

# ELAN MAY UPDATE

Data Starter Kit launched; World Humanitarian Summit advances cash; and a June 1 webinar on Save the Children’s use of the MasterCard Aid Network in Yemen!

## LIVE! ELAN DATA STARTER KIT

Want to improve your data protection practices, but don’t know where to start? Encryption got you down? No need to fear: the [Data Starter Kit](#) is here!

Learn how to:

- Assess data risks
- Minimize the data your collect, and
- Protect and securely share the data you hold

Built upon CaLP’s Protecting Beneficiary Privacy, the Starter Kit’s seven tip sheets and glossary are your starting point to learn how to protect your program’s data – and your participants’ privacy.

**We want to hear from you!**

[Send us feedback](#) on the Starter Kit or suggest field examples to enrich our guidance.

## MAY DEVELOPMENTS: ICT4D, WHS AND MORE!

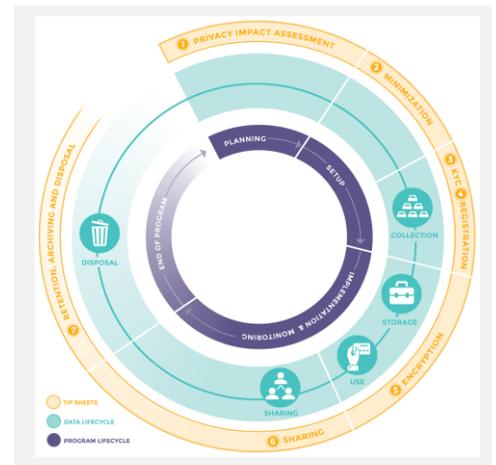
### ELAN Featured at ICT4D in Nairobi

E-transfers and data protection were popular topics at the May ICT4D Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. CRS’s Joel Urbanowicz presented learnings from the Nigeria data protection workshop (stay tuned for a written case study!); the ELAN launched the [Data Starter Kit](#); and several private sector partners demoed their transfer products.

### World Humanitarian Summit: Cash Takes Center Stage

E-transfers were a hot topic at the [World Humanitarian Summit](#) (WHS) held in Istanbul, Turkey, May 23-24. Some have even called progress on cash transfers “[the most significant step forward](#)”. In preparation for the event, [nine leading NGOs](#) urged world leaders to make strong commitments to a cash-based approach. Individually, many also committed to increasing their percentage of humanitarian aid delivered through cash.

Several side events brought together representatives from NGOs, the private sector, and governments to discuss cash transfers, including



See how the Data Starter Kit’s tip sheets align with the program management and data life cycles.



CRS’s Joel Urbanowicz presents results from the Nigeria Data Protection Workshop during the ICT4D.

“Leveraging Digital Innovation in Humanitarian Response to Build Resilience,” with speakers from MasterCard, UNCDF and CGAP.

## Ericsson Announces Development of “Emergency Wallet”

Ericsson committed to developing [Ericsson Emergency Wallet](#) at the WHS. The mobile financial services solution will be developed for use in disaster and humanitarian responses in environments with weak financial infrastructure. Presented as part of the UN Connecting Business Initiative, the initiative is co-funded with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

## IRC: Making Electronic Payments Work for Humanitarian Response

What prerequisites need to be present to use e-payments in a humanitarian response? Are these present in disaster-prone countries? And if not, what can we do to prepare?

IRC’s new research piece, [Making Electronic Payments work for Humanitarian Response](#), argues that countries most likely to experience humanitarian emergencies are also those least prepared to use digital payments. The research advocates for a coordinated effort to strengthen payment systems as a key step in e-payment preparedness.

## ELAN WEBINAR RECORDINGS

### Webinar: Mobile Money Update

What is the market potential for mobile money (MM) – and do humanitarians and service providers see eye-to-eye? The ELAN’s May 10<sup>th</sup> webinar featured presentations from EcoCash, CaLP and NetHope on this topic. Listen to the [session recording](#) for:

- Insights from [NetHope’s MM research](#)
- Key findings from recent ELAN MM workshops (or read the full reports in [English](#) and [French](#))
- Q & A with CaLP and EcoCash panelists

Presentations from [NetHope](#) and the [ELAN](#) are also available!

### Webinar: Lessons Learned Using MasterCard Aid Network in Yemen

**Save the Children** moved from paper vouchers to **MasterCard Aid Network** (a chip-enabled card) in their emergency food security program in Yemen. The ELAN’s June 1<sup>st</sup> webinar featured presentations by representatives from Save the Children and MasterCard. Listen to the [session recording](#) to discover how they:

- Successfully transitioned from paper to e-vouchers
- Adapted operations during the conflict
- Monitored and ensured accountability during the program