

Safe Cash Distribution in Liberia

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Delivering cash to crises affected populations is much more than about meeting their ‘physical needs’. It is also about seeing the human being in its fullness and ensuring that the assistance preserves their **Safety, Dignity and Integrity**. We ensure that cash delivery does not increase the risks faced by populations and vulnerable groups.

We ensure inclusion of the most vulnerable groups

Older people, persons with disabilities, pregnant and lactating women and those caring for children must be given priority in cash distributions as standing for long periods of time is difficult and will prevent them from attending.

We ensure that men and women of all ages and abilities are able to collect and use their cash in a safe and dignified manner without facing barriers

Through regular consultations with men and women of different age groups and status, we aim to fully understand their specific needs and ensure these are considered when designing and implementing cash transfer programmes.

- Older people, persons with disabilities, women with children and pregnant and lactating may not be able to walk *long distances* to cash distribution sites due to the deteriorating affect that this will have on their health.
- Women caring for children may not be able to attend if they have no form of support so it is important to make links with protection services for child friendly spaces

CHECKLIST

- Has a site assessment visit been carried out? Is the distribution site located in a safe place on level ground? Is there enough space to accommodate everyone? Is there seating available? Are there toilets and water points?
- Do beneficiaries know their exact cash entitlement? Has the start time (during daylight hours), date, location, cash amount and distribution procedure been shared with

beneficiaries? Has the information been made accessible to those who cannot reach the central information board?

- Have vulnerable groups (older people 60+, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, women with children) been identified prior to distribution? Have we prioritized older persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women and women with children to be served first?
- Has the community been consulted in the development of the targeting criteria? Have we involved beneficiaries in pre-planning the distribution? e.g. through regular meetings
- Have we consulted with different vulnerable groups in the community about how to ensure they collect money easily and feel safe at the distribution point?
- Have we agreed with beneficiaries on a safe and dignified crowd control mechanism e.g. separate queues, involvement of local leaders?
- Where appropriate, has a next of kin been identified to support vulnerable groups in receiving the cash on behalf of the beneficiary?
- Has a focal person been identified to assist and signpost vulnerable groups during the distribution process?
- Have we agreed on a safe ‘home delivery’ mechanism for beneficiaries who are house bound and unable to attend the distribution such as the sick, older people and persons with disabilities?
- Have our messages and sensitisation efforts been adapted for those with specific needs? e.g. use of megaphone for hard of hearing
- Are there adequate numbers of male and female staff for the distribution? Have we ensured that both men and women staff the complaints/exit interview section?
- Is the complaints mechanism, such as a hot line number or complaints box, been communicated and displayed for all to see?

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