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DAY ONE

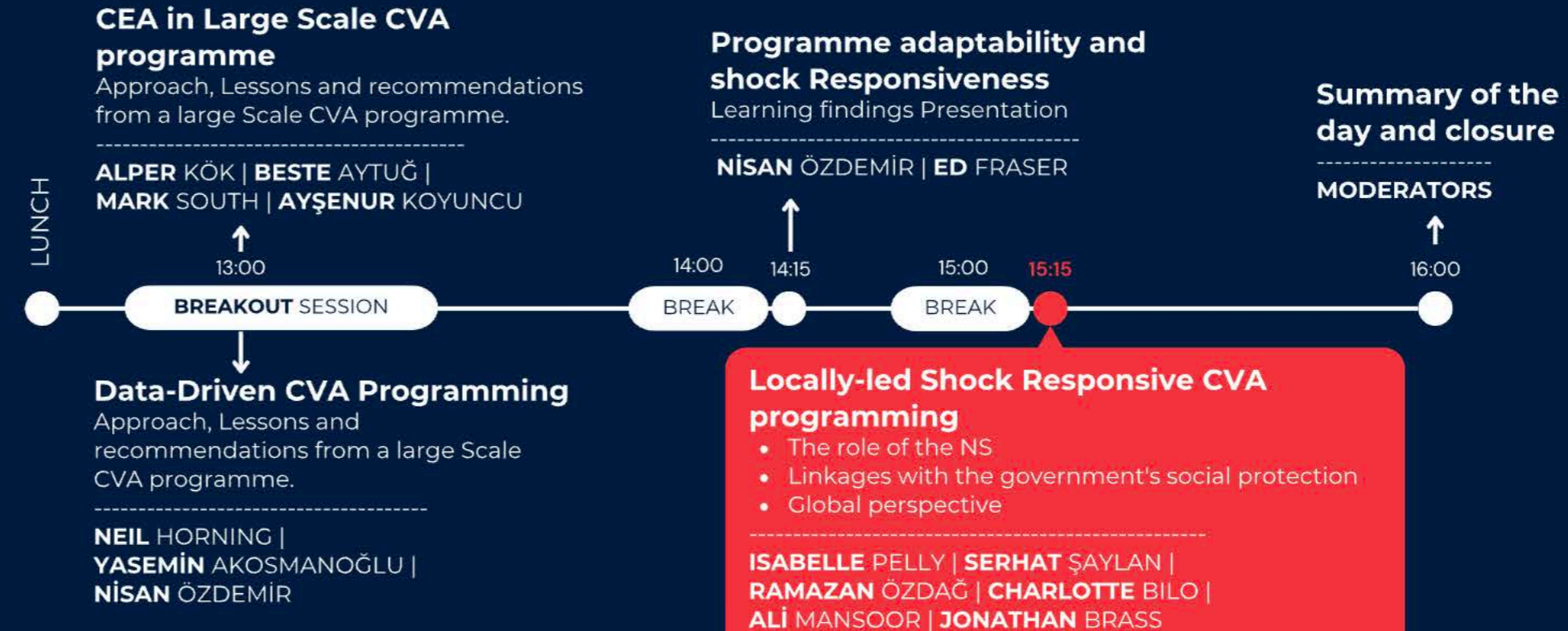
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DAY TWO

