WEBINAR SERIES: CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE: EVIDENCE AND PRACTICE

Hosts: CARE & UN Women on behalf of the Grand Bargain Sub-workstream on Cash and Gender

BACKGROUND

Cash and voucher assistance (CVA) is now a common tool in humanitarian action used to meet the diverse needs of those displaced by crisis and conflict, and it is on the rise. Despite a push by several humanitarian actors since 2015, its use for protection outcomes – including to support the prevention of and response to gender-based violence (GBV) – trails behind that of all other sectors. As GBV is a risk in all humanitarian settings, it is essential that actors using CVA mitigate the GBV risks that may be associated with the use of the modalities.

CVA, while not always appropriate, can play a key role in the prevention of and response to GBV. It is essential to better understand how CVA can help prevent, mitigate, and respond to GBV. Building evidence on utilizing cash transfers is therefore much needed in order to strengthen the community of practice on responding to and preventing GBV and is key to advancing outcomes under the <u>Call to Action Roadmap</u>, the <u>GBV AOR Strategy 2018–2020</u>, <u>The Agenda for Collective Action</u>, the Gender and Cash sub-workstream, and the Localization workstreams of the <u>Grand Bargain</u>, the <u>Global Framework for Action</u> and the Global Protection Cluster (GPC) Task Team on Cash for Protection.

The Gender and Cash sub-working group of the Grand Bargain seeks to improve the policy, practice and promote research related to the intersection of gender and CVA. As part of its 2019-2020 work plan, a series of webinars on CVA and GBV was identified as one of the deliverables.

How do I register for the webinars?

Please register through this link.

What will the webinars focus on?

The webinars will focus on the most recent experiences in practice, research and application of guidance on CVA and GBV. Webinars from UNFPA, CARE and the Women's Refugee Commission will be the first. More detailed information will be shared in early January 2020.

When will the webinars happen and how long will they be?

The webinars will be held on Thursdays at 8:00 EST/ 14:00 CET/ 15:00 EAT starting from the 16th January 2020 for at least five weeks.

Who is the target audience?

The series will target practitioners, researchers, donors, or service providers who work in or are working in prevention, mitigation or response to GBV where CVA is part of the implementation or for those that want to learn about the use of CVA in interested prevention, mitigation or response to GBV.

How can you access the webinars?

The webinars will be delivered through the Zoom platform. CARE will provide the link to the participants.

How can I access the webinars if I cannot participate in the live versions?

All webinars will be recorded and a consolidated document with links to all presentations will be circulated at the culmination of the series and posted on CaLP's resource library.

Will the webinars be only in English?

At least two of the webinars will be available in other languages. One is planned in Spanish and one in French.

My agency has something to share, how could we be part of this series?

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