INTRODUCTION

How this toolkit is structured

The assumption of this toolkit is that the emergency is happening or has just happened. Therefore important references to Preparedness are found at the end of the toolkit.

Each section is standalone and begins with a landing site that describes the main topic and links the reader to other related topics in the toolkit, e.g. a quick Market Situation Analysis done at the Needs Assessment stage in the first few days after an emergency is then followed up by a Multi-Sector Market Assessment a few days or weeks later.

The introduction to each section is followed by an Essential Checklist. The checklists are not exhaustive, but provide short and discrete guidance on essential steps to consider when deciding whether MPGs are an appropriate and feasible cash modality. Additionally, they offer guidance on designing and implementing harmonised MPGs.

The toolkit is also interspersed with examples of MPGs used in recent emergencies and some lessons learned to date (see boxes). Red Flags (⚠️) highlight the potential protection benefits and risks of MPGs. Exclamation points (!) indicate short cuts that can be taken when time is of the essence, and more in-depth analysis can happen later when lives are not at stake.

This toolkit does not replicate what already exists but seeks to add value to existing guidance and tools. Therefore there is a Resources list at the end of each section. We strongly recommend visiting the CaLP website for more information.

While creating the toolkit, partner agencies developed detailed guidance on such topics as Multi-Sector Market Assessments, Protection Risks and Benefits Analysis, Inter-Agency Standard Operating Procedures, and Common Delivery Mechanisms. We’ve taken the bare minimum for the toolkit, but the detailed versions are referenced here and provided in the Annex; these are also found on the CaLP website, specifically on the MPG thematic page.

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- EMMA: Emergency Market Mapping and Assessment
- FSP: Financial Services Provider
- MEB: Minimum Expenditure Basket
- MIFIRA: Markets Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis
- MIRA: Multi-sector Initial Rapid Assessment
- M4P: Making Markets Work for the Poor
- MPG: Multipurpose Cash Grant
- MPT: Multipurpose Cash Transfer
- MSMA: Multi-sectoral Market Assessment
- NARE: Needs Assessment for Refugees in Emergencies
- NGO: Non-governmental Organisation
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