

CBR-TWG Northern Syria Assistance Delivery Modality Decision Tree

Introduction

This modality decision tree has been developed by the Cash Based Responses Technical Working Group to ensure transparent decision making with specific consideration of the cross border response from Turkey into Northern Syria .

Based on global guidance documents from OXFAM, CaLP and independent research, and drawing on first hand learning from operational organizations in Turkey/ Syria, the tool is designed for use across the humanitarian response to determine the most appropriate response modality. The modality decision tree is not meant to describe how to design a cash-based response program but aims to highlight areas for greater consideration during the planning process. Links to CTP guidance documents are listed below.

The modality decision tree firstly considers the appropriateness and feasibility of using the local markets to provide required commodities for the response, and secondly the challenging internal and external operating environment which will influence whether a cash based response is possible to achieve. The modality decision tree identifies the requirement for in-depth assessment of transfer mechanisms and organizational capacity in addition to the market assessment .

Organizations should be aware that when the conditions are met in the market for a cash based response to be feasible , responding with in kind assistance could have a detrimental effect on the local systems and economy .

Format

The decision tree is designed to be read vertically beginning with the left hand column . Where answers are 'Yes' to each question the reader should move down the column . Where the answer is 'No' the reader should move horizontally to the final column where the most appropriate modality is listed . Situations requiring the same modality are grouped by color .

Where available, links are included to supporting guidance documents to assist organizations in preparation for implementing cash-based responses. Further resources are listed below.

Assumptions

- The modality decision tree is used following needs assessment and market assessment. The decision tree helps to identify the most appropriate way to meet those needs
- Needs could be long-term or immediate needs

Resources

- **CBR-TWG Dropbox:** <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/t44bfyivqctdtqt/AABf4QaVRt2EzXKPv2q8LTXea?dl=0>
- **OXFAM CTP SOPs - Modality Decision Tree (page 22):** <http://www.logcluster.org/document/oxfam-working-markets-and-cash-sops-2013>
- **CaLP:** <http://www.cashlearning.org/english/home>
- **Red Cross CTP Toolkit:** <http://rcmcash.org/>

Terminology

Vendor = shop owner

Agent = money transfer agent/ trader

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