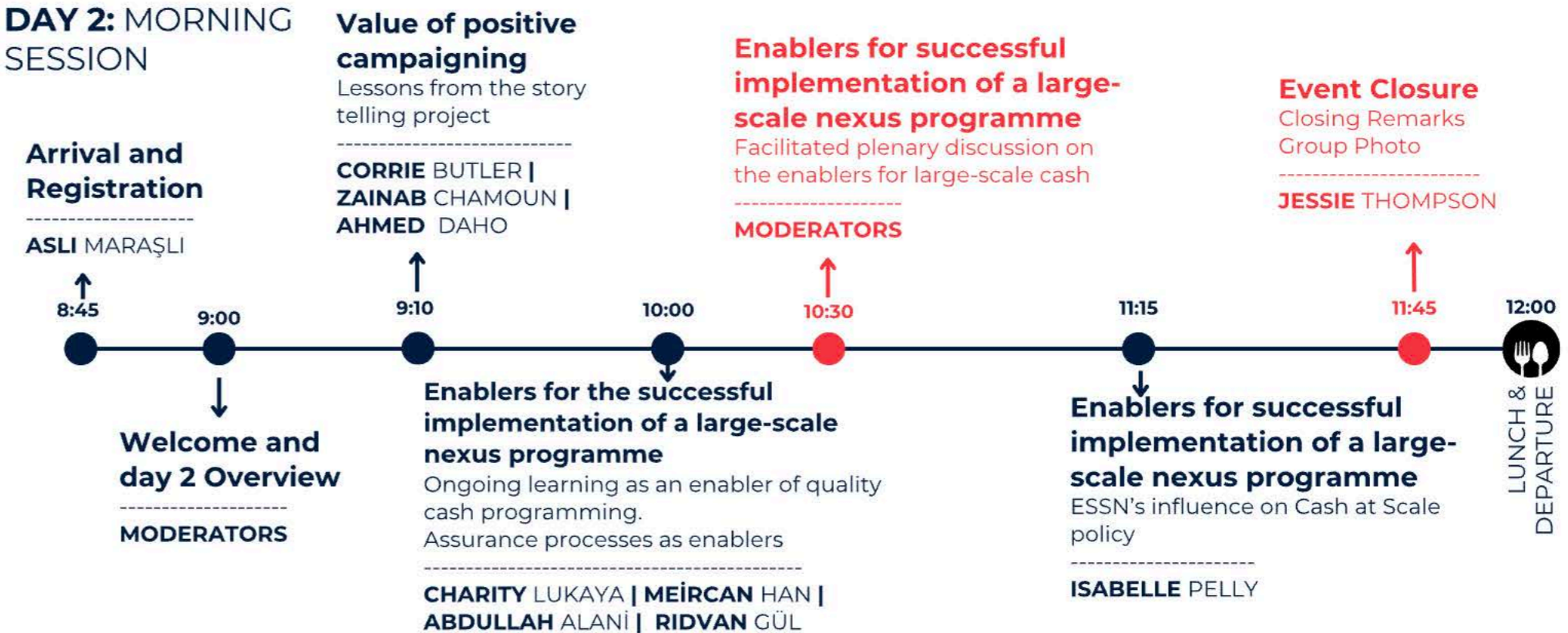
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EVENT AGENDA

DAY 1: AFTERNOON SESSION



DAY 2: MORNING SESSION



Speakers



ALPER ULUCA

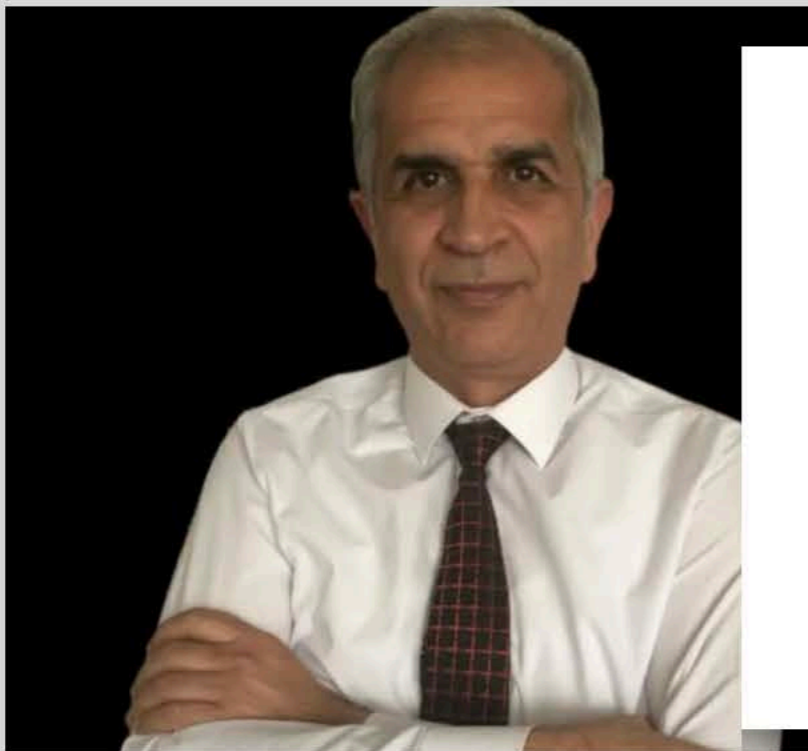
Director, International Programs and Operations, TRC

