



Collaborative Cash Delivery

Collaborative Cash Delivery (CCD) Network Response to Statement from the Principals of OCHA, UNHCR, WFP and UNICEF on Cash Assistance

The Collaborative Cash Delivery (CCD) Network, is made of 15 regional and global NGOs* delivering last mile cash and voucher programming. Since 2016, it has been working to transform the way NGOs deliver cash programming for the benefit of the people we aim to serve. With this in mind, we welcome the UN agencies' efforts to streamline the delivery of cash and voucher programming through a common cash system and to offer this service to others. We look forward to discussing how this initiative contributes to collective impact and puts the needs of diverse crisis-affected populations at the centre. At this stage we have the following points to add to the discussion:

1. Collaboration is at the heart of the CCD Network. We believe that the success of the proposed common cash system and our own initiative lies on achieving true complementarity.
2. Our current plan of action includes putting in place global data sharing agreements and developing implementation models where capacities are shared, and resources are pooled across CCD members for greater operational efficiency. We are harmonizing and standardizing our program design, work flows and processes across CCD members to promote interoperability and reduce barriers to collaboration. We provide a convening function and a common point of entry for our members and the broader NGO community. We look forward to learning more about the timeline for implementation and the consultation process to avoid duplication and share learning.
3. We advocate for cash and voucher systems to be people centered with "people" defined inclusive of all users of the systems--UN, NGOs, payment vendors, and project participants--and seek clarity on how this will be manifested in the UN common cash system. We believe that a "one size fits all" approach would not meet the needs of the range of people we serve or be appropriate for the diverse contexts that we work in.
4. Accessing the hardest to reach populations may call for different cash delivery mechanisms/approaches at times, in relation to their specific accessibility barriers. We hope that flexibility will be built into the UN common cash system, or if not, that this will be supported by complementary programming outside of the UN common cash system.
5. Our members embrace that the proposed common cash system will be 'collectively owned, jointly governed and have clear and predictable roles, responsibilities and arrangements'. As key UN and donor partners in delivering an important volume of cash grants at the last mile we look forward to taking active part in the design of the governance of such system.
6. We believe that coordination solutions are needed but don't stop with operational systems. All humanitarian agencies have a responsibility to make their assistance and systems as simple and coordinated as possible for the most impactful benefit of disaster affected population. We look forward to a comprehensive coordination solution that takes into account the multidimensional nature of the issue and the actors involved.

We look forward joining an inclusive and meaningful discussion process to learn more about this proposal.

*The CCD Network includes Action Against Hunger (ACF), ACTED, Adeso, CARE, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Concern Worldwide, DanChurchAid (DCA), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Mercy Corps, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Oxfam, Relief International, Save the Children and World Vision.