



# Americas Region Cash & Voucher Assistance (CVA) Response

Current Overview

January - April 2023



### New CVA Operations:

- **Chile:** Distribution phase
- **Trinidad & Tobago:** Distribution phase
- **Paraguay:** Initial phase

### Ongoing and Closing CVA Operations:

- **Costa Rica:** Floods (MDRCR021) - *Start 10/25/2022 End 2/28/2023*
- **El Salvador:** TS Julia (MDRSV015) - *Start 10/25/2022 End 2/28/2023*
- **Belize:** TS Lisa (MDRBZ007) - *Start 11/9/2022 End 3/31/2023*
- **Chile:** Fires (MDRCL015) - *Start 12/31/202 - End 03/31/2023*
- **Panama:** Floods (MDRPA017) - *Start 11/17/2022 - End 2/28/2023*
- **Guatemala:** TS Julia (MDRGT019) - *Start 10/21/2022 - End 3/31/2023*
- **St. Lucia:** Floods (MDRCL005) - *Start 11/18/2022 - End 3/31/2023*
- **Trinidad and Tobago:** Floods (MDRTT002) - *Start 8/12/2022 - End 4/30/2023*
- **Paraguay:** Floods (MDRPY022) - *Start 3/16/2023 - End 7/31/2023*



### Amount to be Distributed: CHF 967,300

Total amount to be distributed through ongoing and closing operations.



### Families Targeted: 5,200

Number of families that have been targeted as potential recipients for CVA assistance.



Amount to be Distributed & Families Targeted figures are based on ongoing and closing operations to date. These figures can change base on operation updates.



## CVA PREPAREDNESS (CVAP)

**01**

### Belize Red Cross (BRC) CVA self-assessment workshop and Plan of Action



The IFRC with the support of the American Red Cross conducted a CVA Self Assessment workshop as BRCs first step towards a Cash Ready national society. The workshop was based on the RCRCM CVA preparedness (CVAP) guidance and tools and was facilitated by IFRC.

The aim of this workshop is to develop a preparedness Plan of Action (PoA) for upcoming years that can be integrated into the BRC strategic and operational plans, with an aim to contribute to improved CVA operational readiness.

*The first CVAP Workshop of 2023 for the Americas Region.*

**02**

### Colombian Red Cross CVAP induction and visioning workshop



The purpose of the workshop was to officially launch the NS CVAP program, as well as discuss and adopt a CVA vision and goals that will steer the direction of the CVAP activities in the next 3 years. Also, to agree what CVA operational level the NS is at currently and what level they would like to be at by the end of CVAP process.

This provides an early opportunity for leadership buy-in and ownership of the CVAP program. The next step is to complete the CVA self-assessment and plan of action workshop currently being planned for May 2023.

*Establishing of a CVA vision.*



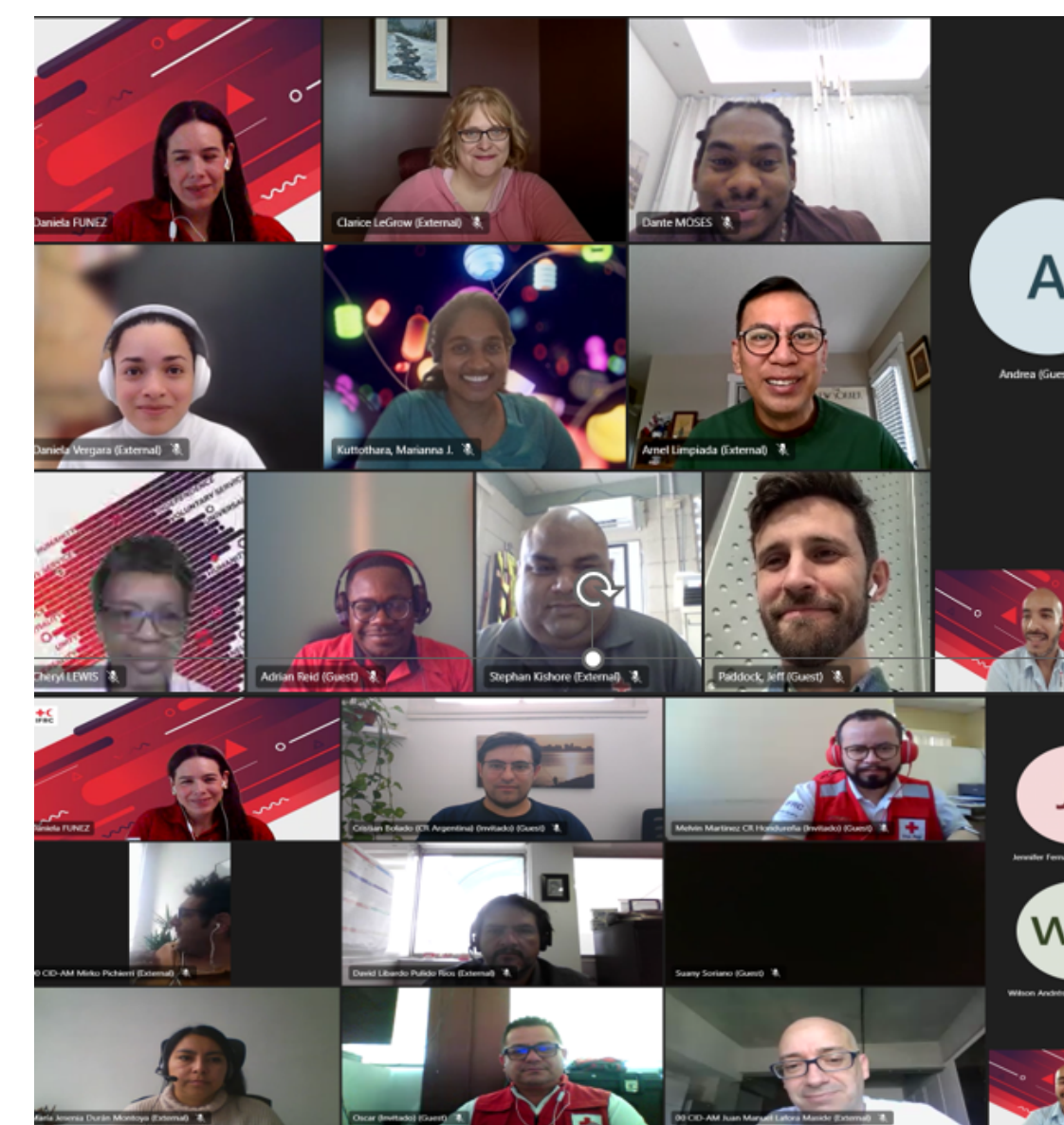
## HIGHLIGHTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Regional Cash Working Group Reactivated:** The Regional Technical Coordination Table for CVA Programs was re-activated by the CVA Regional Team in February 2023 to provide a space for peer-to-peer support and Movement coordination.