Alper Uluca, efficiently manages global humanitarian aid operations in 150+ countries. Coordinating on-site interventions and central efforts, he oversees disaster response and crisis management in diverse regions. Engaged in humanitarian diplomacy, Uluca directs humanitarian aid programs across Africa, Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, and the Balkans, ensuring the direct delivery of resource from both Turkish Red Crescent funds and international sources since 2017

JESSIE CATHERINE THOMSON

Head of Delegation, IFRC

Jessie Thomson is the Head of Delegation for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Türkiye. She has 19 years of experience working in international development and humanitarian assistance, with a diverse career spanning multiple sectors including the Canadian federal public service, the United Nations, non-governmental organizations and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.



RAMAZAN ÖZDAĞ

FRIT Coordinator,
The Ministry of Family and Social Services
Directorate General of Social Assistance

The public service that commenced with the Ministry of Finance in 1989 continued under the umbrella of the General Directorate of Social Assistance as of 2008. Between 2014 and 2022, Ramazan Özdağ served as the Deputy Director General of Social Assistance. Since 2016, he has been providing support to projects implemented under the FRIT framework. As of August 2023, Ramazan Özdağ continues his duties as the FRIT Coordinator.

ISABELLE PELLY

Cash Thematic Specialist,
DG ECHO

Isabelle Pelly is DG ECHO's global expert on cash transfers & basic needs – responsible for coordinating the development and roll-out of ECHO's cash policy. She has worked on cash transfers for 15 years in programming, advisory and policy roles, and has particularly enjoyed supporting colleagues working on the ESSN since she joined ECHO in 2020.



