

Cash Preparedness efforts at the IRC

IRC Global Strategy:

Delivering emergency cash assistance within 72 hours of a crisis by 2020

2015 baseline: 4-6 weeks

IRC Cash Strategy:

**Delivering 25% of its assistance
via cash programs by 2020**

2015 baseline : 6%

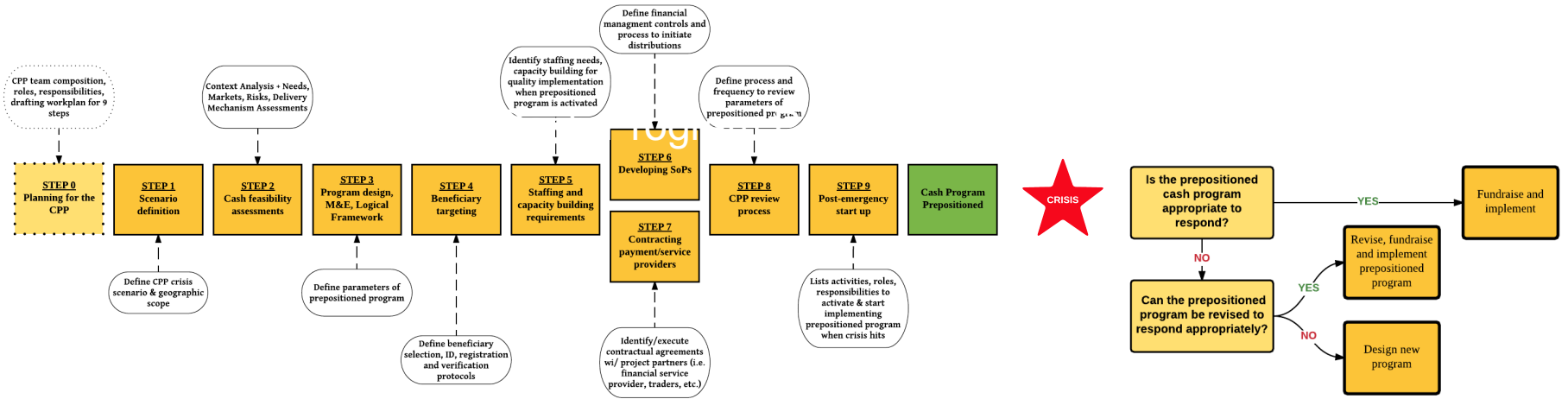
**75% of the IRC's country offices are
able to use digital payment services
in their cash relief programs**

No baseline

How to reach these targets:

- 1. Development of a Cash Program Prepositioning (CPP) process**
- 2. Set up of the Global Payment Toolkit**

Cash Program Prepositioning (CPP)



Challenges

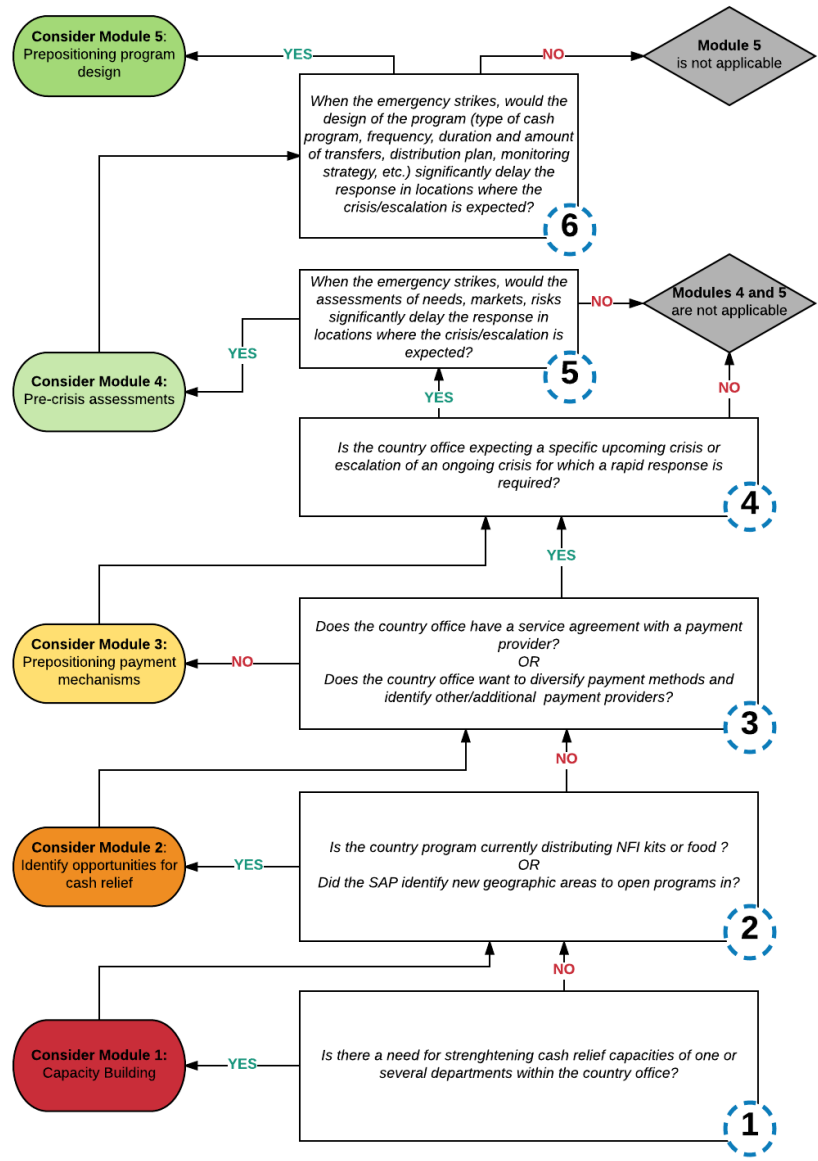
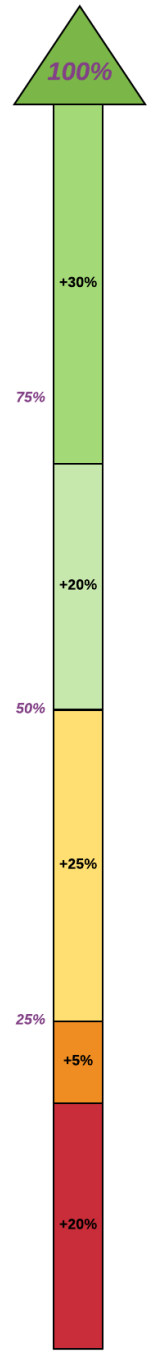
- Can be resource heavy and time intensive
- Requires a preparedness plan
- Limited to one single program at a time
- “Pre-crisis” concept is fictional

Opportunities

- Reduced delivery time
- Challenges the way we do business
- Fosters cross-departmental collaboration
- Spill-over to other responses
- Potential to scale up

CASH PREPAREDNESS 6-QUESTION DECISION TREE

CASH PREPAREDNESS SCALE



- IRC aspire to respond within 72 hours
- Country offices don't have agreements with payment providers



- Established global agreements
- Established internal procedures (SOPs)
- Prepaid Cards
- Remittances
- Mobile Money
- E-vouchers





Global Payment Toolbox

Our experience so far



Prepaid Cards

Piloted in Greece

Remittances

Piloted in Burundi

E-vouchers

*Piloted in Niger
and Nigeria*

Mobile money

Yet to be piloted

Lessons learned:

1. *Helped us respond faster*
2. *Entry point for digital payment solution in country*
3. *Need to diversify vendors*

Thank you

Questions?