

Cash community for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

The cash community is leaders, staff, volunteers, members, and partners of the Movement who are interested in cash and voucher assistance (CVA). Through participating in the cash community, all personnel from National Societies, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) can gain additional support and resources needed to use cash as a tool in their programming, helping to transform the way that the Movement delivers aid. Through sharing experiences and knowledge of CVA, members collaborate with others around the Movement's global network in the area of CVA.

Global Strategic Technical Coordination – the Cash Peer Working Group (CPWG)

The Cash Peer Working Group (CPWG) is a core group of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement stakeholders, with cash and voucher assistance (CVA) expertise. The group meets on a regular basis as peers to collaborate on strategy, guidance and tools, providing technical leadership, to encourage and equip the Movement to embrace and increase its institutional capacities in CVA and guiding and contributing to the Cash Strategic Framework for the Movement. The CPWG is informed by the technical and regional working groups and provides overall guidance and direction to these groups. Individual members of the CPWG ensure linkage to and from the Cash Learning Partnerships Technical Advisory Group to ensure application of sector wide standards and good practice and to share Movement experience.

Membership and how to get involved

Movement members, staff, volunteers, and leaders can join the Cash Community. Membership includes a registration on the Cash Hub to join the conversations and access resources. Members contribute learning and know-how from their cash programme to other National Societies, the Movement, and other cash practitioners. Members provide content about their cash programme to support others and profile their National Society and the Movement. Members provide peer support by sharing their knowledge, asking a question or presenting an issue they face in their programmes via the Cash Hub online forum. Members can learn with peers and read existing discussions. Members also share and find out about relevant news, jobs, events and training opportunities in cash within the Movement. Here is a video that explains more about the Cash Hub platform. Members will learn about the Movement's cash experience in a range of thematic or geographic areas, search by theme or region or using key words, year of publication or type of document i.e. article, case study, evaluation, learning, research, tool and video.

Membership

The membership of the CPWG includes, the 2 Standing Members (ICRC and IFRC) and National Society representatives. Guests can be invited as per the subject of the specific meeting and at each meeting one of the IFRC regional cash coordinators will be invited. Members who wish to join the CPWG are expected to meet the principles of CPWG, and will be required to demonstrate how they meet the following organizational and individual criteria:

Organisational Criteria

- Volume of cash programming has reached at one given stage over the past 2 years CHF 1mil OR financial contributions have been made to the IFRC cash agenda (global or regional) OR implementing cash preparedness on your own or supporting a partner National Society
- Members are expected to contribute to the CPWG Cash Coordinator position

Individual Criteria:

- Cash expert or Disaster Management (DM) expert with cash experience; mission experience
- Good English skills verbal and written
- Able to take decisions of a technical and Movement-wide strategic level
- Attendance at minimum 2 out of 3 CPWG meetings held annually (value CHF 10'000 per year for travel and expenses)
- Contribute to one or more technical groups
- Contribution of 15% (3-4 days per month) by the CPWG member available for tasks, face to face meetings and three conference calls.

CPWG PRINCIPLES

1. **Transparency** - this is an open space for dialogue and discussion;
2. **Equality** - every member has an equal voice and an equal right to participate fully in the CPWG;
3. **Representation** - you are not always representing our organizations; we are meeting in the CPWG as technical peers;
4. **Respectful debate** - respectfully challenge each other, disagree, and engage in debate. We all focus on the outcome;
5. **Result-oriented** - we are always result-oriented;
6. **Active engagement** - we might be an informal group, but we are recognized in the Movement, and we want to maintain this through our continued active engagement;
7. **Producers** - We are producers;
8. **Acknowledgement of contributions** - we acknowledge people's time, experience and/or staff or funding contributions;
9. **Inclusiveness** - be mindful that English is not all's first language, e.g., when discussing and presenting

Members will be selected when membership is open and interested parties can submit applications of interest. These will be reviewed by a panel consisting of the standing members and 2 other CPWG members appointed on a rotational basis. Applicants will be informed of the outcome and new members invited to the next CPWG meeting.