

**RC/RC Movement Cash Peer Working Group**  
**Washington DC, USA; Jul 11-13, 2018**

**Participants:**

1. American RC – Wendy Brightman
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3. Canadian RC – Nicole Fassina
4. CPWG coordinator – Claire Durham
5. ICRC – Jo Burton
6. IFRC Secretariat – Caroline Holt
7. Swiss – Isabelle Aebersold
8. Austrian – Wolfgang Klug
9. German RC – Marika Tobiassen

**Guest participants:**

- American RC – Lisa Williams
- Cash Preparedness SWG: Ines Dalmau, Jenny Coneff, Joke Reijven, Bilal Shah

**Apologies :**

- Philippines RC – Ana
- Danish RC – Lisbet Elvekjaer
- Netherlands RC – Wilma Ter Heege
- Spanish RC - Adriana Estrada
- Swiss RC – Anne-Katherine Moore
- Netherlands RC – Wilma Ter Heege
- Turkish RC – Bulent Öztürk
- Kenya RC – Frederick Orimba

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## 1. CPWG Updates

### Advisory Group Update

The last call was in April and the one planned for 10<sup>th</sup> July was postponed. Update on global preparedness and cash school. Points 1. SFW going to governing Board. 2. How can NS advocate with Govt to do cash. AG will put this on agenda and brain storm strategies (Partnership and collaboration will become a rolling action point).

Recognition of number of NS engaged with partners and ambitions are growing on wishing to partner with NS due GB localisation. We need a strategy to for engagement. How do SGs make decisions on the direction of their NS? Acknowledgement need to protect independence and fundamental principles in conflicts. **Need to start by raising awareness.**

CH gave update on counting cash and will update the AG in Sept on progress and challenges.

AG – ToR – was shared already. Originally set up for the cash hub but there are wider issues – should the ToR be broadened? Need to push for outputs (not necessarily documents) what are they going to produce that helps us (e.g. leadership visits, or representative at key meetings and report back to us. CPWG needs to come with ideas and concrete actions

Question – with launch of cash hub does the role of the AG change? One bullet point of being “cash champions”. Mostly on this and a little bit of cash hub.

### Sub-Working Group Updates.

**Preparedness SWG:** as per evaluation and joint session

**IM/ Data Management SWG:** As per counting cash session. IM & Data management SWGs have merged. Endorsed by CPWG.

**Training SWG:** No update available this time

### IFRC Updates

CH 6 months in and 1 year on from full endorsement of the roadmap. IFRC Cash directors task force set up last July and happens every quarter. Updates against the 7 key recommendations of the roadmap. Traffic light system of progress. Chaired by USD P&O, attended Head of D&C, CH attends. Next meeting in Sept. Focusing on making IFRC more cash enabling. CPWG keen to know on the progress of roadmap. Update at Governing Board.

- Cash Roadmaps – AP in Jan. E Africa Jun – report and feedback being finalised and will be shared. Lisbet / Giuseppe is developing the workplan until end of August. Then no Cash FP. Looking for a solution for this.
- W. Africa regional cash WG meeting planned – could tag/align the regional cash strategic workshop on to this.
- MENA – CH visited last week, desire/support to have a regional cash workshop
- Americas – Started the strategy, funding for a 6-month position.
- Europe: regional workshop Oct. Setting up a cash work group.
- Draft revised cash SOPs – shared with directors as of June.
- RedRose – 4 pilots. KRCS using for global fund health programme, Lebanon RC planned to use. There is a cost but those should be factored into programme budget. Quality and scale justify the minimal cost.
- RedRose in a box – FAQ, training, costs. – BRC can help support the delivery of the “box” stuff. Are GDPR ready. Suggestion for future RedRose training to include CPWG members, logs, finance.
- Innovation and Blockchain. Interesting and successful 2500HH received cash for drought. Gave an additional level of accountability. Will look to build on this going forward. RR built a Blockchain solution within 2 weeks.
- CPWG had agreed that the cost of the coordinator role would be shared equally amongst the members.

Going forward:

CH IFRC to be a lead on GB Social Protection workstream – IFRC/UNICEF/DFID are the leads. Mvt mapping on SP – WWW and lessons learnt.

The International conference in Sept 2019 – posed a cash event. Trust in humanitarian systems 2-3hr side event? Social protection (opportunities and risks, peer leadership support on SP?

