

## Cash and Voucher Assistance Essentials for Education Cluster Information Managers

### ***What is Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA)?***

CVA refers to all programmes where cash transfers or vouchers for goods or services are directly provided to recipients. In the context of humanitarian assistance, the term refers to the provision of cash transfers or vouchers directly to individuals, household or community recipients; not to governments or other state actors.

Thus, cash transfers made directly to institutions with the objective of strengthening education services, such as teacher incentives and cash grants to schools, are considered transfers to governments or other state institutions (and not individuals or households or communities) and do not fall under the definition of CVA.

<b>CVA in Education in Emergencies...</b>	
<b>Is:</b>	<b>Is NOT:</b>
Cash transfers or vouchers to families or children to cover school fees	Cash grants to schools to cover school fees
Cash transfers or vouchers to families or children to cover school materials such as notebooks, pens, uniforms, school bags	Cash grants to schools to cover the purchase of teaching and learning materials
Cash transfers or vouchers to families or children to cover the cost of transport to and from school	Teacher incentives
Cash transfers or vouchers to families or children to cover the cost of lunch or pocket money	Transportation, training and monitoring visits per diem for teachers and MoE officials
Scholarships for students	Cash for disaster risk management committees
Cash transfers or vouchers to families or children to cover boarding costs	Any payments against school improvement plans managed by school-based committees
Cash transfers or vouchers for schoolgirls for sanitary pads	Cash grants to traders of school materials and uniforms
Cash for work to families of students, as payment for work done under school improvement plans	
Cash transfers or vouchers to families or students in replacement of school feeding	

### ***Where can I find more information on CVA terminology?***

The [CaLP Glossary](#) is the best source to find out more about CVA terminology. The Glossary exists also in [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Arabic](#). You can find here definitions of conditionality, restriction, cash, vouchers.

### ***Where can I find more information on CVA for EiE?***

You can find out more about CVA for EiE in the Global Education Cluster [Synthesis and Guidelines on CVA for EiE](#). This document will be soon available in French, Spanish and Arabic.

### ***How should CVA be included in Education Cluster Monitoring?***

In March 2020, OCHA updated the [3W template for inter-cluster reporting](#) to take into account implementation modalities such as cash transfers and vouchers. At a minimum, Education Clusters are advised to include in their reporting the standard fields included by OCHA in inter-cluster reporting, and where possible and relevant the OCHA optional fields as well. Only interventions that fall under the above CVA definition should be included.