

Multi-Purpose Cash Transfers (MPC) in the response plan OCHA Myanmar





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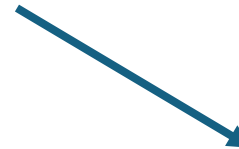


Prioritization & Coordination

Proposed outputs
Cash Coordination

Predictable and accountable
strategic coordination on
CVA, particularly MPCA

Joint strategic frameworks &
participation of local actors



A dedicated MPCA
space in the HNRP



Multi-Purpose Cash In Myanmar

A roadmap to better quality MPCA

#	Time	Subject	Speakers
1	13.00 - 13.10	Introductions	Danielle Parry (OCHA)
2	13.10 - 13.20	Myanmar Cash Coordination Structure	Marcel Vaessen (OCHA)
<i>Why Multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA)?</i>			
3	13.20 - 14.00	Global evidence - Local context	Mikolaj Radlicki (OCHA), John Nelson (Mercy Corps)
4	14.00 - 14.20	The Cash Advisory Group and the MPCA sector	Mikolaj Radlicki (OCHA)
<i>MPCA in Myanmar</i>			
5	14.20 - 14.40	Cash as proportion of the Myanmar Humanitarian Fund (MHF)	MHF (TBD)
6	14.40 - 15.00	The new MEB	Aysenur Ozcan (WFP), John Nelson (Mercy Corps)
7	15.00 - 15.20	Coffee/Tea break	
8	15.20 - 15.50	The upcoming MPCA package	John Nelson (Mercy Corps)
9	15.50 - 16.20	Case Study: MPCA at scale	Javiel Singh (IOM)
<i>Next steps: Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan 2025</i>			
10	16.20 - 16.40	Strengthening MPCA in the Humanitarian Program Cycle	Marcel Vaessen, Mikolaj Radlicki (OCHA)
11	16.40 - 17.10	Q&A	
12	17.10 - 17.20	Conclusion	Danielle Parry (OCHA)



Background	Purpose	The new way
After consulting stakeholders in 2024, the global Cash Advisory Group (CAG) developed the guidance on a MPC Section and CVA Overview.	Systematizing the minimum standards to plan, report and monitor MPC and reflect sector specific CVA to minimize potential duplications and maximize coordination.	The MPC section and CVA will become mandatory in HNRPs and include dedicated targets, budgets and monitoring requirements / minimum indicators.



Desk Review Findings

- Lack of multisectoral needs and analysis hinders MPC scale*
- Limitations on tracking CVA means data does not exist on MPC growth over time
- MPC design is inherently basic needs approach = context selected sector objectives and outcomes
- MPC provides opportunities to increase reach and enhance outcome monitoring across sectors

‘the impact of multi-purpose cash should not be measured in isolation and should instead focus on what combinations of assistance and modalities can create synergistic impacts’ (UNHCR) and broader quality humanitarian action (CALP)

Table 1 – Resources reviewed

OCHA	CALP	UNHCR	WFP+NGOs	CLUSTERS	DONORS
26 HRPs 2024	SOWC	7 RRP - Basic Assistance chapters	WFP Essential Needs Guidelines	Shelter MP/ MEB guidance	BHA guidance
HRP/ HNRP/ HNO templates	MPC in HRPs blogs			Child Protection MPC tipsheet for HRP/ HNO	ECHO policy
MPC guidance	MPC monitoring indicators	MPG Toolkit (UNHCR, WFP)	WFP Economic capacity to meet essential needs (ECMEN)	WASH MPC and cash indicators and tipsheet for HRP/ HNO	DCF common position
HRP MPC Review 2020	MEB Decision Making Tools	Basic Needs Approach in the Refugee Response	SAVE/ ECHO Basic Needs Assessment Toolbox		
ERC Flagship Initiative	Cash Coordination Tipsheet	MPC and Sectoral Outcomes: a Review of Evidence and Learning	SAVE/ FEG The Household Economy Approach (HEA)	gFSC MPC in HRPs	
Costing and Project Based Options				JIAF 2.0	

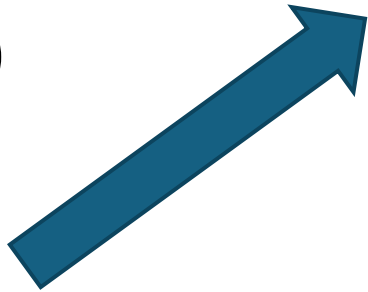
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Groups	Number	Details
CWGs	12	AFG, COL, DRC, ETH, HAI, MAL, MYA, SOM, SUD, SYR, UKR, YEM
Clusters	7 (+2 AoRs)	PRO (CP, MA), CCCM, EDU, WASH, SHELTER, FS, HEA
Donors	6	BHA, ECHO, FCDO, SDC, GFFO, SIDA* (*no separate KII)
Extras	2	CALP, CashCap
Total	29	



Overall Options

1. MPC section with budget and target
2. MPC section no budget and no target
3. Cash Overview section (MPC + sector cash assistance without target or budget)
4. MPC Section and Cash Overview section (with MPC budget and target)



Setting the target

An MPC target should be based on inter-sectoral and sectoral analysis in coordination with clusters.

