

The Global Cash Working Group 2021 Terms of Reference

The Global Cash Working Group (GCWG) (formerly the Geneva-based Cash Working Group (GbCWG)) was initially formed by practitioners in 2013 and led by ICRC and CaLP. The group transitioned in 2015 following a request from ICRC for OCHA and CaLP to lead this group. Since then, despite the opening of nomination and election processes, the leadership has not changed. In order to reflect a more inclusive and representative leadership arrangement and recognizing the workload considerations from previous nomination processes, two co-chairs from field CWGs will also be nominated on an annual basis to support the two global chairs. This leadership arrangement will reflect the diverse membership of the Global CWG and ensure the workplan is responding to emerging priorities.

The GCWG is a platform for actors to collaborate and address key issues related to cash and voucher assistance. The GCWG seeks to link global cash initiatives and actors more systematically with evidence from and best practice in the field and the broader humanitarian system. In recognition of the multiple discussions around CVA (Grand Bargain, CaLP TAG, SP.org, etc), the GCWG seeks to add value by:

- 1) Facilitating information sharing among the broad membership on: cash policy (updates and read outs from Grand Bargain, GHD etc), knowledge (training opportunities, new and planned research) and information (mapping of CWGs, upcoming global meetings) and

- 2) By providing a centralized point for sharing learning, best practice and key challenges among field and regional cash working groups on operations (tools, best practices, guidances), opportunities for engagement (cash studies, innovative approaches etc) and linkages to global policy.

The GCWG will also collaborate and add value to other global level cash initiatives as required. The GCWG's members will maintain an up-to-date page on the CaLP website including meeting minutes, a forward cash calendar and a mapping of cash working groups (linked to humanitarianresponse.info).

The GCWG's membership is unrestricted and open to all interested organisations and actors who are engaged in cash and voucher assistance. It is aimed in particular at: leads, co-leads and members of national and regional Cash Working groups, global CVA focal points of humanitarian organisations, and other colleagues interested in learning more about CVA programming. We encourage participation from traditionally under-represented groups in this space, including local organisations, governments and the private sector.

Principles and approach

The GCWG will be:

- Focused on sharing learning and best practice on priority issues, promoting dialogue between global, regional and national levels, and on supporting positive progress on effective, efficient and accountable CVA ;
- proactively inclusive to ensure the group continues to represent the growing group of stakeholders; and
- supportive, with a goal to provide added value to the humanitarian community and share information to improve the effectiveness of CVA implementation.

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