

Tips sheet Cash for Shelter and Non-Food Items (S/NFI)

Summary of S/NFI Cash assistance packages

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Definition: Cash transfers are the provision of assistance in the form of money (either physical currency/cash or e-cash) to people affected by a crisis (individuals, households or communities). Cash transfers could be for multisectoral purpose (or MPC) or to meet sectoral objective (e.g. Cash for Shelter and NFI). Cash transfers as a modality are distinct from both vouchers and in-kind assistance.

Purpose of guidance: this summary of Cash assistance packages for S/NFI aims to provide consistent information on Shelter Cluster and CVWG recommended standard cash packages to harmonize Shelter/NFI interventions. Note that the amounts indicated are the 2018 version amounts valid for the year 2019, which will be reviewed and updated by the clusters on an annual basis.

Please note that all package are designed for a household of 7 people. It is advised for the context in Afghanistan to NOT customize package according to the household size. For all cash assistance, PDM is mandatory (see tips sheet M&E cash for S/NFI).

Package	Description
Cash for Emergency NFI <i>(Validated by Afghanistan S/NFI Cluster)</i>	<p>Amount: U\$ 85 for full package</p> <p>Cash + component: none if delivered in timely fashion</p> <p>Delivery mechanism: cash in envelop; hawalas; mobile money. Direct cash in envelop distribution by implementing partners is strongly discouraged because of security and liability issues.</p> <p>Modality: unconditional, unrestricted</p> <p>Frequency of distribution: one-off</p> <p>Target or category: based on needs and vulnerability of natural disaster affected, Natural disaster IDPs, Conflict affected, conflict-displaced IDP, Category A¹</p> <p>Emergency phase: Phase 1 (first 3 weeks), Phase 2 (< 3 months)</p> <p>Remarks: Non-standard cash for emergency NFI package would be provided but will not be considered as a standard response. Intend to cover NFIs (2 pcs blanket, 1 pc solar lantern, torch with battery, or table lamp, 1 pc cooking pot or pressure cooker (7 lit), 1 pc frying pan, 7 pcs glasses for tea, 1 pc bowl, 2 pcs teapots, 7 pcs spoons, 4 pcs peeling knife, 1 pk soap for hand washing, 2 pcs jerry cans (10L), 1 pc match box, 1 pc big spoon for serving/cooking) or intends to cover the heating materials need during the winter for three months.</p>
Emergency Shelter Cash for rent	<p>Amount: U\$ 75 maximum per month for 3 months²</p>

¹ **Category A beneficiaries:** Individuals who have lost their shelter and NFIs due to a disaster. The shelter is completely destroyed and no longer inhabitable. This includes shelters with: No walls left standing, shelter with unrepairable foundations and which need to be demolished in order to build new.

Category B beneficiaries: Individuals with shelters that are severely damaged but still can be repaired in order to offer protection from further harm to the family. This includes shelters with: At least one room standing which with manageable repairs will be inhabitable and ensure dignity and privacy for the affected family.

Category C beneficiaries: Individuals with shelters that have suffered minor damage due to a disaster. This includes shelters with; damage to e.g. windows and doors and boundary walls