MPC interventions should have a target figure. There is no requirement for a separate people in need (PiN) estimate for MPC, unless expressly requested by the HCT.

The MPC target is different from the programmatic MPC targeting methodology and should reflect a sum of all planned MPC, in agreement with relevant clusters and the ICCG.

Since MPC supports elements of the sectors' specific objectives, relevant clusters are encouraged to refer to the MPC target in their chapters; however, clusters should avoid adding that target to their respective sector's target (and budget) figures to reduce risks of duplication.

Setting the budget

The total MPC financial requirement should be calculated by multiplying the total MPC target, MPC transfer value (TV), the expected MPC frequency and the planned duration of assistance. The transfer value, frequency and duration of MPC in the HNRP should be developed in coordination with relevant clusters and CWG members and agreed in the ICCG.

The total MPC budget should include any variation of TVs that consider different geographical locations or population groups. As with the MPC target, the MPC financial requirement will be total cost of the MPC interventions. This will be calculated by developing the sum of the budgets or activities of MPC interventions submitted by partners in addition to any other costs. The MPC budget reflected in this section will be included in the overall HNRP funding requirement.

2.7 Multipurpose Cash section and Cash & Voucher Assistance

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2.6 Consolidated overview on the use of multi-purpose cash⁴ (Optional)

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- **Context** - background to CVA in country, enabling and inhibiting factors, CVA feasibility analysis, people's preferences and/ or spending patterns, government CVA policy, benefits and risks as relevant to the response.
- **Multi-purpose cash (MPC)**
 - People targeted: e.g., number of people to receive MPC.
 - Cost: overall budget
 - Rationale, purpose and objective: e.g., to meet basic needs.
 - Targeting methodology or eligibility criteria: e.g., groups of people targeted and/or eligible for MPC.
 - Geographical coverage: e.g., country locations prioritized and justification.
 - Survival/ Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB/ SMEB) Calculations: see table.
 - Transfer value (TV): e.g., amounts aligned with social benefits, wages rates, etc.
 - Frequency: e.g., provided once/ twice a month or once every X month.
 - Duration: e.g., delivery for a maximum of up to X months.
 - Referral pathways: e.g., to clusters/ sector CVA, any other type of sectoral assistance (irrespective of modality and/ or outside of HNRP) and/ or government systems.
- CVA Overview - X USD is planned to be delivered as CVA or MPC to X number of people in 20XX. Include here an overview of the objectives and activities e.g., of clusters delivering sector CVA to meet sector objectives or one-off assistance and of MPC to meet basic needs. See attached/ annexed excel guidance for more information on ways to visualize data and develop the possible CVA overview infographics. These infographics will serve to outline how CVA (including MPC) will be used in the response.



Link to Guidance on Multipurpose Cash (MPC) Section and Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Overview in Humanitarian Needs and Response Plans (HNRP)



2.7 MPC section and CVA Overview (continued)

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- Complementarity and de-duplication approaches between MPC and other CVA
 - Describes elements of complementarity.
 - Explains how unintended duplications will be avoided, platforms used etc.
 - Justifies if and why intentional overlaps are foreseen.
- Monitoring indicators (as part of the HNRP monitoring framework)
 - Outlines selected sector and inter-sector HNRP specific indicators for MPC to be monitored and reported on. The most common examples of those are:
 - # of HH receiving MPC
 - # of HH reporting that MPC helped them in accessing basic needs
 - amount of MPC delivered.
 - Encourages CWGs and MPC delivering agencies to use additional indicators for monitoring outside of the HNRP to better measure MPC impact. These can include process/output sample indicators (e.g., adequate amounts of MPC received, timeliness of MPC received etc.) and outcome inter-sector and sectoral sample indicators (e.g., reduced negative coping strategies, increased food consumption score, etc.).
- Links with Social Protection systems - describes how, in what ways and what elements MPC is aligned with national social protection systems and/ or support shock responsiveness.
- Cash coordination arrangements - outlines existing cash coordination approach in country, how information is collected and coordinated with clusters, how MPC is harmonized among delivery actors, how local actors are included, etc. References and links can be included to e.g., the CWG TOR, workplan, dashboard, products etc.



What it means for clusters?

Should ease the
burden on cluster
leads

Should improve
monitoring

Should allow
clusters to co-
develop the MPC
section

Should allow for a
formation of
referral pathways

Could affect the
financial
requirements of
clusters

Could push
clusters towards
the use of the MEB

Could give clusters
more bandwidth to
focus on sectoral
CVA top ups

Thank you

