

Looking into 2020: short overview on GLOBAL CLUSTERS, CVA and CaLP

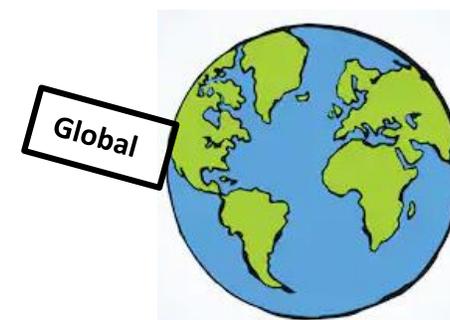
Overview as 2020 begins:

- **Significant progress and commitment** from all global clusters on integration of CVA into their work.
- **Significant interest** in different regions and by some donors on sector-specific CVA.
- **Challenges that remain:**
 - Dialogue: 1) Ensuring CVA specialists understand sector specificities and successfully bank on the technical expertise emanating from the sectors/clusters; 2) Ensuring sector specialists are included in conversations on CVA, can actively contribute, and feel that their sector concerns/priorities are being addressed;
 - Different needs: not all clusters are at the same level in CVA (capacity, evidence, resources). Those for which it is still quite emergent (Health, Nutrition) are doing great work to move forward.

How to move forward/how CaLP can support:



Field



Global

Greater uptake/integration of field work and best practices within global conversations on sectors & operationalization of global decisions in countries.

Make sure CWGs reach out to all clusters/sectors and vice-versa.

Equip cluster coordinators for better engagement.

e.g. in West Africa, cross-regional CaLP tailored training for Health cluster representatives; CaLP supporting clusters for inclusion of CVA in HNO/HRP processes.

Constant communication between global clusters and CaLP, clusters' participation in meetings and all relevant conversations on CVA and vice-versa.

Provide support to lift global clusters that most need it.

Work on better inclusion of sector-specificities in all CaLP products.

Cash task teams/working groups on CVA within the global clusters are very active in their engagement on CVA throughout the year. This includes regular meetings, with action plans for progress and reporting against these.

Some of the priorities which have already been defined for 2020 are as follow. This will evolve over the year but can already provide a useful overview at this stage.

SNAPSHOT OF GLOBAL CLUSTER PRIORITIES IN CVA FOR 2020:

GLOBAL CLUSTER	ACTIVITIES
<p>Education</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Global Education cluster is active and with CashCap support has come a long way on CVA. It published a synthesis on CVA for Education in Emergencies in February 2019 and set up its cash task team the same year. The Task Team has a detailed workplan for CVA in 2020 and 2021. • CVA can address demand side economic barriers to education (e.g. school fees, cost of schooling material, cost of labour opportunity of children). • Capacity building: a training module of 2 hours based on CaLP training materials was integrated into the cluster’s core skills training (tested in 2019 in Ukraine and Iraq and tested in French and English at global level). Recent work on including cash in the needs assessment guidance and training of the cluster, 4-page annex available. • CVA priorities for 2020: includes research on CVA for increasing inclusion of girls and children with disabilities, on CVA for adolescents, guidance on targeting CVA for Education in emergencies, capacity building. & with CaLP: CaLP active member of the global Education Cluster Cash Task Team.
<p>Food Security</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid CVA capacity and experience. • CVA priorities for 2020: market-based programming as a likely area of focus for better understanding of food systems. Action plan being defined. • Finalize the MPC best practice and examples document. & with CaLP: Participation in a webinar on risks in November 2019. CaLP active member of the cash and market working group of the global Food Security Cluster.

<p>Health</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Global Health cluster is highly committed to CVA (position paper of March 2018) but still has progress to make both in terms of capacity and acceptance for CVA. CVA priorities for 2020: focus on significant evidence gap e.g. on behavior change in terms of health, impact on health-specific outcomes, cost-efficiency between different transfer modalities), continuous advocacy to health practitioners for their consideration of CVA. <p>& with CaLP: Collaboration for the review, publication and dissemination of case studies on CVA for health outcomes. Collaboration on a webinar on 2 April 2020 on CVA for Health outcomes with case studies. Plan for global cluster to adapt CaLP's PQTB to Health sector for Health specialists. West Africa: detailed workplan with capacity building, joint training for health cluster representatives across four countries, tools and impact studies.</p>
<p>Logistics</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVA priorities for 2020: Global Logistics cluster is looking to further adapt its work for CVA e.g. adapting Logistics Capacity Assessments to better integrate CVA. <p>& with CaLP: will be adjusted as opportunities come up.</p>
<p>Nutrition</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVA in Nutrition still very emergent. The global Nutrition cluster set up its reference group, October 2019. CVA priorities for 2020: With CashCap support, working on commonly accepted generic guidance on CVA in Nutrition with three case studies to support it. <p>& with CaLP: West Africa decision tree tool for CVA in Nutrition being finalized with country-piloting from February 2020. This tool will feed into global guidance. CaLP part of the global Nutrition cluster reference group for CVA in Nutrition.</p>
<p>Protection</p> 	<p>Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While one of the later starters, the global Protection cluster has made significant progress on CVA from 2017-2019, including mapping evidence on CVA for GBV and Child Protection outcomes. In early 2020, a position paper on CVA for Protection will be published. CVA priorities for 2020: advocate with CVA implementers and donors to address articulated evidence gaps and take up best practice, map gaps linked to CVA and remaining areas of protection - Housing, Land and Property and Mine Action outcomes, and broaden access to CVA for Protection guidance, tools, trainings and evidence. <p>& with CaLP: translate evidence-mapping and position paper and widely disseminate. CaLP active member of the task team for CVA for Protection.</p>

