

Cash Working Group Meeting
September 1, 2016

Location: Save the Children Offices
899 North Capitol St NE #900, Washington, DC 20002
And by teleconference



Attendees:

Benjamin Phillips, Childfund
Marcella Willis, NetHope and Strategic Impact Advisors
Adam, World Vision
Nick Anderson, Save the Children
Amy Ostrander, PCI Global
Kali Glenn-Haley, OFDA
Mulugeta Handino, Catholic Relief Services
Daniel Enarson, Samaritan's Purse
Khushbu Patel, Plan Canada
Alex Gray, Relief International
Tenzin Manell, Women's Refugee Commission
Michelle Thompson, Americares
Rachel Carmichael, World Vision Canada

Advocacy Corner:

United States:

- [Global Food Security Act \(GFSA\)](#) formally passed July 6, 2016. This bill is a boon to US-funded emergency cash and voucher programming for food security because it requires all agencies with food security mandates to coordinate under a joint, whole-of-government strategy, ensuring greater coverage and transition from preparedness through to relief, recovery, and development. The bipartisan bill authorizes more than \$7 billion for international food programs, ensuring that presidential programs like [Feed the Future](#) endure well into the future. For more information on the importance of the GFSA, click [here](#).

Global

- CaLP is in the process of forming a global cash advocacy network, building on the WHS work. This will start with the Global Cash Advocacy Network based in Geneva, but hopes to expand, so please get in touch with Paula at advocacy@cashlearning.org for more information or to join this network. This is designed for policy or advocacy staff from member organizations to join up.
- CaLP has a program "On the Cusp" which has different components including:
 - Cash 2020: Think piece forthcoming tomorrow joint vision for cash functioning
 - Agenda for Cash: CaLP is leading 13 organizations with tools and skills to monitor WHS/GB cash commitments
- WFP Annual Partner Consultation September 9 (UNGA omnibus resolution)
 - Asked CaLP to facilitate CASH discussion
 - Open to CaLP members- ask Paula/ Rose by September 7

- CaLP sharing cash language with UNGA facilitators (Sweden and others)
 - Systematic consideration of cash in preparedness and project design
 - Scale up when feasible
 - Define a coord mechanism

Updates:

CaLP Administration and Membership

- Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) is welcoming a new director, Alex Jacobs, who is starting on September 5th.
- CaLP is currently brainstorming ways to co-create value for its members. Specifically, we are in the process of refining member-specific benefits and tools to communicate with you. Please submit your ideas to calp.value@gmail.com by September 10, 2016.
- CaLP is accepting **Board Member applications** until **September 16**; one seat will be reserved for a candidate in the private sector who can advocate for CaLP. Please consider applying. CaLP general membership applications, while welcome on a rolling basis, are encouraged by the same deadline.

Technical updates from the cash community of practice

- CaLP is planning to lead the development of CTP evidence mapping and gap identification. The aim is to reduce duplication, improve harmonization, and allow the collective endeavors of CaLP members and others to focus on research and evidence gathering. A consultancy will be opened soon, for anyone interested in this project.
- CaLP would like to explore with its members the opportunity to automate the data transfer from agency-specific databases to the Cash Atlas. If you are interested in contributing to a global database of cash transfers, please contact communications@cashlearning.org.
- CaLP will now be co-chairing the Geneva Cash Working Group with OCHA. This is part of CaLP's support to building OCHA's capacity for strategic cash coordination and part of CaLP's support of the coordination commitments under the Agenda for Cash.
- CaLP has a relationship with CashCap. CaLP has been training approximately 20 members of the CashCap roster in cash and voucher response analysis, program design and coordination. CaLP and CashCap will be formalizing their partnership for the delivery of CaLP's Building Individual Expertise Programme.

Groups and Partnerships:

- Global Food Security Cluster (GFSC) Cash and Markets Working Group (CMWG): potential areas of collaboration with the group will focus on capacity building, mapping of evidence and gaps, and communications work, etc.
- Social protection group: Completed guidelines for linking social protection systems with humanitarian interventions and related training; developing a concept note for a pilot project targeting Malawi and Bangladesh
- Digital payments and new technologies group: working on establishing relationships with similar organizations
- Monitoring and evaluation working group: is developing a broad M&E concept to set standards at project level in alignment with SPHERE, at an organizational level in association with the OCAT and Core Humanitarian Standards, and at a macro level through the Agenda for Cash and mechanisms designed post WHS.

Events

- The different CaLP regions are hosting Regional Membership Launch Events to enhance links between members' regional team and CaLP's regional teams. One was held in Washington DC in April 2016. The following are the locations and dates for the Regional Membership Launch events.
 - Dakar, Senegal, West Africa Region: 8th – 9th December 2016
 - Bangkok, Thailand, Asia Region: TBC November- December 2016
 - Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa Region: TBC 2016
- Recent webinars:
 - [Practical Tools to Monitor Market System Dynamics](#)
 - [ELAN Blockchain](#) Technology for E-transfers
 - [Center for Global Development Podcast: We Can Fix Emergency Aid with Disaster Insurance](#)
- Upcoming webinars:
 - September 7: [Designing Programs Before They are Needed](#)
 - September 7: [The ISPA Tool: Assessing the Quality of Social Protection Payment Delivery Mechanisms](#)
 - September 8: [Multisector cash transfer programming in Niger](#) (UNHCR with partners)
 - September 8: [Fiscal Space for Social Protection](#): Harmonization of Contributory and Non-Contributory Programmes
 - Elan: [Digital ID and E-Transfers](#)

Tech topic: Digital payments: market viability tool and vendor vetting by Marcella Willis, Strategic Impact Advisors/NetHope

- [Market viability tool](#): national-level summary and ratings of digital payments infrastructure and context. Useful to inform initial assumptions about digital payment feasibility and to identify available service providers.
- [Making the Journey from Cash to Electronic Payments Toolkit](#). This Toolkit was created for non-governmental relief and development organizations to guide them in their journey of transitioning from using cash payments to electronic payments in all operational and program payment streams.