

Testing possibilities of integrated programming in Mogadishu

Unconditional Cash Transfers, Shelter Upgrades and Community Contributions

Problem: Inadequate shelters during rainy season

Community Process Solution:
Plastic Sheet Distribution

Cost:	11 USD/HH
Sustainable:	No
Community Contribution:	No
Beneficiary Choice :	No

Test Intervention:
Unconditional Cash + “*Shelter Option*”

Cost:	50 to 100 USD/HH
Sustainable:	Possible
Community Contribution:	Yes
Beneficiary Choice:	Yes
Not Just Cash! Policy:	Yes

Unconditional Cash + “Shelter Option”

Quick iterations:

Year 1: Do three 3 Month trials, making adjustments after each

Year 2: Scale it or Scrap it!

Basic Steps of Implementation:

- 1. HHs selected based on poor shelter**
- 2. Given \$50 Unconditional Cash + Shelter Option Explained**

Shelter Option: If they choose to spend between \$51 and \$150 on shelter upgrade, Concern will reimburse half of the costs after first \$50.

Maximizing iterations and beneficiary choices leaves a lot of unexpected opportunities for us to learn from and time to apply what we learn...

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How it works...



First 50 is theirs unconditionally – they can take it and do whatever they like with it.

Shelter Option: If they choose to spend between \$51 and \$150 on shelter upgrade, Concern will reimburse half of the costs after first \$50. (E.g.: \$150):



\$100 Concern's Contribution

\$50 Beneficiary Contribution

They can also choose to spend less than \$150 if that better fits their needs and preferred contribution, Concern will match 50% over \$50 accordingly.. For example, if they spend \$120 dollars, Concern will reimburse \$35, totaling in \$85 from Concern.

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Steps of Implementation - If they choose Shelter Option...

3. Household visit by BRCiS Engineer

- A. Discuss, receive technical advice and make cost estimates
- B. Sign Shelter Option agreement – OR Not!:
 - b1). What to be done
 - b2). How much to be spent
 - b3). EXACTLY how much will be repaid by Concern
 - b4). When to meet for verification.

4. Work is done by households and/or communities (often includes loan)

5. Verification made by BRCiS engineer after approximately 1 month

- A. If done as agreed, Concern pays as agreed
- B. If not done as agreed, THAT IS OK – Concern does not pay.

Outcome of Trial 1

- 99 of 100 Households chose to take Shelter Option and spent full \$150
 - Cost = \$100 per beneficiary
 - Most of these households took a loan
 - Some households said more money was required, some even spent more than \$150 repairing their homes
- Only 1 Household chose to use \$50 unconditionally to pay-off existing loan

Initial Lessons Being Applied to Trial 2

- 1st Trial helped direct staff internalize concept resulting in much richer recommendations for 2nd Test
- Was effective in allowing households to choose exactly what their shelter needed most.
- Generated approximately 33% Funding from community contribution.
- Positive feedback included that HHs were empowered to take loans, contribute themselves, and choose what is best for them.
- Needs further refining of “soft-side” to ensure options are fully utilized
- Almost all HHs spending full 150 could mean we should increase \$\$
- OR it could mean they didn’t fully understand their options
- More in-depth M&E is being applied to Trial 2

"It was good amount but it was not enough to do it. I decided to contribute myself and take loan from shop owner who sells building materials who lent me \$203 which I will repay in instalments, this measure, empowered me and showed my ability that I could something."



Madina, BRCiS beneficiary, Karan District, Banadir

“after fixing my shelter, it is not only better but has become attractive and safe, comfortable. I am not ashamed of hosting visitors and some members of the community even are jealous. I have no more fear that it may collapse during raining seasons.”



Madino further gave a wonderful quote, *“when I saw clouds on the sky at night, the first thing that would occur to me was to think whether my family would sleep tonight, but today all is over thank God.”*

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