	<p>Child protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVA priorities for 2020: (1) working on a module for integration of child protection into cash transfer programming, including with the measuring of outcomes; (2) following up on work done to inform the Grand Bargain cash sub-workstream on MPC outcome indicators, with the development and piloting of a module of common and user-friendly indicators and guidance for integrating child protection in MPC monitoring and evaluation frameworks; (3) Series of webinars starting in Q1 2020 for evidence on use CVA for Child Protection outcomes. <p>& with CaLP: CaLP active member of the Cash and Child Protection task force.</p>
<p>Shelter</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good capacity and progress on CVA overall. • CVA priorities for 2020: Detailed workplan is being finalized. Priorities for 2020 include rolling out of rental assistance guidelines developed by UNHCR and additional tools developed by a Global Shelter Cluster (GSC) Task force including cash cap; delivery of cash and shelter trainings for country-level Shelter Clusters; and taking forward various market analysis tools: housing, construction, labour etc. <p>As per requests coming from the field and to be in line with the Global Cluster Coordinator’s Group, the GSC aims to advance on the issue of measuring the effectiveness of cash, vouchers, in-kind, and mixed modalities in meeting humanitarian shelter and NFI needs. All country-level Shelter clusters should now include modality reporting in their 4/5Ws and aim to put into place post distribution monitoring and lessons learned to improve the effectiveness in meeting Shelter and NFI needs. Several clusters have asked for support with this and would like to use this sectoral capacity to have better understanding of multi-sectoral/purpose cash. The GSC looks forward to working with other clusters in order to enhance reporting on the outcomes of multipurpose cash particularly in protracted crises. The GSC hopes to see the use of coping strategy indices and referral mechanisms used more regularly to inform enhanced multi-sectoral collaboration to respond to humanitarian needs.</p> <p>& with CaLP: CaLP active member of the GSC’s cash working group.</p>
<p>WASH</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively working on the further strengthening of knowledge and capacity of WASH specialists on CVA and market-based programming (MBP). • CVA priorities for 2020: Detailed workplan includes ongoing evidence review: Database of knowledge resources on MBP and CVA for WASH, in all five WASH areas (water, sanitation, hygiene, solid waste management, vector control) and MPC and WASH; evidence maps for first three WASH areas (water, sanitation, hygiene); report outlining evidence gaps; four reports focused on current practices (MPC and WASH, MBP/CVA in water, sanitation and hygiene areas). The CVA in WASH training package is being rolled out with a ToT in Cologne in March 2020. And the global WASH cluster looking at providing better field support to country clusters.

	<p>& with CaLP: CaLP colleague/trainer to help facilitate WASH training in French in Dakar (November 2020). CaLP support for introductory webinar on MBP in WASH together with Pro-WASH, planned for April/May, in English, French and Spanish. CaLP active member of the global WASH cluster’s technical working group on MBP and CVA.</p>
<p>CCCM</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The global CCCM cluster is engaged in CVA. • Areas of interest: Exploring/defining (1) the role of Camp management agencies when the service providers are providing CVA in camps and camp-like settings - from engagement with communities, to accountabilities of “assistance” being provided (e.g. cash for shelter, for food, etc); and (2) Community-level cash grants programing (similar to saving groups in development context), and how this can be utilized towards CCCM objectives in working to build capacity of the displaced population in working collectively to assess, plan, implement and monitor.
<p>ETC</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ETC cluster is looking at connectivity as aid and at connectivity for aid. This includes facilitating set-ups for mobile money transfers. Their service catalogue includes access to connectivity, access to radios, and two-way communication. • Priorities for 2020: section to be updated soon.