

CaLP Asia Regional Updates – November 2016

A Message from CaLP Asia

Dear Regional Cash Working Group,

In this regional update, we would like to welcome the newest team member, Ali Mansoor, who has joined as the Capacity Building Officer and will be based in Pakistan. Also, we highlight past events in and around the region with excitement for the growing [CaLP membership network](#).

Best regards,
CaLP Asia Team

Highlights

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- **[Upcoming Event]:** CaLP Asia Regional Learning Event and Membership Launch in Bangkok, Thailand in February 2017
- **[Latest Resource]:** Cash Transfer Programming in the Pacific: A Feasibility Scoping Study
- **[Webinar Recording]:** Best Practice for Contract Valuations for Financial Service Providers

- CaLP Asia will host a 2-day **Regional Learning Event and Membership Launch in Bangkok, Thailand in February 2017**. More information will be further announced with a Save-the-Date.
- CaLP Asia released a new report on **Cash Transfer Programming (CTP) in the Pacific: A Feasibility Scoping Study**. This Scoping Study examined the feasibility of scaling up the use of cash transfers in emergencies in the Pacific. By assessing barriers to the uptake of CTP, both attitudinal obstacles as well as operational challenges, the study aimed to support practitioners and decision makers in identifying next steps for CTP. Please visit CaLP's [Resources and Tools](#) for full report.
- **New Thematic Area on Operational Delivery of Cash Transfer Programming and Guidance Note**. CaLP developed a thematic area and a guidance note on the Operational Delivery of CTP. This is a space for humanitarian practitioners engaged in the operational design and delivery of CTP, including staff working in finance, logistics, security and ICT, either at field, national or Headquarter level. For more information, please visit [Operational Delivery of CTP webpage](#).
- CaLP Asia's **Cash Transfer Programming (CTP) and Persons of Concern (POC) Briefing Note** is available. The purpose of this briefing note is to demonstrate adaptive practices for providing essential assistance to the most vulnerable POC. Please visit CaLP's website for the [Briefing Note](#).

News and Past Events



- **Webinar Recording: On Best Practice for Contract Valuations for Financial Service Providers, 11th August 2016**. CaLP, in collaboration with IFRC and the Fritz Institute organised a webinar to respond to a question that gathered significant interest on the D-Group: *How to calculate the value of contract*. Visit [CaLP's website](#) for more information.



- CaLP Asia conducted a **Cash Transfer Programming (CTP) and Persons of Concern (POC) Workshop in Bangkok, Thailand, 14-15 March 2016**. The aim was to increase knowledge and understanding of CTP for those providing assistance in humanitarian contexts for POC. For more information, please visit [2016 Cash Transfer Programming and Persons of Concern Workshop webpage](#).

New Resources and Tools

Social Safety Nets



[Working with Cash Based Safety Nets in Humanitarian Contexts.](#) CaLP's guidance has been prepared from a humanitarian perspective for actors who are involved in cash based programming and would like to better engage with social protection in their areas of operation.

Markets



[New E-Learning Courses: Market Analysis in Emergency Contexts.](#) There are two new e-learning courses on Introduction to Market Analysis and A Practical Guide to Market Analysis. These courses can be accessed via DisasterReady.org



[Support to the Local Tool Market Post - Typhoon Haiyan.](#) The Livelihood Early Recovery Support to Agricultural Households Affected by Typhoon Yolanda program, funded by Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)

and the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD), gave people access to agricultural inputs and training on short-term crop production to re-establish agricultural production.

Food Security



[The Use of Cash/Vouchers in Response to Vulnerability and Food Insecurity: Case Study Review and Analysis.](#) TANGO International's document has summarised the major characteristics and

outcomes of 27 recent pilots, projects or programs worldwide that made use of cash and/or vouchers to provide benefits to people in need.

Technology



[Mobile Money Assessment and Contracting Guide.](#) The E-transfer Learning Action Network (ELAN) developed a guide to assessing and contracting mobile money operators. ELAN seeks

feedback from humanitarians, mobile money operators and other payment providers to ensure that it covers key issues that could affect performance of mobile money for delivering cash assistance in emergencies. We would greatly appreciate your feedback either via email (smurray@mercycorps.org) or through this [short survey](#).



[Responsible Digital Payments Guidelines.](#) The Better Than Cash Alliance's report has identified eight good practices for engaging with clients who are sending or receiving digital payments and who have previously been

financially excluded or underserved.



[Untapped Humanitarian Demand: A Business Case for Expanding Digital Financial Services.](#) The International Rescue Committee, commissioned Strategy Impact Advisors to build a return on investment (ROI)

model to estimate whether or not a business case exists for expanded coverage of digital financial services in crisis-prone areas (Lebanon and the Philippines).



[Innovative Electronic Cash Transfer Programming for Emergencies. An Oxfam Visa Case Study in Philippines.](#) Oxfam and Visa teamed-up to develop a safe, simple and efficient solution that allowed

individuals from the most vulnerable communities to benefit from the power of electronic payments.

For more resources and tools, please visit [CaLP resources and tools library](#).

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