Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) in Humanitarian Settings Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Migration and Refugee	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals of Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) in humanitarian response.
2. Apply cash feasibility assessments and market analysis in emergency contexts.
3. Design cash-based interventions aligned with humanitarian principles and donor requirements.
4. Explore digital payment solutions and financial technology in CVA delivery.
5. Integrate cash transfer programming (CTP) into multi-sectoral humanitarian response.
6. Apply monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning (MEAL) systems for CVA.
7. Understand risk management, fraud prevention, and compliance in CVA.
8. Strengthen community engagement, inclusion, and protection mainstreaming in cash programming.
9. Analyze global trends in humanitarian financing and cash assistance.
10. Coordinate effectively with cash working groups, clusters, and inter-agency mechanisms.
11. Integrate cash for livelihoods and resilience-building approaches.
12. Use gender-sensitive and inclusive strategies in cash interventions.
13. Examine real-world case studies and apply lessons learned from past emergencies.

Organizational Benefits

- Enhanced staff capacity in cash-based programming.
- Improved efficiency in aid delivery through cash and voucher systems.
- Strengthened compliance with donor standards and reporting requirements.
- Increased ability to integrate innovative digital payment tools.
- Greater accountability to beneficiaries and stakeholders.
- More effective participation in inter-agency coordination and cash working groups.
- Improved risk management and fraud prevention strategies.
- Stronger capacity to link humanitarian response to development goals.
- Greater alignment with global humanitarian best practices.
- Enhanced organizational reputation as a leader in cash programming.

Target Audience

1. Humanitarian program managers
2. Field officers and coordinators
3. Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) specialists
4. Donor agency representatives
5. Policy advisors and analysts
6. NGO staff implementing CVA
7. Government humanitarian officers

8. Social protection practitioners

Course Duration: 10 days

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Cash and Voucher Assistance

- Evolution of CVA in humanitarian response
- Definitions and key concepts of cash and voucher assistance
- Benefits and challenges of CVA compared to in-kind aid
- Linkages to humanitarian principles and standards
- Global cash programming trends
- **Case Study: Syrian refugee response in Jordan**

Module 2: Humanitarian Standards and CVA

- The Sphere Standards and CVA
- Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) guidelines
- Donor requirements and compliance
- Alignment with humanitarian clusters and coordination
- Localization and capacity building in CVA
- **Case Study: Cash programming in the Philippines post-disaster**

Module 3: Market Assessments and Feasibility

- Market system analysis in humanitarian contexts
- Supply chain considerations in CVA
- Feasibility criteria for cash transfers
- Tools for market monitoring
- Role of private sector partners
- **Case Study: Market assessment in South Sudan**

Module 4: Designing Cash-Based Interventions

- Types of cash transfers: unrestricted, restricted, conditional
- Voucher-based programming models
- Program design cycle for CVA
- Integrating CVA into multi-sectoral response
- Beneficiary targeting and selection
- **Case Study: Cash-for-work in post-earthquake Haiti**

Module 5: Digital Payment Solutions in CVA

- Mobile money and e-vouchers
- Working with financial service providers (FSPs)
- Blockchain and fintech in humanitarian aid
- Challenges of digital inclusion
- Data protection and cybersecurity
- **Case Study: Mobile money transfers in Kenya**

Module 6: Risk Management and Compliance

- Risk identification in CVA
- Anti-fraud and anti-corruption measures
- Donor compliance frameworks
- Financial accountability and transparency
- Safeguarding measures in cash programming
- **Case Study: Risk management in Lebanon cash assistance**

Module 7: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEAL)

- Developing indicators for CVA programs
- Tools and methods for monitoring cash interventions
- Outcome measurement and impact evaluation
- Accountability mechanisms for beneficiaries
- Learning and adaptation in CVA programming
- **Case Study: CVA impact evaluation in Ethiopia**

Module 8: Protection, Gender, and Inclusion in CVA

- Gender-responsive cash programming
- Addressing barriers for marginalized groups
- Safeguarding and child protection in CVA
- Inclusion of persons with disabilities
- Cultural and social considerations in CVA
- **Case Study: Gender-sensitive CVA in Afghanistan**

Module 9: Cash Coordination Mechanisms

- National and international coordination frameworks
- Cash working groups and inter-agency mechanisms
- Role of governments in CVA coordination
- Partnership building for CVA scale-up
- Donor coordination and pooled funding
- **Case Study: Inter-agency cash coordination in Yemen**

Module 10: CVA in Livelihoods and Resilience

- Linking CVA to resilience and recovery
- Cash for livelihoods approaches
- Integrating CVA with development programming
- Market strengthening and recovery
- Graduation approaches with CVA
- **Case Study: CVA for livelihood support in Somalia**

Module 11: Cash in Emergencies and Protracted Crises

- Rapid response cash transfers
- CVA in refugee settings
- Cash in protracted displacement contexts
- Linking CVA to durable solutions
- Preparedness planning for cash interventions
- **Case Study: Emergency CVA in Rohingya crisis, Bangladesh**

Module 12: Financial Service Providers and Partnerships

- Role of banks, mobile operators, and fintech firms
- Negotiating with service providers
- Service agreements and accountability frameworks
- Building sustainable partnerships
- Innovations in digital finance for CVA
- **Case Study: Partnership with M-PESA in humanitarian programming**

Module 13: Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)

- Principles of AAP in cash programming
- Feedback and complaints mechanisms
- Participatory approaches in CVA design
- Community engagement and ownership
- Transparency and communication with beneficiaries
- **Case Study: Community accountability in Nepal earthquake response**

Module 14: Global Trends and Humanitarian Financing

- Donor shifts towards cash-based aid
- The Grand Bargain commitments
- CVA in climate-induced crises
- Cash preparedness at global and national levels
- Innovations in humanitarian financing
- **Case Study: Multi-purpose cash grants in Turkey**

Module 15: Capstone Project and Case Study Synthesis

- Group work on CVA program design
- Applying tools and frameworks learned
- Peer review and feedback session
- Presentation of program designs
- Lessons learned from global case studies
- **Capstone Case Study: CVA strategy for a hypothetical refugee crisis**

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with expert facilitators
- Group discussions and role plays
- Real-world case study analysis
- Simulation exercises and problem-solving sessions
- Practical tools and templates for immediate application

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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