² Below 3 months is considered sub-standards

<p><i>(Validated by Afghanistan S/NFI Cluster)</i></p>	<p>Cash + component: none if delivered in timely fashion</p> <p>Delivery mechanism: cash in envelop; hawalas; mobile money. Direct cash in envelop distribution by implementing partners is strongly discouraged because of security and liability issues. Use of Mobile money is preferred over Hawala when coverage and for multiple cash transfers.</p> <p>Modality: unconditional/unrestricted</p> <p>Frequency of distribution: One-off, multiple</p> <p>Target or category: based on needs and vulnerability of Natural disaster affected, Natural disaster IDPs, Conflict affected, conflict-displaced IDPs, Category A</p> <p>Emergency phase: Phase 1 (first 3 weeks), Phase 2 (< 3 months)</p> <p>Remarks: Actual amount is likely lower and should be based on rental market assessment. Rental assistance for less than three months cannot be considered as a standard response. Cash for Rent for more than three months will be considered under the Transitional Shelter package. Cash for rent will only be used where other emergency shelter options are not feasible</p>
<p>Winterization (heat/fuel)</p> <p><i>(Validated by Afghanistan S/NFI Cluster. The winterization assistance for 2019/2020 will be informed by the PDM result of the 2018/2019 winterization response harmonized with Emergency Response Mechanism-ECHO)</i></p>	<p>Amount: U\$ 200</p> <p>Cash + component: none if delivered in timely fashion; Cash for repair/upgrade for extremely vulnerable family if resources available.</p> <p>Delivery mechanism: cash in envelop; hawalas; mobile money. Direct cash in envelop distribution by implementing partners is strongly discouraged because of security and liability issues.</p> <p>Modality: unconditional, unrestricted</p> <p>Frequency of distribution: One-off</p> <p>Target or category: based on needs and vulnerability Natural disaster affected, Natural disaster IDPs, Conflict affected, conflict-displaced IDP, Prolonged IDPs, Documented Returnees, Undocumented Returnees, Vulnerable host communities, Cat. A, Cat. B, Cat. C, Person vulnerable with special protection concern, other</p> <p>Emergency phase: Phase 1 (first 3 weeks)</p> <p>Remarks: Cash amount calculate based on 2 in-kind packages. Option 1 (preferred) with One Gas Cylinder 5kg capacity, 60kg gas/month for 3 months. Option 2 (as a last resort, given environmental and health implications of using firewood) with One Bukhari Stove, Firewood (200kg/Month for 3 months). The cash amount/ BoQ might change based on PDMs from 2017 cash-for-winterization interventions.</p>
<p>Cash for rent for relocation (winterization)</p> <p><i>(Validated by Afghanistan S/NFI Cluster)</i></p>	<p>See Emergency Shelter Cash for rent</p>
<p>Cash for rent (Transitional Shelter)</p>	<p>Amount: U\$ 75 maximum per month for 3 months up to 12 months</p> <p>Cash + component: livelihoods referral, protection monitoring referral system</p>

<p><i>(Validated by Afghanistan S/NFI Cluster)</i></p>	<p>Delivery mechanism: cash in envelop; hawalas; mobile money. Direct cash in envelop distribution by implementing partners is strongly discouraged because of security and liability issues. Use of Mobile money is preferred over Hawala when coverage and for multiple cash transfers.</p> <p>Modality: unconditional, unrestricted</p> <p>Frequency of distribution: one-off, multiple</p> <p>Target or category: based on needs and vulnerability Natural disaster affected, Natural disaster IDPs, Conflict affected, conflict-displaced IDP, Prolonged IDPs, Cat. A</p> <p>Emergency phase: Phase 3 (3-months to 1 year)</p> <p>Remarks: the rented housing unit should meet minimum technical standards and internal or external referrals to livelihoods initiatives should be also explored (often referred as Cash Plus)</p>
<p>Cash for upgrade/repair</p> <p><i>(Validated by Afghanistan S/NFI Cluster)</i></p>	<p>Amount: U\$ 300</p> <p>Cash + component: technical support on quality material and construction, monitoring, WASH integration</p> <p>Delivery mechanism: cash in envelop; hawalas; mobile money. Direct cash in envelop distribution by implementing partners is strongly discouraged because of security and liability issues. Use of Mobile money is preferred over Hawala when coverage and for multiple cash transfers.</p> <p>Modality: unconditional/conditional, restricted/unrestricted</p> <p>Frequency of distribution: one-off/multiple</p> <p>Target or category: based on needs and vulnerability Natural disaster affected, Natural disaster IDPs, Conflict affected, conflict-displaced IDP, Prolonged IDPs, Documented Returnees, Undocumented Returnees, Vulnerable host communities, Cat. A, Cat. B, Person vulnerable with special protection concern, other</p> <p>Emergency phase: Phase 3 (3-months to 1 year), Phase 4 (>1 year)</p> <p>Remarks: cash can be provided as one-off but the cluster highly encourages two or three instalments to ensure proper monitoring and achieve the desire outcomes. No fixed BoQ. This depends on the condition of the shelter. Repairs/ additions could cover the roof, doors, windows, cracks in the walls, partitioning, creation of additional space, etc. Cash should also cover cost of tools. A latrine squat base and water storage tank (min 100 Liters) can sometimes also be provided (in-kind, not in cash), in coordination with the WASH cluster. All shelter programmes must be supported with technical guidance and monitoring. Cash for Shelter upgrade/repair can also support hosting family arrangement.</p>
<p>Cash for transitional Shelter Construction</p> <p><i>(Validated by Afghanistan S/NFI Cluster)</i></p>	<p>Amount: U\$ 1,250</p> <p>Cash + component: technical support on quality material and construction, monitoring, WASH integration</p> <p>Delivery mechanism: cash in envelop; hawalas; mobile money. Direct cash in envelop distribution by implementing partners is strongly discouraged because of security and liability issues. Use of Mobile money is preferred over Hawala when coverage and for multiple cash transfers.</p> <p>Modality: conditional/unrestricted/restricted</p>

