

Cash and Voucher Assistance Essentials for Nutrition Cluster Information Managers

What is Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA)?

CVA refers to all programmes where cash transfers or vouchers for goods or services are directly provided to recipients. In the context of humanitarian assistance, the term refers to the provision of cash transfers or vouchers directly to individuals, household or community recipients; not to governments or other state actors.

Thus, cash transfers made directly to institutions with the objective of strengthening health or nutrition service provision, such as payments of incentives for volunteers or community health workers, or grants to health facilities, are considered transfers to governments or other state institutions (and not individuals or households or communities) and do not fall under the definition of CVA.

CVA in Nutrition in Emergencies...	
Is:	Is NOT:
Cash for at-risk groups to purchase nutritious foods	Payments of incentives for volunteers or community health workers
Cash for at-risk groups to pay for transportation to access (preventative) health services	Payment of per diems for volunteers or community health workers
Cash to facilitate access to treatment of malnutrition	Grants to health facilities
Cash assistance to caregivers of children with SAM	Performance based financing of health facilities
Vouchers for at-risk groups to purchase nutritious foods in preselected shops	
Vouchers to purchase fresh foods in preselected shops	
Vouchers for at-risk groups to pay for transportation to access health services	
Vouchers to caregivers of children with SAM	

Where can I find more information on CVA terminology?

The [CaLP Glossary](#) is the best source to find out more about CVA terminology. The Glossary exists also in [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Arabic](#). You can find here definitions of conditionality, restriction, cash, vouchers.

Where can I find more information on CVA for nutrition in emergencies?

You can find out more about CVA for EiE in the GNC [Evidence and Guidance Note on the Use of Cash and Voucher Assistance for Nutrition Outcomes in Emergencies](#), available also on French and Spanish. Another good reference document is the GNC [Guidance Brief: How to Incorporate Cash and Voucher Assistance into a Nutrition Response](#), available also in French, Spanish and Arabic.

How should CVA be included in Nutrition Cluster Monitoring?

In March 2020, OCHA updated the [3W template for inter-cluster reporting](#) to take into account implementation modalities such as cash transfers and vouchers. At a minimum, Nutrition Clusters are advised to include in their reporting the standard fields included by OCHA in inter-cluster reporting, and where possible and relevant the OCHA optional fields as well. Only interventions that fall under the above CVA definition should be included. Where projects include multiple modalities, it is recommended that one row is used per modality.