Virtual Launch
Stocktaking Paper on Cash and Voucher Assistance for Protection
2 Sept 2020

Stocktaking Paper and Executive Summary in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish:
https://wrc.ms/cash-protection-outcomes
Agenda

**Moderator:**
- Andreas Papaconstantinou, Director Neighbourhood and Middle East, European Commission, DG ECHO

**Keynote Speaker:**
- Grainne O’Hara, Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR

**Panellists:**
- Tenzin Manell, Task Team on Cash for Protection Co-Chair/Senior Technical Advisor, Cash and Livelihoods, Women’s Refugee Commission
- Monica Ferro, Director of Geneva Office, UNFPA
- Modar Almohamad, Senior Protection Manager, International Rescue Committee – Practical Example of Cash Transfers for Protection Outcomes in Syria

**Discussion/Summary/Closing:**
- Q&A/Discussion (moderated by Manisha Thomas, WRC)
- Summary and closing remarks by Moderator, Andreas Papaconstantinou
Stocktaking Paper on Cash and Voucher Assistance for Protection
Key lessons & critical gaps

- Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) can contribute to achieving protection outcomes
- CVA usually needs to be coupled with other forms of protection assistance
- Lack of common definitions, policies & operational frameworks for cash for protection
- How different modalities, delivery mechanisms influence prevention & recovery
- What the best complementary protection activities are
Recommended actions:

1) Break down silos between CVA and Protection actors and apply existing tools and guidance
2) Build upon local partners’ capacities
3) Develop clear eligibility criteria and harmonize targeting
4) Fund programming and related start-up costs to support institutionalization
5) Conduct more research to inform evidence-based practice
Protection Cash in North West Syria

MODAR ALMOHAMAD : SENIOR PROTECTION MANAGER
CONTEXT: IDLEB, NORTH WEST

ACTIVE CONFLICT ZONE

BARRIERS TO ACCESSING SERVICES

PROLONGED AND MULTIPLE DISPLACEMENTS
Objectives

Using cash to support protection outcomes is intended to help clients address or mitigate protection risks or promote access to essential services for a specific need.
TRANSFER VALUES AND TIMING

- Transfer value is determined on a case-by-case basis
- Ranging from $50 to $500
- Delivered within 48 to 72 hrs in emergencies

TARGET GROUPS

IDPs and host communities with protection concerns who were not targeted by other cash assistance and who can obtain a tangible protection benefit from a cash transfer
NEEDS COVERED THROUGH CASH

- Transportation to Access Services
- Imminent risk of eviction
- Modification of existing shelter
- Livlihood support for vulnerable head of household
- Relocation due to protection concern

- Sudden financial shock
- Assistive Devices
PROGRAMMATIC COMPONENTS

Information Services
Provide information on humanitarian services, rights and entitlements

Referrals
Service mapping, accompaniment, referrals and advocacy

Basic PSS
Provide Psychological First Aid, basic helping skills
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Join the Next Event:
Cash and Voucher Assistance: The Cash For Protection Agenda and Integration of GBV Risk Mitigation in Cash
14:00 (Geneva time), 21 September 2020
https://www.globalprotectioncluster.org/2020/07/04/cash-voucher-assistance-event/