	<p>Frequency of distribution: multiple</p> <p>Target or category: based on needs and vulnerability of Natural disaster affected, Natural disaster IDPs, Conflict affected, conflict-displaced IDP, Prolonged IDPs, Documented Returnees, Undocumented Returnees, Vulnerable host communities, Cat.A, Person vulnerable with special protection concern</p> <p>Emergency phase: Phase 3 (3-months to 1 year), Phase 4 (>1 year)</p> <p>Remarks: Amount is for one room with corridor (intended to be upgraded by HH later). BoQ is being finalized by the global and Afghanistan ESNFI cluster. Latrine preferred to be added as a separate structure, additional amount U\$ 250. Bath space, if added, additional amount U\$ 250.</p>
<p>Occupancy Free of Charge</p> <p>(suggested by NRC to Afghanistan S/NFI Cluster)</p>	<p>Amount: U\$ XXX</p> <p>Cash + component: technical support on quality material and construction, monitoring, WASH integration</p> <p>Delivery mechanism: Subcontract landlord to finish to upgrade/repair shelter in exchange of a IDP or refugee to live in it for 6 months to 1 year</p> <p>Modality: conditional/unrestricted</p> <p>Frequency of distribution: one-off/multiple</p> <p>Target or category: based on needs and vulnerability of Natural disaster affected, Natural disaster IDPs, Conflict affected, conflict-displaced IDP, Prolonged IDPs, Documented Returnees, Undocumented Returnees, Vulnerable host communities, Cat. A, Person vulnerable with special protection concern</p> <p>Emergency phase: Phase 3 (3-months to 1 year), Phase 4 (>1 year)</p> <p>Remarks: amount and term of contract with landlord (including protection/exclusion rules) to be discussed with S/NFI cluster.</p>
<p><u>Other cash assistance package from other coordination mechanism with a S/NFI component included</u></p>	
<p>Multipurpose Cash (MPC)</p> <p>(Validated by Emergency Response Mechanism-ECHO funded ERM8, based on the SMEB for Afghanistan. Please note that ERM8 ends in March 2019 - and this package will very likely be revised after that. Some non-ERM partners are using the same package, but it is not mandated by the</p>	<p>Amount: U\$ 420 for 2 months for most vulnerable, U\$ 255 for 1 month for less vulnerable</p> <p>Cash + component: none if delivered in timely fashion</p> <p>Delivery mechanism: cash in envelop; hawalas; mobile money. Direct cash in envelop distribution by implementing partners is strongly discouraged because of security and liability issues.</p> <p>Modality: unconditional/unrestricted</p> <p>Frequency of distribution: One-off</p> <p>Target or category: only for displaced people – mostly conflict IDPs, and to a lesser extend natural disaster IDPs and recent undocumented returnees (not conflict or natural disaster non-displaced people)</p> <p>Emergency phase (recommended time of intervention after the crisis): Phase 1 (first 3 weeks), Phase 2 (< 3 months)</p>