Speakers



SERHAT ŞAYLAN

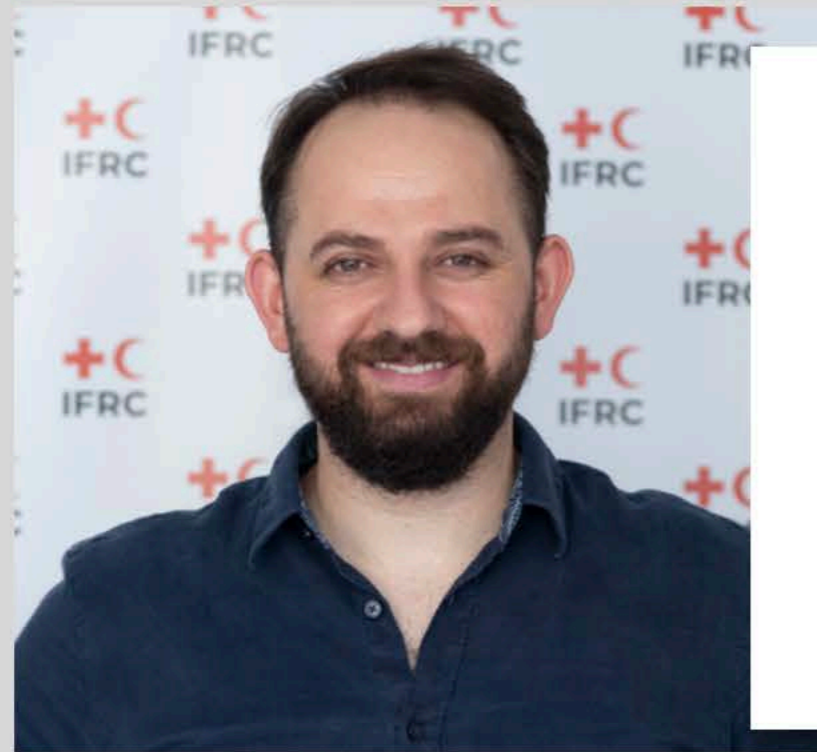
KIZILAYKART Programme Coordinator, TRC

Serhat Şaylan, an experienced humanitarian professional, serves as the Coordinator at KIZILAYKART Cash-Based Assistance Programmes. Specializing in cash-based transfers, he excels in CVA management, spanning from food security to resilience. With a decade of humanitarian experience, he held leadership roles at TRC, including Head of Strategy and Information Management Unit and Head of Migration Services Unit. Leading CVA strategies he continues to significantly contribute to TRC's cash platform.

NISAN GEYSU ÖZDEMİR

OCT Deputy Coordinator, TRC

Nisan Özdemir, a seasoned humanitarian professional with seven years of hands-on experience, demonstrates a commitment to mitigating the impact of crises on vulnerable populations. Serving as the Operation and Cash Transfer Deputy Coordinator, her proficiency extends across operational and managerial domains, excelling in cash transfer, CEA, and program operations within ESSN since its inception. Nisan's acumen in humanitarian program design reflects her commitment to the highest standards.



ABDULLAH ALANI

M&E Delegate, IFRC Turkiye

Abdullah Alani is a seasoned professional with over a decade of experience in the humanitarian and development sectors. Currently leading the monitoring and evaluation team with IFRC and having previously served with the United Nations in various capacities. His experiences span across multiple countries, including Iraq, Turkiye, and Moldova among others, covering a wide array of sectors such as crisis and disaster response, reform initiatives, gender mainstreaming, and COVID-19 response.

KENAN ALPER KÖK

CEA Team Leader, IFRC

Kenan Alper Kök is a seasoned professional with 8+ years of experience in the humanitarian sector, working closely with asylum seekers and refugees, as well as various government and NGO partners, in Turkiye and Rwanda. He currently is leading the community engagement and accountability team of IFRC Turkiye and has previously worked within the United Nations and other international NGOs. His experience covers a wide array of topics such as protection (child protection, camp protection, GBV, etc.), international humanitarian law, disaster response and communication with affected communities



Speakers



AYŞENUR KOYUNCU

Operations Manager
Turkish Red Crescent (TRC)

Aysenur has been an invaluable member of the TRC since 2019. She actively engaged in various operational aspects of the cash projects as registration, application, and community engagement and accountability. Currently serving as the Operations Manager, Aysenur plays a pivotal role in managing field operations, ensuring that assistance reaches individuals facing access challenges. She diligently coordinates and maintains the referral mechanism, as well as implements cash plus activities.

BESTE AYTUĞ

Community Engagement & Accountability
Manager, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC)

Beste Aytuğ, with over four years at Türk Kızılay, excels in project planning and leads CEA initiatives. Her expertise spans the entire cash assistance program lifecycle, emphasizing strong communication with the target group and maintaining effective coordination with partners and stakeholders. In her current role, she designs, plans, and implements a robust CEA strategy aligned with contextual dynamics, utilizing a holistic approach to manage communication channels effectively.



MARK SOUTH

CEA Delegate,
IFRC Europe & Central Asia Region

Mark South has been in the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement since 2007 working in London, Haiti, Nepal and Budapest, where he currently serves as Community Engagement and Accountability Delegate for Europe and Central Asia.

