

Gender Based Violence and Cash and Voucher Assistance: Tools and guidance

There is increasing momentum among Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) actors in the humanitarian sector to consider linkages between GBV and CVA in all CVA projects at all stages of the project cycle.

Integrating gender and CVA was set as a priority action [under the Grand Bargain Cash Workstream in 2018](#). During the [2020 Grand Bargain meeting](#), gender considerations in CVA were widely cited by signatories and the meeting concluded with a priority to: “Continue efforts to ensuring consistent analysis of gender and gender-based violence concerns in needs assessments and analysis, including with cash partners...”.

CVA is traditionally implemented in sudden-onset or protracted crisis, successfully targeting the most vulnerable rights holders. But opportunities remain to increase the effectiveness and safe delivery of CVA by establishing stronger GBV risk prevention and mitigation measures. As a minimum, GBV risk mitigation must be included in all CVA projects and all CVA actors should have a basic understanding of how to mitigate GBV risks. The importance and urgency of linking GBV and CVA have become even clearer with [the COVID-19 pandemic](#), where GBV risks for women, girls and other vulnerable groups have increased due to [mobility restrictions](#), [loss of income opportunities](#), and [increased care burdens](#). Overall, efforts to mitigate, prevent, and respond to GBV risks need to be mainstreamed.¹ This includes:

- Optimizing the use of CVA to enhance the protection of rights holders;
- Mitigating any risks of violence that are (potentially) increased because of a CVA programme (safe programming and do no harm)
- Using CVA to reduce risks and potential exposure to violence (e.g. reduce the use of negative coping strategies)
- Enabling economic empowerment and resilience for at-risk community members;
- Considering complementary activities to make CVA gender-aware and gender transformative;
- Inclusion of CVA in GBV case management and referral services

Purpose

The necessity to understand risks of GBV and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) linked to CVA programmes has supported the development of various resources and tools for CVA actors to integrate into project design, implementation, monitoring and coordination. The resources focus on GBV risk mitigation in CVA, but also the opportunities that CVA can create in mitigating exposure to GBV risks. Moreover, the available guidance helps CVA actors integrate GBV prevention into multi-sector programming, and when appropriate, integrate CVA into GBV prevention and response.

This comparative overview enables agencies to quickly select and test the most relevant guidance, tool or combination of tools to fit their context and programmes.

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¹ **Key Terminology: GBV Risk Mitigation (Integration/Mainstreaming):** The process of ensuring that a programme (1) does not cause or increase the likelihood of GBV; (2) proactively seeks to identify and takes action to mitigate GBV risks in the environment and in programme design and implementation; and (3) proactively facilitates and monitors vulnerable groups' safe access to services. **GBV Prevention:** GBV prevention refers to taking action to stop GBV from occurring. Some examples include: scaling up activities that promote gender equality or working with communities, particularly men and boys, to address practices that contribute to GBV. GBV prevention can be included as stand-alone CVA programmes that target women's economic empowerment or as integrated actions for GBV prevention in a CVA programme. **GBV Response (stand-alone/specialised programming):** Dedicated GBV programmes that involve GBV specialists and have specific objectives, activities and indicators for advancing GBV prevention or response outcomes, which include a CVA component. GBV Response can include referrals from GBV case management to CVA actors.

Key Messages

To ensure consistency of use throughout the programme cycle, the GBV-CVA tools reflected in this mapping should be adapted on an ongoing basis to inform the most relevant programme design. None of the tools in this overview are set in stone and can and should be adapted to the context and combined with other relevant tools.

- Age, gender and diversity are generally reflected in all tools.
- Partnerships between GBV and CVA actors, gender experts and/or local women-led and women's rights organisations are generally encouraged for example in supporting data analysis, decision making, and training of field teams. Increased collaboration between GBV and multi-sector CVA actors might also be harnessed to strengthen nexus at the field level, in developing joint strategies to address root causes of GBV.
- Actors integrating GBV and CVA should generally be aware of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) guidelines on [Integrating Gender-Based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action](#) (2015) and the [GBV Pocket Guide](#) for humanitarian practitioners on how to support a survivor of GBV.

