



The Cash Learning Bulletin

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Smart cards used for the first time in Zimbabwe cash transfers

In 2011 two organisations have for the first time led the way in demonstrating the possibilities for technology-based approaches to cash delivery in Zimbabwe. Save the Children and World Vision have adopted two contrasting smart card cash systems within the urban areas of Karoi and Bulawayo.

These two projects are providing important information about the country-specific aspects of technology-based cash delivery within Zimbabwe, and how the use of these types of approaches can be best adapted to best meet the needs of beneficiaries and increase outreach of access to financial services amongst the largely unbanked poor and very poor households in Zimbabwe. The CaLP Coordinator in Zimbabwe is providing support to the collection and sharing of learning experiences as technological approaches to cash transfer delivery begin to take root in the country. [Read the full story here](#)



Philippines Cash Learning Group starts up

Using cash transfers or vouchers for humanitarian response in an emergency is still fairly new in the Philippines. But in this disaster prone-country with highly resilient markets, interest from humanitarian stakeholders is growing. The Cash Learning Group coordinated by the CaLP is the only forum for technical professionals dedicated to cash transfer programming in the Philippines.



The overall objective of the group is to increase the knowledge and skills of the participants about cash transfer programming, and to promote good practices through the sharing of experiences and materials and the provision of recommendations on specific topics. The group next meets on **August 26th**. [Find out more](#) about CaLP in the Philippines.

Technical forum on cash transfers in Kenya & Somalia

CaLP is organising an **interagency technical forum on 24 August** in Nairobi. This meeting is aimed at strengthening technical coordination among agencies practicing or planning to practice cash and voucher transfers for the on-going emergency response in the Horn of Africa.



The meeting will provide a forum for technical exchanges, including presentations from implementing agencies. Two key topics on the agenda that are relevant at this moment and are: **how to set the value of the transfer, and context analysis and selecting an appropriate modality**. Pre-registration essential. [Read more here](#) or contact: frederic.vignoud.calp@gmail.com

CaLP Ivory Coast Cash Guidelines

In June this year, CaLP deployed a short-term cash focal point to Man, in Western Ivory Coast. As the situation began to stabilise there, humanitarian actors became keen to engage in cash and/or voucher activities to complement in-kind support and jump-start economic recovery in the region. As part of the response, the CaLP focal point developed a set of guidelines to cash transfer programming with context-specific recommendations, including on security mitigation measures. [Get them here](#)



Save the date: CaLP 5th Global Learning Event

Nairobi, Kenya 17-18 November 2011. This 2-day event co-hosted by IFRC and CaLP will provide an opportunity for humanitarian professionals to come together to debate, discuss and share experiences in cash transfer programming in emergencies. In addition to discussions on cash transfers in the Horn and East Africa drought response, the 5th global learning event will have 2 in-depth themes: **market analysis and new technologies**.



Forthcoming Research

While there is significant evidence to support the notion that there are wide-ranging and multifaceted benefits of implementing cash-based interventions, the CaLP believes that further research is required to close knowledge gaps in specific areas and to exploit innovations in the delivery of cash and vouchers. CaLP has started the following research pieces, which will be completed by the end of this year.

- Preparedness for large-scale emergency cash and voucher programmes
- Market analysis in emergency cash transfer programming
- Cash and vouchers in urban contexts
- New technologies in humanitarian cash and voucher programmes

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Latest vacancies

- M&E Technical Advisor for the South Central Cash Consortium (Somalia), based in Nairobi, Kenya. Deadline: 28 Aug 2011
- WFP is seeking a research consultant for Protection and Gender Analysis of Cash and Voucher Programmes. Deadline: 22 August 2011.

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