

East and West Haraghe Multi-Sector Cash Based Response Guidance Note

Multi-sector cash assistance for IDPs in East and West Haraghe zones of Oromia region has been proposed as unrestricted cash transfers to conflict IDP recipients to meet their basic needs with flexibility and choice. Where the use of cash is feasible, unrestricted cash transfers can be implemented in combination with other in-kind assistance as seen fit (based on localized assessments) to ensure the urgent humanitarian needs of IDPs are met in the most appropriate way possible. Specifically, multi-sector cash assistance is meant to meet the emergency humanitarian needs of identified IDPs prior to their relocation, however, it is not limited to only those IDPs not yet identified for relocation and needs assessments should be used to influence decision making.

The Ethiopian Cash Working Group (ECWG) suggests a multi-sector cash response to ensure that affected people engage in the response process and take full responsibility of their recovery. The multi-sector cash based intervention will not only provide direct benefits to cash recipients but also have multiplier effects contributing to the local market economy while helping recipients minimize the use of negative coping mechanisms, and complement the existing Ethiopian government's response to IDPs as well as social protection systems and assistance implemented through the PSNP among others.

Humanitarian actors will conduct needs verification and market analysis to better understand the local market and supply systems/dynamics and implement a coordinated humanitarian cash assistance to meet set program objectives while providing cash recipients the opportunity to meet a range of basic needs that are likely to differ from household to household. As partner organizations are present and currently involved in various humanitarian response activities, the multi-sector cash assistance shall be implemented alongside existing humanitarian activities.

The proposed multi-sector cash response specific for the East/West Haraghe IDPs comprises of an emergency basket that includes food, WASH, protection and nonfood items (including clothing and cooking fuel) and transport for cash recipients to travel to markets and/or health facilities. The formulated basket is meant to standardize and guide transfer values and does not substitute market and other feasibility assessments that agencies must conduct to inform project design. The basket consists of a one-off cost of purchasing nonfood items including stove and monthly transfer consisting of food, WASH and nonfood items like soap and kerosene. Where multi-sector cash recipients receive some food in-kind, they will be encouraged to diversify their food intake through the inclusion of items such as fresh food among others. A standardized basket to guide transfer amounts is found at the end of this note.

Based on cash transfer best practices, the ECWG encourages partners to consider the use of financial service provider to transfer the money to beneficiaries. This will promote transparency and possibly support financial inclusion where cash recipients can continue to utilize the service providers' complementary products and services even after the humanitarian action. It is likely that the use of service providers to transfer cash to recipients will increase their capacity and provide a business case for expanding services to remote disaster prone areas.

Response Implementation and coordination

While the Government commits to the provision of IDP relocation plans, donors to funding this response, and the ECWG to providing technical support, the implementing agencies commit to the following;

- i. Agencies to ensure market analysis informs the cash-based assistance to the IDPs. This will include continuous market and price monitoring during and at the conclusion of the response to ensure the cash based assistance is not negatively impacting on the IDPs, the market systems that may eventually impact on the host community.
- ii. Collaborate and coordinate the response across the different clusters and with the involved humanitarian actors ensuring proper targeting of cash recipients. Targeting is predominantly through households defined as consisting of one or more people who live in the same dwelling and also share meals or living accommodation, and may also consist of a single family or include some additional people especially in displacement. For this exercise, a household on average is 5 members and in polygamous families, a vulnerable woman with her children conforming to an average of 5 members can be treated as a household and targeted to receive assistance.
- iii. Coordinate multi-sector cash response while seeking technical support through the ECWG.
- iv. Ensure monitoring of the multi-sector cash response, share with the ECWG lessons learnt and best practice based on this experience.

Areas of cash-assistance for conflict IDPs in 2018

East Haraghe

Woreda	Site	Transfer Amount	Organization	Dates
Babile,	Babile	3,200 ETB	CARE	Dec17-Jun18
Golo Oda	Bishan	3,200 ETB	CARE	Dec17-Jun18
Babile	Babile Town	3,200 ETB	IOM	Oct17-May18

West Haraghe

Woreda	Site	Transfer Amount	Organization	Dates
Messela	Messela Town	3,200 ETB	CARE	Dec17-Jun18
Tulo	Tulo Town	3,200 ETB	CARE	Dec17-Jun18
Chiro	Chiro Town	3,200 ETB	IOM	Oct17-May18
Chiro	Chiro Town	3,200 ETB	IRC	Feb18
Gumbi Bordode	Bordode	1,600 ETB	IRC	Feb18
Gemechis	Kuni	3,200 – 1,600 ETB	IRC	Feb18
Odabultum	Bedessa	3,200 ETB	IRC	Feb18
Habro	Gelemesso	3,200 – 1,600 ETB	IRC	Feb18

Standardized MEB basket

Suggested transfer values for households with no in-kind food or water assistance						Oromia	
Type	Item	Unit	Quantity per person	Quantity for 5 person HH per month	Price per Unit (ETB)	Total price per month (ETB)	
Food	Cereals (Wheat)	Kg	15	75	10	750	
Food	Pulses (Fava Beans)	Kg	1.5	7.5	17	129	
Food	Oil*	Kg	0.45	2.25	77	173	
Food	Milling Cost**	Kg	15	75	2	150	
Protection	Dignity kits	Kit	1	NA	205	205	
Non-food	Kerosene	Lt	NA	3	17	51	
Non-food	Transport	Trip	NA	NA	0	400	
Non-food	Soap (250g)	Pcs	2	10	13	130	
WASH	Water	Liter	450	2,250	0.5	1125	
WASH	Purification Tablet	Pcs	6	30	1	30	
WASH	PUR (coagulant/flocculant)	Sachets	12	60	4	240	
TOTAL						3383	
Suggested one-off transfer values for households with no previous ES/NFI support						Oromia	
Type	Item	Unit	Quantity per person	Quantity for 5 person HH per month	Price per Unit (ETB)***	Total price (ETB)	
Health	Medicines, investigation (70%) and related to health expenditure (30%)	NA	NA	NA	355	1775	
Non-food	Blankets	Pcs	NA	2	400	800	
Non-food	Bed mat	Pcs	NA	1	350	350	
Non-food	Mosquito net	Pcs	NA	2	150	300	
Non-food	Plate	Pcs	NA	2	20	40	
Non-food	Cup	Pcs	NA	2	20	40	
Non-food	Kettle/jug	Pcs	NA	1	285	285	
Non-food	Cooking pot	Pcs	NA	1	550	550	
Non-food	Cooking laddle	Pcs	NA	1	25	25	
Non-food	Washing basin	Pcs	NA	1	200	200	
Non-food	Jerry cans (20L)	Pcs	NA	1	105	105	
Non-food	Jerry can (10L)	Pcs	NA	2	55	55	
Non-food	Soap (250g)	Pcs	2	10	13	130	
Non-food	Hessian Bag	Pcs	NA	1	20	20	
Non-food	Energy saving stove and kerosene	Pcs	NA	1	420	420	
Non-food	Clothing	Pcs	NA	NA	NA	1200	
TOTAL						4520	
TOTAL - Reoccurring transfers + one-off ES/NFI Kit						7903	
* Average price of oil for Oromia and Somali regions - March 18							
** Milling costs estimated at 2ETB/Kg of cereals							
*** Adama market prices - First Quarter 2018							
**** Jijiga market prices -First Quarter 2018							