NEIL HORNING

Information Management and Data Analysis
Delegate, IFRC

With over a decade of experience in disaster response and leadership in information management, Neil Horning brings a data-driven approach to humanitarian efforts. He holds expertise in predictive modeling, machine learning, and data visualization, along with a background in crisis mapping and digital humanitarian coordination. Neil blends technological prowess with a passion for positive change and advocacy.



Speakers



MEIRCAN HAN

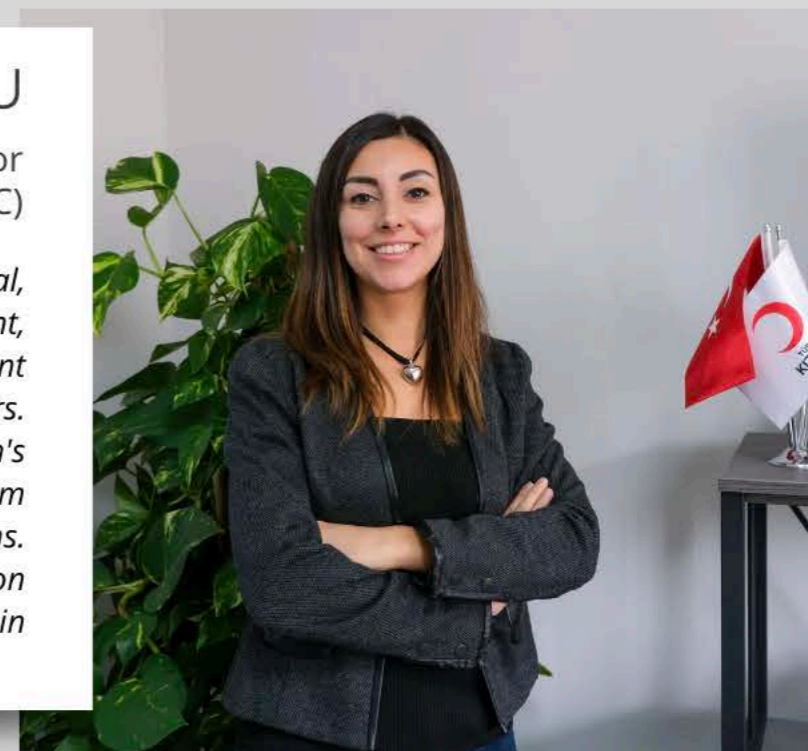
PMER Deputy Coordinator, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC)

Meircan Han, has been working at TRC for 6 years and currently serving as the PMER Deputy Coordinator. He actively contributes to cash assistance programs, particularly in program monitoring & evaluation and community engagement and accountability activities. Meircan is responsible for all programmatic communication activities, donor reporting, inter-sectoral coordination, and program design planning.

YASEMIN AKOSMANOĞLU

Product and Information Management Senior Manager, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC)

Yasemin Akosmanoğlu is a result-oriented professional, adding value with expertise in product development, business expansion, and information management within both the humanitarian and banking sectors. Throughout the ESSN implementation, Yasemin's technical skills adds unique value by navigating system developments and implementing innovative solutions. Currently serving as the Product and Information Management Senior Manager, she is leading initiatives in cash systems and data management.



CORRIE BUTLER

Communications Manager, IFRC

Corrie is a communications expert with more than a decade of experience working in emergencies with local NGOs, the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and UN agencies around the world including UNESCO, UNFPA and now the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, where she leads communications for the Europe and Central Asia region, covering 34 countries. Corrie previously worked with IFRC Türkiye producing campaigns and approaches that help amplify and champion local voices at global levels.

AHMED DAHO

Storyteller, ESSN

Ahmed is from Latakia, Syria, and currently living in Hatay, Türkiye with his wife and three children. He works as an electrical installer. Because of the war in Syria, his education was interrupted and he was unable to finish high school. When he was 18 years old, he started his first asylum trip to Lebanon and spent about four years there working in electric power. By the end of 2015, he got married and traveled to Türkiye and started working as an electrician. He loves sharing his passion for travel and food with the world, creating content that inspires. About two years ago, he decided to start creating content and now, he has YouTube, Instagram and TikTok accounts where he shares fun facts and tips on the best places and food joints in different Turkish cities.