<p>CVWG. There is no standard, agreed upon MPC Package for all partners.)</p>	<p>Remarks: Note that MPC is under CVWG, but Shelter Cluster recommend using it for S/NFI purpose in emergency settings when needed.</p> <p>The U\$ 420 package is including: food (2x90 U\$), NFI/Kitchen Kits (60 U\$), Shelter/WASH (shelter with access to WASH, 30 U\$), fuel (2x30 U\$), Health expenditures (2x30 U\$) and Transport (2x15 U\$)</p> <p>The U\$ 255 package is including: food (90 U\$), NFI/Kitchen Kits (60 U\$), Shelter/WASH (shelter with access to WASH, 30 U\$), fuel (30 U\$), Health expenditures (30 U\$) and Transport (15 U\$)</p>
<p>Cash for emergency NFI and transportation for returnees from Pakistan and Iran</p> <p><i>(IOM for undocumented)</i></p>	<p>Amount: U\$ 100 per household for NFIs and U\$175-350 per household for transport from the transit center to their destination</p> <p>Cash + component: protection monitoring referral mechanism</p> <p>Delivery mechanism: cash in envelop; hawalas; mobile money. Direct cash in envelop distribution by implementing partners is strongly discouraged because of security and liability issues.</p> <p>Modality: unconditional, unrestricted</p> <p>Frequency of distribution: One-off</p> <p>Target or category: Undocumented Returnees, Person vulnerable with special protection concern</p> <p>Emergency phase: Phase 1 (first 3 weeks)</p> <p>Remarks: post-arrival humanitarian assistance at the border</p>
<p>MPC for undocumented returnees from Pakistan and Iran with protection concerns</p> <p><i>(UNHCR for documented)</i></p>	<p>Amount: U\$405</p> <p>Cash + component: protection monitoring referral mechanism</p> <p>Delivery mechanism: cash in envelop; hawalas; mobile money. Direct cash in envelop distribution by implementing partners is strongly discouraged because of security and liability issues.</p> <p>Modality: unconditional, unrestricted</p> <p>Frequency of distribution: One-off</p> <p>Target or category: Documented Returnees AND Person vulnerable with special protection concern</p> <p>Emergency phase: Phase 1 (first 3 weeks)</p> <p>Remarks: vulnerable persons with specific protection concerns, such as unaccompanied migrant children, single females and those with medical emergencies, will receive additional cash grants of \$405 per person to cover emergency shelter, medical assistance and psychosocial assistance, among other needs, in addition of Cash for emergency NFI for undocumented returnees.</p>

Source and further reading on S/NFI Cash assistance packages:

- Emergency Response Mechanism 8 (ERM8) – AFGHANISTAN Multi-Purpose Cash (MPC) Assistance Package Based on the Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (SMEB) approach, 31 May 2018
- AFGHANISTAN CASH & VOUCHERS WORKING GROUP – CLUSTER STANDARDS FOR CASH TRANSFERS – DEC 2017
- HRP 2018-2021
- Emergency Shelter and NFIs, Afghanistan Cluster Strategy 2018 – 2021 (revised as of June 2018)
- Final Joint Winterization Response Strategy the Government of Afghanistan and the Emergency Shelter/NFI Cluster (Endorsed by the DiREC on 17 October 2017)
- GUIDELINES-SHELTER UPGRADE April 2018
- CASH FOR RENT TECHNICAL GUIDELINE Afghanistan Shelter Cluster June 2018
- ECHO AFGHANISTAN PARTNERS' CASH - FOR - SHELTER GUIDELINES March 2015
- ERM STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPs) for EMERGENCY CASH TRANSFERS (NRC, draft February 2018)
- CLUSTER POLICIES AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS 2017 Technical Guidelines for Shelter & NFIs interventions in Afghanistan (2017)



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