**GSC Cash Working Group (CWG) Meeting – 06th Feb 2017**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Joseph AShmore (IOM), Davide Nicolini (UNHCR), Marta Pena (IFRC), Andrew Powell (Save the children), Dave Ray (Shelter Box)

**Agenda:**

The meeting was held with the key objective of reviewing activities for the workplan for 2016.

**Outcomes:**

The following 5 activities were identified:

**1)** **Finalise Shelter Cluster cash and shelter guidance**

ACTIONS: UNHCR to review options to issue consultancy

ACTION: ja to share current draft with the group

**2) Capacity building proposal:** Draft a proposal for cluster capacity cash building needs - outlining audience, learning needs and scale required for roll out. This should also link with a HR and staffing strategy.

ACTIONS: UNHCR to draft

Background: “GSC cash and shelter training ” had previously been discussed but not included in the 2016 workplan as it was felt that it

a) needed to link to more targeted understanding of staffing and capacity building needs, and

b) that the development of training packages without a broader roll out plan would have limited impacts for the resources required – whilst higher impacts could be developed through advocacy activities of the group.

c) Save the children had conducted a cash/shelter training and CALP are developing materials.

**3) Market assessments:** Develop guidance on market assessments from a shelter perspective

Some interest from Save the Children but further scoping and resourcing is required.

BACKGROUND: Understanding of commodity, rental and labour markets is less sophisticated than for consumables markets. More consistent expertise and tools to conduct these market analyses are required

**4) Advocacy:** Maintain watching brief on cash discussions for advocacy and engage as relevant.

ACTION: all: to follow up and report on areas where shelter cluster advocacy is required

BACKGROUND: advocacy on shelter and cash issues remains one of the major results of the WG for 2016. This is an area set to continue to evolve and further work is required

**5) External understanding of the shelter sector:** Maintain a watching brief on cash for shelter programmes and the understanding of the cash experts into the needs of the shelter sector

ACTION: all: to follow up

Background: this is closely linked to advocacy above, but also links to HR initiatives such as cashcap.