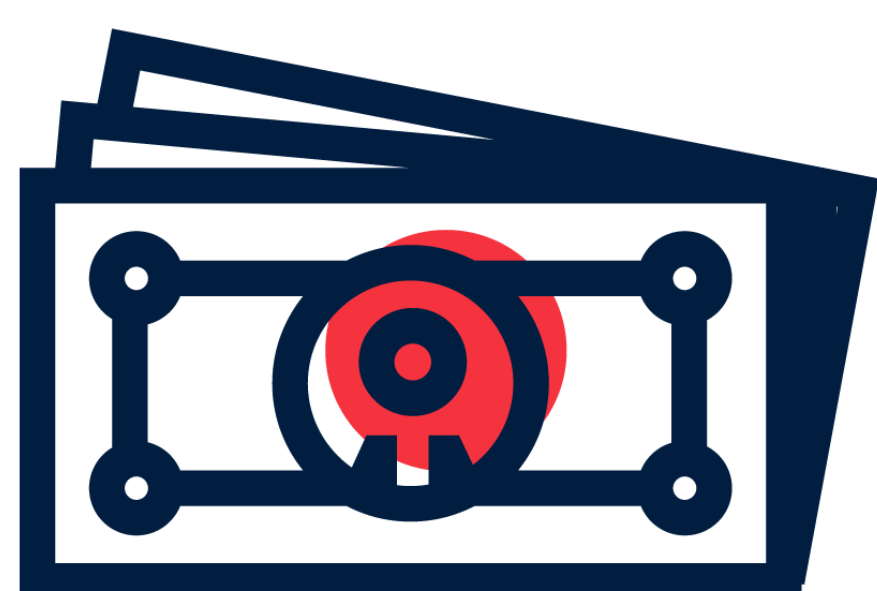
The next meeting will take place on April 27th- Details of the meeting and discussion topics will be shared via the Americas CVA Regional Working Group mailing list. Do you want to join the mailing list?

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## Counting Cash - Your Numbers MATTER



Counting Cash is a Movement-wide initiative that seeks to measure and provide a complete picture of the amount of Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) being implemented within the Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC) Movement each year.

This information allows us to measure the progress toward the global target of 50% of assistance through CVA by 2025. The regional CVA team has officially launched the kobo survey to collect data from 2022. Thanks to all the National Societies that have participated!

If your NS has not yet sent the data of each of the CVA programs that have been executed, taking into consideration **all** the different sources of financing, you can still send your information using this [LINK](#)

The Regional Group on Risks, Emergencies, and Disasters for Latin America and the Caribbean (REDLAC) invites you to share your opinion on cash and voucher assistance in response to a crisis.

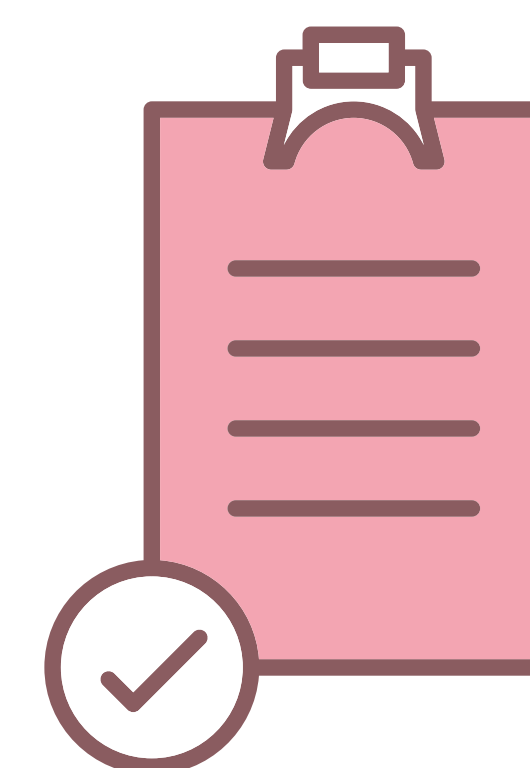
### What is this survey for?

To gain an in-depth understanding of trends in organizations and entities involved in CVA assistance and in this way guide the planning of the 2023/4 regional platforms.

You can access the survey [HERE](#). Please note that this is an anonymous survey.

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## OPEN SURVEY



## Recommended Training

\* NEW \* Cash Assistance through Financial Service Providers - [CLICK HERE](#)