

4. CASH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RISK ASSESSMENT

The table below summarises the stages of the Cash Emergency Preparedness (CEP) risk assessment; the key questions to be answered at each stage, and the recommended approach at national level and field level.

Cash Emergency Preparedness (CEP) risk assessment	
1. Appropriateness	
QUESTION: Is CTP politically/socially/culturally acceptable to communities and within the local context? Can CTP be used to meet the most likely emergency-related needs? What CTP modality may be most appropriate to meet needs?	
APPROACH (at national level): Stakeholder analysis including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donor positioning on CTP in country and in the region • Experience of other agencies/institutions implementing CTP • Experience of government-led social protection cash programmes • Beneficiary acceptability 	APPROACH (at field level): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerability analysis for key sectors likely to use CTP as an emergency response tool • Assessment of needs to be addressed through CTP including scope and scale and value of potential transfers • Beneficiary acceptability at local level
2. Market feasibility and trends	
QUESTION: Is CTP logistically possible, timely and cost effective to meet the potential needs of beneficiaries? Will CTP impact positively on beneficiaries/communities and markets in the long term?	
APPROACH (at national level): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of national level market trends for the key commodities/services likely to be required in an emergency • Overview of national market recovery trends after previous emergencies 	APPROACH (at field level): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market assessment for key commodities identified through vulnerability analysis • Local level market trends for key commodities/services likely to be required in an emergency • Understanding of local market recovery trends after previous emergencies
3. Finance	
QUESTION: Is there an appropriate delivery mechanism which ensures speed and accountability, while reaching all vulnerable groups? This stage should also include an assessment of logistical and finance capability in terms of ensuring security and accountability.	
APPROACH (at national level): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and analysis of CTP delivery mechanisms available in country • Experiences of delivery mechanisms by other agencies • Opportunities for public/private partnerships and updates on development of new technologies 	APPROACH (at field level): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of local market recovery trends after previous emergencies • Experiences of delivery mechanisms by other agencies • Identification of one delivery mechanism to scale-up in case of an emergency • Identification of one contingency mechanism if first choice delivery mechanism fails
4. Security	
QUESTION: Is the proposed delivery mechanism safe for agency staff and beneficiaries?	
APPROACH (at national level): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of national-level security implications of CTP implementation 	APPROACH (at field level): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed local implications of implementing CTP through chosen delivery mechanism • Identification of potential risks and recommendations on how these can be mitigated against

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