Speakers



ALI MANSOOR

Cash Based Interventions Technical Working Group Co-chair , TRC

Ali Mansoor is a CashCap Expert for Cash and Markets with 13-year experience in Cash and Voucher Assistance. He has held advisory and cash coordination roles in different International Organizations and forums throughout Asia, Pacific, East Africa, West Africa, and in the Middle East. Mr. Mansoor is currently Co-chairing the CBITWG hosted by Turkish Red Crescent (Türk Kızılay), deployed through CashCap.

ÇAĞRI ZİNCİRLİOĞLU

Programme Coordination and Partnership Manager, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC)

Çağrı Zincirlioğlu has been working at TRC for 4 years and the current Kızılaykart Programme Coordination and Partnership Manager. He leads strategic partnerships and liaisons with stakeholders as well as responsible for programme reporting activities and managing project documentation.



RİDVAN GÜL

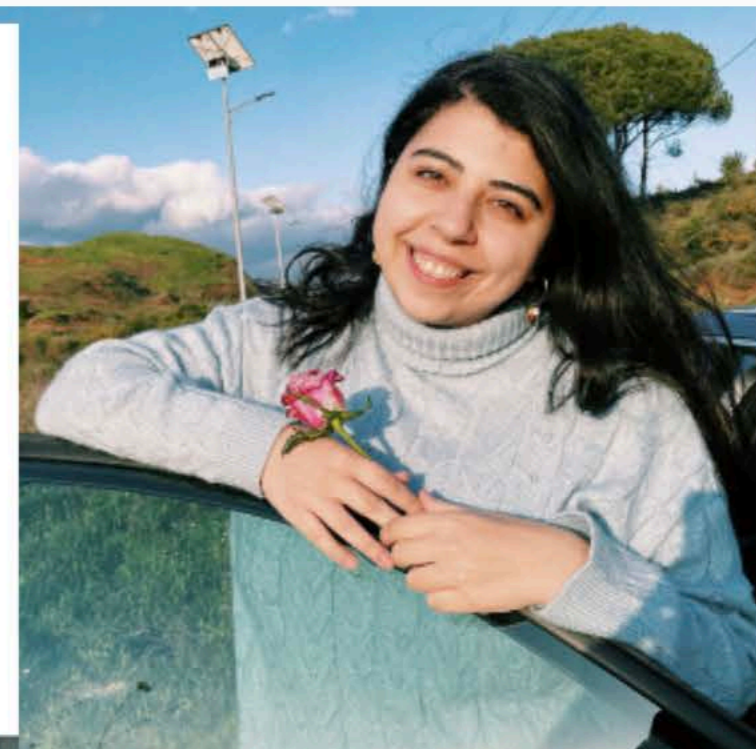
Risk and Compliance Manager Turkish Red Crescent (TRC)

Ridvan GÜL is the Risk and Compliance Manager of the KIZILAYKART Platform. With more than eight years of dedicated service in CVA, he had multitude of leadership roles, including Operations, Outreach&Referral, ESSN Programme Responsible, and Head of Delegation for Central Asia. Prior to his journey in TRC, he held academic positions at University. Holding master's degree in Internal Audit&Internal Control and pursuing a PhD, Ridvan is blending practical insights with academic depth in his role.

ZAINAB CHAMOUN

Researcher

Zainab Chamoun is a Lebanese researcher based in Beirut. She holds an MA in Media Studies from the American University of Beirut. Her interests lie at the intersections of community-led development, religion and politics, decolonization, and locally-rooted storytelling.



