

UNHCR CASH ASSISTANCE



UNHCR's vision is to ensure that people can meet their needs in **dignity**, are **protected** and can transition to **solutions** through the **expanded use of cash assistance**.

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Cash Facts
UNHCR 2016/2017



Grand Bargain
baseline USD 325 M

\$ 1.2 B

cash assistance
reaching people



More than

10.5 Million

people receiving
cash assistance



94 countries

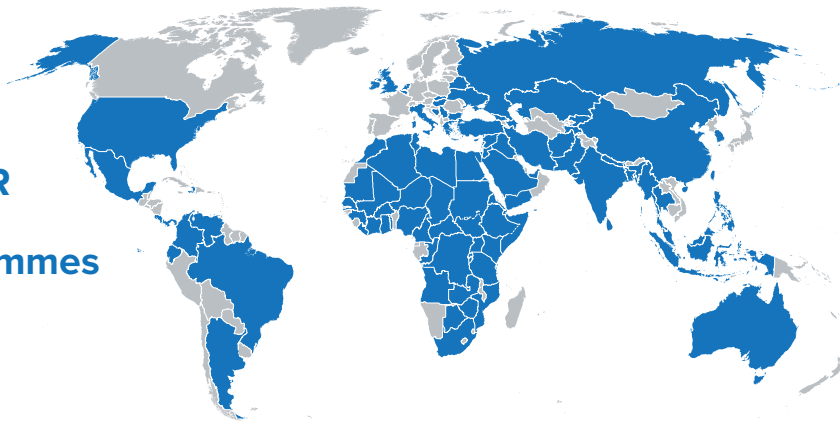
with UNHCR cash
programmes



For each \$

UNHCR delivered up to 93 cents
to people (source: joint PwC/UNHCR study)

UNHCR Cash Programmes

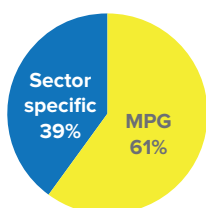


Cash creates important new opportunities for meeting **humanitarian needs** in ways that restore and enhance individual **choice** and increase **opportunities** for **refugee inclusion**.

10 LARGEST CASH OPERATIONS

- 1 Lebanon
- 2 Jordan
- 3 Greece
- 4 Iraq
- 5 Somalia
- 6 Turkey
- 7 Afghanistan
- 8 Egypt
- 9 Syrian Arab Republic
- 10 Kenya

Multi-purpose cash



More cash than in-kind assistance



95% was provided through cash transfers
vs. 5% through vouchers

Along with in-kind support and services, **UNHCR uses cash to protect and assist people** in all phases of displacement to meet their basic and other needs.

Cash is the means and not the objective. Saving lives and protecting people comes first. The choice of modality to assist and protect people and build their resilience is context-specific.

POLICY ON CASH ASSISTANCE

Inclusive of partners, UNHCR's vision for cash assistance for its increased innovative and systematic use is outlined in the **5-year Policy on Cash-Based Interventions** and the **UNHCR Strategy for the Institutionalisation of Cash-Based Interventions**.



UNHCR cash assistance is based on solid institutional policies & procedures, innovative tools and increasing capacities of staff and partners.

By 2020



Institution-building
to systematically deliver cash



50% of all UNHCR staff
trained on cash



Global cash network
of experts in place

CASH AND PROTECTION

Cash, together with in-kind assistance and services, helped prevent displaced people from resorting to negative survival strategies, such as child labour. In 2017, UNHCR provided more than USD 150 million to meet specific protection outcomes.

835K

Beneficiaries

42

Countries

159M

USD\$



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Tools, Guidance and Evidence For the benefit of the humanitarian community

- [Cash Delivery Mechanism Assessment Tool](#)
- [Market assessment companion guide and toolkit](#)
- [Operational Guidelines for Cash-Based Interventions in Displacement Settings](#)
- [Operational Guidance and Toolkit for Multipurpose Cash Grants](#)
- [Guide for Protection in Cash-based Interventions](#)

- [Cash-based interventions for Health Programmes in Refugee Settings – a Review](#)
- [Cash-based interventions for WASH Programmes in Refugee Settings – a Review.](#)
- [Cash feasibility and response analysis toolkit](#)
- [Basic Needs Approach in the refugee response](#)
- [Cash for education: a global review of UNHCR programs in refugee setting](#)
- [A promise for tomorrow: the effect of UNHCR and UNICEF cash assistance on Syrian refugees in Jordan](#)

INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIP: UNHCR is implementing innovative and inclusive cash assistance with collective efficiencies.

The Common Cash Facility (CCF) provides humanitarian actors with direct and equal access to a common financial service provider. In Jordan, the CCF provides 90 percent of all cash assistance to vulnerable refugees outside of camp in Jordan. UNHCR and the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) conducted a [review of the Common Cash Facility \(CCF\)](#). It concluded the CCF to be a secure, efficient and innovative cash transfer approach that has enabled predictable cash payments to be made at scale to refugees while streamlining multiple organizations' cash transfer programmes. UNHCR is now systematically expanding the CCF to all operations.

Separate bank fees before the CCF

2.5% - 5%



17 CCF partners' joint bank fees

1.15%



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2018 DIRECTION

With continued emphasis on the expansion and quality of cash assistance, UNHCR will focus on realising the real value of cash as an enabler for financial inclusion, social protection and resilience for persons of concern.



MORE INFORMATION

Please visit <http://www.unhcr.org/cash-based-interventions.html> for the latest versions of the policies, tools and guidance mentioned above or contact hqcash@unhcr.org