

NEWSLETTER FOR CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE (CVA) UPDATES



MEET THE REGIONAL CVA COORDINATOR (ASIA-PACIFIC)

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CASH PREPAREDNESS



NEPAL ACCESSRC TRAINING

From 19–22 January 2026, Kathmandu became a lively learning space as Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) teams came together with IFRC colleagues for an **Integrated Assistance & AccessRC training**, supported by Partner National Societies and the American Red Cross. Over four days, participants from programme, CVA, IM/IT, and coordination teams stepped through the full cash assistance journey—exploring registrations, assessments, community outreach, simulations, and reporting. The experience helped sharpen NRCS cash readiness, building confidence in phased, pilot-based CVA approaches while strengthening practical skills in information management, data protection, dashboards, and using evidence to inform decisions.

DIGNITY IN ACTION

The AP CVA Partners (Strategic Support Group) meeting spotlighted the Cash Hub’s presentation of the **Dignity in Action report**, reaffirming the RCRC Movement’s global leadership in CVA assistance—despite an overall worldwide decline. Notably, the Asia-Pacific region stood out, with a significant scale-up of CVA activities in 2024. The session also sparked lively discussion on key regional priorities, including progress on the Counting Cash exercise for 2025, strengthening participation in the Asia-Pacific Cash Community of Practice as the region’s core coordination platform, and the range of IFRC regional support available for national trainings, individual capacity building, and preparedness deployments.

COORDINATION AMONG IFRC MEMBERSHIP

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

NATIONAL SOCIETY SHOWCASE

How can cash assistance support communities during a dengue outbreak?

The **Samoa Red Cross Society** recently shared two short videos showcasing how CVA was used for the very first time to support families affected by the dengue fever outbreak in Samoa. With CVA Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) support provided, this marked an important milestone in the National Society's response efforts.

The videos walk viewers through the journey of the programme—from household assessments to cash distribution—highlighting how CVA enabled families to meet their most urgent needs quickly, safely, and with dignity during a challenging time. By putting choice directly into the hands of affected households, the approach helped communities respond to the outbreak in ways that made sense for their own circumstances.

Click and watch the videos to see Samoa RC's CVA journey!



Assessment stage

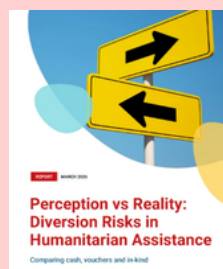


Distribution stage

UPCOMING ACTIVITES & USEFUL RESOURCES

Click to find out more!

New CALP Report: "Perception vs Reality: Diversion Risks in Humanitarian Assistance"



Key insights:

- There is no evidence that cash is more at risk of diversion than any other type of assistance, including in-kind.
- Diversion risks are more strongly influenced by factors such as context and delivery (e.g. digital or physical).

The content in this newsletter is guided by Alexander Pforte, our AP Regional CVA Coordinator, sharing key developments and achievements across above areas of work.

We would like to sincerely thank our Partners for their generous contributions, which have been instrumental in strengthening regional CVA coordination and advancing coherent, quality Cash assistance across Asia Pacific.

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