Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Toolkit provides an overview on Plan International’s key technical resources developed around the COVID-19 response.

**WHERE MARKETS AND OPERATIONAL CONTEXTS PERMIT, CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING SHOULD BE THE PREFERRED AND DEFAULT METHOD OF SUPPORT**

Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General, World Humanitarian Summit, 2016

Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) is a preferred mode of assistance to affected populations providing flexibility, choice and dignity. Cash grants, preferably multi-purpose cash grants, are the most flexible. Mobile money transfers or digital systems are well developed and functional. Reduces mass gatherings and can deliver cash quickly. Cash distribution is generally 25-30% more cost-efficient than in-kind distribution. This can increase up to 90% more cost-efficient if mobile transfers are used. At a global level, there is a discourse and consensus being generated to integrate humanitarian cash with governments’ social protection programming. More than 171 countries have activated or reinforced their social protection measures. Majority of them are channelized through cash transfers.

You could find additional information in the form of one pager here.

1. **CVA PROGRAMME GUIDANCE**
   - These documents provide CVA technical staff in COs with guidance on how to integrate CVA programming under COVID-19 contexts.
     - COVID-19: Adaptations to Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Interventions
     - COVID-19 and Gender Aware Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Programming
     - Gender Aware Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Programming
     - Social Protection, Gender Equality and Humanitarian Cash under COVID-19 Context

2. **GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER RESOURCES**
   - Guidance created in collaboration with the CVA team from Plan International:
     - Guidance for Emergency Seed Interventions during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
     - Guidance for emergency livestock actions in the context of COVID-19: addressing emerging needs related to the pandemic and reprogramming ongoing critical activities.

3. **DIGITAL TECHNICAL GUIDANCE**
   - Plan Digital has prepared a technical guidance ‘Using technology in Cash and Voucher Assistance’ for the CVA Program Community of Practice.

4. **BITE-SIZE LEARNING RESOURCES**
   - Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) and Plan International have jointly prepared video documentaries:
     - Adapting delivery mechanisms
     - Remote Market Assessment and Monitoring

5. **WALK WITH ME PODCAST**
   - Aftab Alam (Global Lead on CVA), John Trew (Head of the Skills and Opportunity for Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Area of Global Distinctiveness) discuss the scope of CVA within the context of COVID-19 here.

6. **TIPS FOR DISTRIBUTIONS DURING COVID-19**
   - Plan International has prepared a ‘Tips for Distributions during Covid-19’, which states ‘CVA is the preferred modality when local markets can sustain the provision of goods and services in a timely and efficient manner. Direct distribution should only be used when other options such as CVA are not possible’.

7. **BLOG**
   - Please read blogs by Aftab Alam 1. here 2. here

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