#### **ACTION POINTS:**

- Request to share Governing Board minutes from June with CPWG – **CH**
- Share the IFRC regional cash roadmaps (email or on closed area of Cash Hub) – **CH**
- Share dates of Senegal meeting and CRC focal point contact with Giuseppe- **NF**
- Share alignment and funding through the regional groups. Let CH know. – **ALL**
- Share the SFW, change to state “endorsed by GB” and share with CPWG – **CH/JB**
- Share the revised SoPs with CPWG for dissemination and feedback – **CD**
- Advise Joseph of the support offer for RedRose in a box from British RC – **CD**
- Check if blockchain can be checked against the Data management requirements – **JO**
- Share blockchain reports later in the summer – **CH/JO**  
Arrange call for support to the CPWG coordination role – **CH**
- Identify ideas/themes/highlights for the international conference 2019 and CH to keep people updated – **ALL/CH**
- Scoping the 25 partnerships with WFP – **CH/DP**

## **2. CBI Delivery**

### **CPWG Cash Strategic Framework**

Endorsed by Governing Board. Front page to be updated with endorsed by and then will be sent out with the minutes. Need to ensure within SFW and workplan that the counting case changes allows us to still report on what we need to report on. Agree outcomes, indicators and outputs and alignment with metrics. In September we will validate this with the full CPWG, but we have a decent group to discuss. Objectives, outcomes and goal are set in stone as endorsed by GB. Outcomes are in different colours based on theory of change and strategic/technical/operational.

CPWG is collecting data at the goal level only and not taking on the commitment to measure all of these. Organisations will use this to collect data for their own organisation and which ones you will contribute to.

#### **CPWG**

- Count at the goal level
- Contribute to some activities but not report of the progress
- Analyse who’s contributing to what and identify gaps.

We don't have "how fast" in the global metrics but we should have. However fast is different in slow/sudden onset and 500 people and 5 million people. Now have some localisation indicators  
Measurement frame: Those in green text we can already do. Those in red text we need to do some work to be able to collect the data.

## CPWG 2018 Interim ToR and 2019 ToR

**2018 ToR.** The comments from Nairobi have been added. CPWG has endorsed this for this interim period.

**2019 ToR.** Need to relook at the membership criteria (organisational + member) and then how do we ensure representation (regional diversity).

Regional CWGs should engage in the same way as SWGs. So, on the standing items add Regional CWG. AP and E Africa so far. CD needs to know who the lead is to get updates. Can be invited to key events on an ad hoc basis.

When we have lots of qualified members (more than 14-16) then people need to rotate in and out (maybe only 18-24 months)

Membership should be open for a period.

Keep the co-chair model.

Need to ensure that chairs and standing members are distinct and different, should not be equated.

## Counting Cash

Big numbers (from Lisa's presentation)

Difficult to have country level and regional level:

1. Don't have regional numbers in the map to make it more automated or
2. Accept that there is more manual effort to have the map with everything
3. Drop regional report altogether (in big numbers and mapping)

Frequency – collect once a year by end of Q1 of the following year for the previous full year. For end of Q2 to have the analysis and mapping.

Keeping:

Reporting entity, country, Implementing NS, Mvt Partner, year if can't break down by year, report at the end – be pragmatic), cash planned/expended, rationale for difference, actual beneficiary, project/sector, restriction, simplified delivery mech

## **ACTION POINTS:**

- Update the Tiers diagram and narrative – **JB/WB**
- Define how information between the tiers and to the wider community, through the cash hub will work – **ALL**
- Targeted recruitment of CPWG members through regional cash FPs and CWGs – **Chairs**
- Double check the list of countries with possible double counting - **LW**
- Call for the possible double counting to decide lead reporter – **ALL**
- Each partner will go out to their bilateral NS to share the data to be mapped or can we do it through the IFRC Cash FP (Europe, AP, E Africa)– need to go through list and agree – **ALL**
- Define “total assistance” and what it does/doesn’t includes - **ALL**
- Define what “budgeted” is, what is it trying to tell us, does our approach work – **ALL**
- Split into three columns: grant / fees / indirect - **LW**
- Need to add in a preparedness/NSD: NS, amount of money invested. Create a separate spreadsheet - **LW**
- Ask Jackie for preparedness data – **LW**
- Ines will update the preparedness list and send to LW and CPWG – **ED/ID**
- Update and merge guidance and Metrics and Principles document. Preparedness is a different exercise – add a footnote – **CD/LW**
- How many people included fees - do the analysis and to follow up directly with CPWG if unclear- **LW**  
In the principles document state what metrics are parked and why - **CD/LW**
- Review draft generic email to NS partners to review by end of July and allocate a lead (Cash FP or other) to share with and liaise with NS - **ED**
- How do we address the gaps in the data in terms of what we map/ present publicly? (do we only present those we are confident in and/or what caveats/notes are added) produce the maps, what’s included/excluded and why (2017) and share this with CPWG by end of 31<sup>st</sup> July - **LW / IM SWG**
- CPWG members to review and sign off for release publicly the representation of the date. Deadline 6-10 August (allocate a substitute if not around) – **ALL**
- Advise IM SWG on how the ICRC data needs to be represented – **JB**
- By end of 2018 the members of the CPWG to decide what within the SFW Log Frame they can contribute against the outcomes - **ALL**
- SFW terminology check. Need to remove: beneficiary and replace with an appropriate term; replace disaster with crisis; others – **JB/WB**
- Correct terminology for the money into the hand of a recipient as a percentage of the overall costs – **WB**
- RECOMMENTION: for 2018 metrics don’t do any additional data collection (above the usual programme monitoring) until we have agreed the metrics that need clarification - **ALL**
- Clarify wording recognised/ratified/endorsed on the SFW – **JB/CH**
- Share the endorsed 2018 ToR - **JB**

### 3. CBI Development

#### Cash Preparedness Sub Working Group

3 areas needed to be worked on to move forward.

