

OPTIMIZING CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS FOR PROTECTION FROM GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: MAINSTREAMING GBV CONSIDERATIONS IN CBIS AND UTILIZING CASH IN GBV RESPONSE



What is the purpose of this toolkit and who should use it?



This toolkit is designed to support cash and gender-based violence (GBV) practitioners' work to ensure protection from GBV for crisis- and conflict-affected populations by: collecting the requisite information on risks for affected populations with an age, gender, and diversity (AGD) lens; identifying community-based or self-protection mechanisms; informing tailored and protective cash-based interventions; and preparing a monitoring system based on identified protection risks.



Why should cash and GBV practitioners use this toolkit?

Preventing and responding to GBV must be a priority from the outset for all actors in humanitarian operations. While cash itself is not risky, designing and implementing a cash-based intervention (CBI) without assessing gender dynamics, the potential risks of GBV associated with the introduction of cash, and the associated protection benefits can lead to unintended consequences. By undertaking the key steps outlined in the toolkit, cash practitioners can effectively mainstream GBV considerations within CBIs. Likewise, GBV practitioners can effectively use cash as a tool to enhance the protection of crisis- and conflict-affected populations, thereby mitigating their risks of recurrent violence, promoting their recovery, and building their resilience.

Where and when should the tools be used?

These tools should be adopted in all humanitarian settings where CBIs are introduced, and used throughout the program cycle to ensure quality programming. The toolkit is divided into two sections:

- Section I features a focus group discussion/interview tool and accompanying guidance to assess and mitigate potential risks, as well as a post-distribution monitoring tool and accompanying guidance to monitor risks;
- Section II outlines a protocol to assess and address GBV survivors' needs for cash assistance within GBV case management services, as well as a post-distribution monitoring tool and accompanying guidance to monitor risks.

How should this toolkit be used?

All of the tools in this toolkit are designed to be adapted to context and are modular so that cash and GBV actors can work together to bridge gaps in current practice.

What additional resources are available?

- Brief video that demystifies the respective roles and responsibilities of cash and GBV practitioners to strengthen the prevention of and response to GBV with respect to the integration of cash and GBV programming.
- Case studies that capture learnings from field-testing the toolkit in three pilot settings: Jordan with Mercy Corps and International Rescue Committee (IRC); Somalia with African Development Solutions (Adeso); and Niger with Save the Children.



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Calls to action: What can cash actors, GBV actors, and donors do to ensure optimal outcomes for crisis- and conflict-affected populations?

Cash actors

- Collaborate with GBV actors at the field level to mainstream GBV considerations within CBIs throughout the program cycle;
- Assess, mitigate, and monitor risks of GBV associated with the introduction of cash assistance;
- Tailor and adapt programming throughout the implementation phase to ensure safety and inclusion; and
- Partner with GBV actors to integrate cash within GBV case management services to better meet the protection needs of survivors of GBV.

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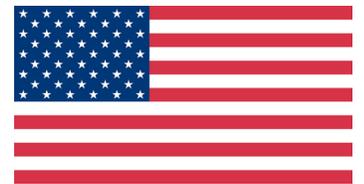
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GBV actors

- Establish comprehensive intersectoral referrals, taking into consideration that cash actors may play as important a role as health or other referral partners;
- Cultivate partnerships with cash actors to integrate cash within GBV case management services in order to better meet the protection needs of survivors of GBV; and
- Collaborate with cash actors to ensure GBV mainstreaming within CBIs throughout the program cycle.

Donors

- Incentivize cash actors to assess, mitigate, and monitor the potential risks associated with cash assistance by requiring protection risk-and-benefit analyses when supporting CBIs in emergencies;
- Invest in further research into scaling the integration of cash assistance into GBV programming, providing dedicated funding streams to help move the needle; and
- Given the unique parameters of utilizing cash within GBV response, consider supporting longer-term project horizons to ensure that survivors of GBV have access to tailored support and can safely graduate from GBV case management services, in addition to investing resources to cover start-up costs, additional staff, capacity-building, and institutionalization.



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