Speakers



EDWARD FRASER

Independent Humanitarian & Development Consultant

Ed is a consultant with over 10yrs experience in CVA programming working with several organizations in global advisory positions including Danish Refugee Council ,People in Need and Team Leader for the field verification of ECHO-funded Humanitarian Projects. He has carried out research and advisory consultancy work for CaLP Network, IRC, MERS, HUMLOG Institute and recently IFRC Learning consolidation consultancy with TRUST Consulting.

ANNE B. NTARO

Audit Manager, ESSN Programme, IFRC

Anne is a qualified audit professional with a global experience working across diverse portfolio at PwC, across Africa, Europe, and North America in multiple sectors. She has experience working on strategy, governance, accounting and financial management, artificial intelligence, system and process re-engineering, internal and external audits, and financial statement audits. She joined IFRC in May 2019 as a Senior Auditor in the Office of Internal Audit and Investigations (OIAI).



CHARLOTTE BILO

Coordinator of the SPIAC-B Working Group on Linking Humanitarian (Cash) Assistance and Social Protection

Charlotte works as a child poverty and social protection consultant in the UNICEF HQ Social Policy team. Within her role, she coordinates the SPIAC-B Working Group on Linking Humanitarian (Cash) Assistance and Social Protection and manages the day-to-day business of the Global Coalition to End Child Poverty (co-chaired by UNICEF and Save the Children). Before joining UNICEF, she worked as a Research Analyst at the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) where she led several research and technical assistance projects on child- and gender-sensitive social protection.

Moderators



JONATHAN BRASS

ESSN Operations Manager,
IFRC

Jonathan Brass is the “transitioning” operations manager for IFRC in Türkiye, having led the ESSN since 2020. Describing himself as a humanitarian professional and pioneer for the use of cash transfers in emergencies, for the past 24 years, he has applied his trade for the UN, several NGOs and since 2013 has worked closely with the IFRC and national societies. He is a passionate advocate for accountable, locally led and quality programming, and is currently the IFRC co-chair for the Social Protection Interagency Cooperation board (SPIAC-B) and a member of the CALP network Technical Advisory Group.

CHARITY LUKAYA

Delegate, Learning and Capacity Support,
ESSN III, Türkiye

Charity Lukaya is the ESSN Learning & Capacity Support delegate with over 15 years of experience in humanitarian sector. She has worked with several organizations/contexts in roles focusing on CVA and Humanitarian preparedness, learning and capacity support, and partnerships. Charity brings over 10 years of event facilitation experience.



AZIM NOORANI

Cash and Market Advisor, CashHub

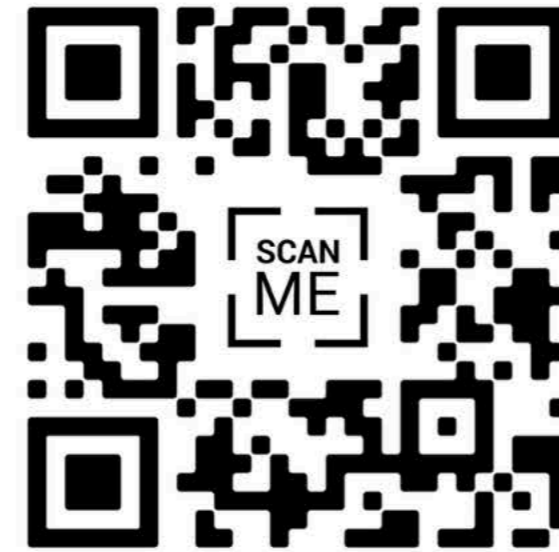
Azim has provided strategic and technical support to humanitarian responses since 2007, with a focus on scaling up cash and voucher assistance since 2014, working at country, regional and global levels for different parts of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, as well as with CashCap, the Danish Refugee Council and the IRC. Since 2021 he's been a Cash and Markets Advisor with the Movement's Cash Hub, and is happy to be back in Türkiye where he supported learning initiatives on the ESSN with IFRC and TRC colleagues in 2020-21.

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