

# United Nations Common Cash System (CCS) in Afghanistan

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# Governance Structure of the UN CCS in Afghanistan

- **Senior Management Level:** Meeting quarterly to set strategic direction of the UN CCS in Afghanistan.
- **Technical Level:** Colleagues from Programme, Supply Chain, Finance, and Information Management from each agency meet on monthly basis to streamline processes, increase complementarities, and improve efficiency.
- **Operational Level:** Main focal points from agencies meet bi-weekly to facilitate the transition towards a common cash system through technical and coordination support.

# Joint Action Plan – Building blocks:

Selected Building blocks	Activities
<b>Joint Assessment &amp; Analysis</b>	Developing joint assessment templates to assess modalities, markets, needs, risks, protection, gender, and cost effectiveness and efficiency
<b>Programme Design</b>	Modality decision, programme objectives, advocacy
<b>Targeting</b>	Joint/coordinated targeting approach
<b>Identity management</b>	Core minimum data standards, Management Information Systems (MIS), joint data security and privacy assessments
<b>Registration</b>	Data sharing agreements, data protection standards, SOPs on deduplication & data management
<b>Procurement</b>	Joint procurement policy for FSP services, piggybacking on existing Long Term Agreements (LTAs)
<b>Payment</b>	Develop/explore joint and new payment solutions
<b>AAP/complaint and feedback mechanisms</b>	Coordinate use of complaint and feedback mechanisms, joint messaging to affected population
<b>M&amp;E</b>	Coordinated M&E approach, joint PDM, CCS progress/impact evaluations
<b>Coordination</b>	Communication and coordination with Cash and Voucher Working Group (CVWG), Governments, NGO partners, HQs

## What have we done so far?

- All technical level meetings (supply, finance, information management, programmes) have been established and are meeting on a monthly basis.
  - ✓ LTAs with FSPs mapped, shared & complementarities identified;
  - ✓ Agency presentations on MIS approach, mapping of core minimum data requirements, data sharing and data security processes discussed;
  - ✓ Finance processes compared & new payment mechanisms explored;
  - ✓ ToR for joint CBA feasibility assessment developed
- Action plan established and to be reviewed by operational level focal points and technical colleagues in July 2020.

## Next Steps for the UN CCS in Afghanistan

1. Finalising the **ToR for a joint CBA feasibility assessment**; requesting input from CVWG partners (August 2020) in a joint session.
2. **Develop templates for feasibility assessment and carry out joint CBA feasibility assessment in one selected site**; working closely with CVWG and partners (August/September 2020).
3. Review **action plan activities, progress and explore opportunities** for cooperation with CVWG partners in a dedicated UN CCS session (August 2020)
4. Initiate discussion on donor interest and funding

## Engagement with CVWG

1. CVWG is updated on CCS progress in every CVWG meeting.
2. CVWG input is requested in reviewing the UN CCS action plan (mid-annual review due July 2020).
3. CWG input is requested in finalising the ToR for the joint feasibility assessment (August 2020).
4. UN CCS is taking on advocacy role on behalf of the CVWG with Government counterparts to ease regulatory restrictions.

Questions?