Responsibilities of cash coordination groups

Cash coordination groups have been established in Lebanon, the Philippines, Haiti, Somalia, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Pakistan. Some have been set up through CaLP, while others have been formed by agency staff on the ground.

The following are responsibilities included in the Terms of Reference (TORs) of these various groups:

* Ensure cross-agency coordination of cash programming, including geographical mapping of activities, timing of interventions and setting of transfer values.
* Track information on cash interventions by agency, geographical area, type of cash programme and transfer mechanisms.
* Document key lessons from cash interventions and share these during interagency cluster meetings.
* Make recommendations for enhancements of programming tools and guidelines and for further research (e.g., joint M&E tools, common complaint mechanisms, development of accountability materials and standardization of payment rates).
* Undertake joint monitoring visits based on identified needs, to support field groups and generate case studies.
* Establish standards and common approaches.
* Identify areas for collaboration between agencies.
* Share information on cash transfer mechanisms, encouraging debate and identifying areas for innovation and harmonization.
* Engage the private sector, academics and financial institutions in debates and programming decisions.
* Develop shared positions on cash transfer programming through advocacy, lobbying and influencing key actors, and policy formulation.
* Link up with EMMA and other market assessments.
* Peer review ongoing agency programmes.
* Engage local NGOs, government bodies and micro-finance institutions to draw on existing knowledge, practice and programming.
* Identify appropriate ways to contribute to cluster debates about cash transfers.
* Create a library of cash resources.
* Engage in advocacy work on important issues as identified by participants.
* Ensure that all activities are consistent with the Code of Conduct and Sphere standards.

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