on its partnership and involvement in cash transfer program

- SUDAPOST presented an overview of its partnership and involvement in cash transfer program (CTP):
- SUDAPOST was established in 2009 after the privatisation of postal services in Sudan. It is a national operator and a government entity with 450 staff and 200 offices across Sudan.
- SUDAPOST has engaged in a CTP under the agreement with Ministry of Security and Social Development (MoSSD) in five states (North Kordofan, South and North Darfur, White Nile and Gezira states). Between October 2015 and November 2017, it conducted five rounds of cash transfers and the sixth round is underway. Cash has distributed at post offices or other places including schools, IDP camps and government facilities. During the five rounds of cash distributions, about 680,000 people were benefited and 574 million SDG were distributed.
- SUDAPOST has developed an integrated web-based system to process all postal services at post offices. SUDAPOST is currently preparing to implement an E-payment system in 2018. (Please see the presentation)

Q and A
- In response to USAID’s question SUDAPOST’s coverage of Eastern Sudan, SUDAPOST noted that under the GoS’s CTP, its covers five states and other states are covered by Zakat Chamber (Khartoum and eastern states) and Savings and Social Development Bank based on the agreement with MoSSD. SUDAPOST distributes cash based on the beneficiary list provided by MoSSD. Zakat Chamber, which MoSSD established in 2011, developed the list based on the results of the 2010 household survey. Zakat Chamber updates the list quarterly.
- ZOA asked if there were additional security issues given that radio was used to notify beneficiaries about cash distributions. SUDAPOST noted that it has coordinated with police and security organs in each state when distributing cash and no security incident has been reported.
- SUDAPOST has been distributing cash in five states under the GoS’s CTP. MoSSD decided the five states for the GoS CTP, but it could distribute cash/voucher at any locations based on a legal agreement with any organisation. Organizations would need to get permissions to implement CTPs from GoS, but they do not need to get SUDAPOST’s permission.
- On the turnaround time for a new partner to start a project with SUDAPOST, SUDAPOST stated that it depends on the areas of distribution, but it would take two to three weeks in Khartoum and eastern states.
- In the areas where SUDAPOST outlets are not nearby, it can provide mobile services. SUDAPOST uses National IDs to identify beneficiaries under the GoS’s CTP. It can however accept IDs that are issued by other organisations including UN agencies to implement their projects. The service fees per person depend on many factors such as the location(s), the number of beneficiaries, etc. SUDAPOST has worked with a World Bank Mission (as a part of the Bank’s technical assistance to GoS) and Qatar Charity, but has never worked with UN agencies.

5. Way forward
- Ministry of Security and Social Development and Ana Al-Sudan (I’m Sudan) Organization will present at the next CWG meeting.
- It was agreed that the Chairs would propose a prioritised list of discussion topics for the next six months after consulting with Core CWG members.
- It was suggested organising small group discussion/information sharing sessions on specific topics over lunch following the regular CWG meetings and sharing brief summaries of the discussions.
- It was suggested discussing the rotation of Co-Leads and Core CWG membership as prescribed in the ToR at the next CWG meeting.
- It was agreed to share the CWG member list with a member on a request basis.

Next meeting: The next CWG meeting is scheduled for 16 January 2018.