Demystifying CVA and Child Protection

Spotlighting resources and sharing country office experience

Save the Children, Plan International and Shafak

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Through this session, we aim to demystify CVA and CP by:

- Identifying and addressing key barriers to uptake of CVA in programmes seeking CP outcomes
- Familiarizing participants with available resources
- Spotlighting several countries’ work in this area
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Poll

Have you ever implemented CVA for CP outcomes?
Poll

How confident do you feel designing and implementing CVA programming for CP outcomes?
CVA has the potential to achieve positive protection outcomes for children and families.

Perceived CP and safeguarding risks associated with CVA are limiting exploration of CVA.

Appropriate design can limit risks CVA may pose to children and their families.

Limited evidence on the use of CVA as a tool to improve CP.
INTRODUCTION TO CVA AND CP

CHILD PROTECTION

Prevention of and response to, abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

Keeping people we work with safe from intentional or unintentional harm caused by programmes or people contracted or linked to our organizations
INTRODUCTION TO CVA AND CP
What risks do children face that CVA can help mitigate?

Go to www.menti.com
Spotlight 1: Child Safeguarding for CVA Guidance

• Published 2019

• Looks at safeguarding risks that may arise from CVA throughout the programme cycle
Objective:
Provide emergency assistance to Venezuelan migrants in situations of vulnerability and risk in Peru, in order to meet their basic needs along with complementary nutritional interventions to improve their nutrition practices in pregnant women, infants and children under 5 years of age.
Cash Care Processes with Safeguarding Systems

1. Safeguard Training

2. Risk assessment and mitigation

3. Virtual call center implementation

4. Using KOBO for the survey and registration process

5. Channels of reporting and attention of beneficiaries

6. Identification of Protection Cases
CVA is a modality that poses more risks than other modalities.
Spotlight 2: CP & CVA M&E Toolkit

- Toolkit
- Published 2021
- Support processes for identifying child protection RISKS, MITIGATION STRATEGIES and potential POSITIVE OUTCOMES that can be associated with CVA
Spotlight 2: CP & CVA M&E Toolkit

• Components of the Toolkit
  • Tool 1: FGD Tool
  • Tool 2: Survey tool for all CVA across sectors
  • Tool 3: Child protection case management survey tool
Spotlight 2: CP & CVA M&E Toolkit

• **Tool 1: FGD**

  • A focus group discussion / KII tool for adult caregivers.

  • For use by child protection, cash and other sector actors prior to starting cash and voucher assistance (CVA) to establish any potential risks.

  • This will help to:
    
    o Make decisions about programme design prior to starting implementation.

    o Identify actions to mitigate potential risks that can be planned from the outset.
Spotlight 2: CP & CVA M&E Toolkit

• Tool 2: Survey tool for all CVA across sectors
  • A survey tool / KII question guide for use with adults / caregivers.
  • For use by all humanitarian actors using CVA.
  • Used after CVA started, at intervals throughout life of CVA.
Spotlight 2: CP & CVA M&E Toolkit

• Tool 3: Child protection case management survey tool

• A survey / KII questions for adult caregivers receiving case management support as part of CP programmes.

• Identify CP risks & positive outcomes.

• For use by case workers / CP staff.

• Used at intervals throughout life of cash transfer.
How the MEAL Toolkit has been used to support Shafak programming
Shafak pilot testing
Spotlight 2: CP & CVA M&E Toolkit

1. Adaptation
2. Selection & training of enumerators
3. Selection of participants
4. Conducting the surveys and FGDs
5. Analyzing the data
SPOTLIGHT 3: CVA and Adolescent Programming

Risks associated with the introduction of CVA are related to context, age, gender and diversity.
Plan International Uganda working on CPIE in West Nile (Adjumani, Yumbe and Arua) since 2016

Project: Building community resilience for protection of refugee and host community children and adolescent
Risk Assessment: Key Findings

**POTENTIAL CHILD PROTECTION RISKS:**
- Sexual and gender-based violence
- Physical and emotional violence
- Psychosocial distress
- Family separation
- Economic and sexual exploitation

**ACCESS**
- Lack of identification documents & communication devices needed to access cash

**FRAUD AND DIVERSION**
- Diversion of funds by caregivers intended for children/adolescents
- Cash used for unintended purposes by adolescents

**RELATIONS**
- Family tensions between caregivers or siblings
- Community tensions and violence by neighbors and community members
Mitigation Strategies

Counselling and guidance to children and caregivers
- How to use cash based on needs, how to reduce potential tensions

Monitoring the use of cash
- Routine monitoring to ensure child’s needs are covered, to confirm they received right

Community awareness and sensitization
- Engaging stakeholders (local authorities, community structures) and ensuring confidentiality

Complaint and feedback mechanism
- To allow adolescent and caregivers to complain and provide feedback in peaceful way

Flexible design
- Case by case supported by case worker for distribution

Clear target criteria
- Use clearly verifiable beneficiary targeting criteria
SPOTLIGHT 3: CVA and Adolescent Programming

• Published 2020.

• Collates findings from existing programs that deliver CVA for adolescent education, protection and wellbeing outcomes.

• Provides recommendations on how CVA can achieve outcomes for adolescents in humanitarian settings.
Children and their families risk spending money on unnecessary items if CVA is unrestricted.
Family Care First | REACT, led by MoSVY, is a network of organizations, financially supported by the European Union, USAID, the GHR Foundation, Save the Children Hong Kong and UNICEF. The financial support aims to impact more than 7,000 Cambodian children to live in safe, nurturing family based care.
With that support, I have a small business to get some income.
Discuss the following question in your group:

- **Q1 Groups**: What are the challenges / risks associated with implementing CVA for CP?
- **Q2 Groups**: How have you overcome certain barriers to using CVA for CP outcomes effectively?
- **Q3 Groups**: What benefits do you see to integrating CVA and CP?
- **Q4 Groups**: What information/guidance would you need to design and implement CVA and CP programming?
Thank you!

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