- How to embed cash preparedness: is it standalone or part of something broader e.g. OD or disaster preparedness (need to investigate)
- Need to develop metrics (what we need to measure before and after; impact, quality markers and M&E) needs urgent development/work
- Tweaking/Revising/Updating approach/guidelines/tools

Evaluation feedback given to Jackie and Lois who may accept or reject. Highlighting the actions to go into the workplan.

Future proofing NS and ensuring they are cash ready. Got to be light touch and build on the dynamics/ momentum of cash preparedness but not too standalone.

Tiers – different level of engagement for different tiers (pre-investment tier, cash preparedness tier, leadership tier) and show there is a continuum and linkages. Clear on the journey we are on and size/depth of the investment. Flags to show investment is worthwhile.

Guidance – change from scale to routine and routine at scale, for a diverse set of NS you need to be able to cover all of this. NS to make decision on the ambition, for daily response and not the exceptional.

Preparedness for Effective Response (PER). Window this month for revision and then 6 months – which might fit with us depending on how quickly we are moving. High level assessment and then further in-depth analysis required. Is the PER sufficiently designed to get data to show cash is a priority or not?

Need a further meeting to continue the discussions on CP SWG priorities for the next 6 months and work plan once the actions are clearer and finalising the ToR and not just in draft. Based on the final report and the management response.

Cash ready - descriptors and proxy indicators needs to be there for the result which we are aiming for. To be worked on and proposed.

Messaging today “you must use cash in EA/DREF and if not why not” but through regional CWG is messaging on complementarity of cash and some substitution of IKD for cash. It’s misleading to tell an NS you must do cash at scale, it’s about what do you want to be ready for in your day to day work.

## Cash Hub

Emma presented the live hub. Updating is still on-going. Plug-ins for closed areas not yet available. The search function will work on a key word search in the title and text within the body of the document. With documents containing the key word in the title being prioritised at the top of the search results list. Documents will be categorised by theme and region. The soft launch will be 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The helpdesk function will be provided by British RC initially (Mon, Weds, Fri mornings) until the end of the year and the use of the service will be evaluated. A list of common questions will be drafted into FAQs. Helpdesk can only be accessed by Mvt staff/volunteers.

### ACTION POINTS:

- Evaluation team to send final version of report by end of July – **CP SWG lead**
- Release findings in September on the cash hub (as per our commitment) – **CP SWG Lead**
- Arrange a call to discuss management response - **ALL**
- Review SWG feedback, add ours and compile management response completed – **ALL**
- CP SWG meeting to discuss and finalise workplan – **CP SWG**
- PER review in 6 months look to review/influence for cash – **CP SWG**
- OCAC / DRESI review for cash – **CH**
- Check if the NSD trip report can be shared – **WB**
- Members interested in being Cash Hub content owners should let Emma know - **ALL**

## 4. Next CPWG Meeting Prep

**We have decided based on the volume of work that the CPWG meeting will be 2.5 days with Monday being an all-day meeting starting first thing (Emma to confirm actual start time)**

10<sup>th</sup> A.M./ P.M. CPWG (BRC HQ)

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12<sup>th</sup> A.M. CPWG (Mary Ward House)

12<sup>th</sup> P.M. CPWG + AG (Mary Ward House)

13<sup>th</sup> Conference Open day (theme – localisation) 150 participants maximum

- Opening by BRC CEO Mike Adamson
- Plenary on transformative/distributive nature of cash
- 3 breakout groups (simultaneous) 1. Social protection, 2. Localisation 3. Innovation
- Plenary cash in conflict

- Wrap up

Save the date sent out, agenda to follow shortly. Admin/welcome pack will be sent before the agenda for planning purposes.

**ACTION POINTS:**

- Send suggestions for speakers for the open day (especially women) to Emma – **ALL**
- Open day will be by invitation only, if you wish for another invite, in addition to the CPWG member, send their names, job title, email to Emma for BRC consideration - **ALL**
- Lunchtime at the open day there will be a market place. If you wish to have a stand/stall let Emma know – **ALL**
- Written updates on: SWG, outstanding action points from the previous meeting, and a summary of the IFRC/ICRC updated to be shared before the meeting - **JB/CH/CD**

## 5. AOB and Meeting Closure

The meeting overran and so AOB topics (NLRC White Paper 510, and MAG/Market training) were not discussed.

**ACTION POINTS:**

- n/a