For GBV coordinators, UNFPA has created guidance on "[Your Role as a GBV coordinator](#)" related to Cash and Voucher Assistance.

Key to classification:

✓ When a resource is marked with a checkmark, it means that the resource relates to this area and that the resource can be interpreted to support the specific theme.

(✓) When a resource is marked with a checkmark in brackets, it means that the resource only partially relates to this area or that some elements of the resource can be interpreted to support the specific theme.

When a box is empty, the resource generally does not relate to this area.

[✓](#) Indicates a direct link to the resource.

Comparative Overview of GBV-CVA Tools and Guidance²

	<i>Title of document**</i>	CVA & GBV Compendium: Practical Guidance (CARE)	Toolkit for Optimizing CBI for Protection from GBV (WRC/IRC/MC)	Protection Risks & Benefits Analysis Tool (UNHCR)	Safer Cash Toolkit (IRC)	GBV and CVA tip sheet (GPC)	IASC GBV risk mitigation and COVID-19 tip sheet	Gender and GBV in CVA, Learning Site (DCA)
	<i>Type</i>	Guidance	Guidance & tools	Guidance	Guidance & tools	Tip sheet	Tip sheet	Guidance & tools
Target Audience	HQ based cash advisors	✓		✓	(✓)	✓	✓	✓
	Field based cash practitioners ³	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Field based GBV, gender, & protection practitioners	✓	✓	✓		✓		
	HQ based GBV, gender, & protection advisors	✓		✓		✓		

² **Abbreviations:** CVA, Cash and Voucher Assistance; DCA, DanChurchAid; FGD, Focus-Group Discussions; GBV, Gender Based Violence; GPC, Global Protection Cluster; HQ, Headquarters; IASC, Inter-Agency Standing Committee; IPV, Intimate Partner Violence; IRC, International Rescue Committee; KII, Key-Informant Interviews; LGBTQI+, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Genderqueer, Intersexed etc.; MC, Mercy Corps; PSEA, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse; WRC, Women's Refugee Commission.

³ *field practitioners include country level technical leads, coordinators, advisors, Cash Working Groups and sub-sector leads

** At the time of writing, UNICEF was piloting a new internal guidance on Key Considerations for GBV Risk Mitigation in Humanitarian Cash Transfers. This resource has not been included in this version of the mapping because it is not publicly available.

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When to use	Protracted crisis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Sudden-onset crisis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	(✓)	✓
	Hum-Dev programming ⁴	✓	(✓)		(✓)	(✓)		✓
	Capacity strengthening incl. materials for facilitators	✓		✓	✓			✓
Types of Guidance Included	Overall guidance	✓		✓				
	Preparedness	✓			✓			
	Situation/response analysis	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
	Market analysis			✓	✓	✓		
	Programme design and implementation	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
	Monitoring and Evaluation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

⁴ The Humanitarian-Development Nexus in this context refers, for example, to humanitarian programmes that include longer-term components and more coherent efforts to lead transformational change in relation to GBV risks and mitigation. For more information on the triple nexus of humanitarian-development-peace, see for example [here](#). The hum-dev nexus is mainstreamed within all [the Grand Bargain workstreams](#).

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	Coordination	✓						
	Advocacy and influencing		✓					
	Resource mobilisation	✓						✓
Specific areas of contribution	GBV risk mitigation	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
	Protection mainstreaming	✓		✓	✓	✓		
	GBV prevention	✓	✓					✓
	GBV response/referrals	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
	LGBTQI+		✓	✓				
	PSEA	✓				✓	✓	
				(✓)		✓		✓
Related tools included or available separately	Household-level data collection		(✓)		✓			✓
	KIIs/FGDs data collection		✓		✓			✓
	Market analysis				✓			
	Post distribution monitoring		✓		✓			✓
	Decision tree(s)	✓		✓	✓			

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	Risk assessment template	✓		✓	✓			✓
	Case management tools		✓					✓ (SOP)
Languages / translations ⁵	English	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	French	✓	✓		✓		✓	
	Spanish	✓	✓		✓		✓	
	Arabic	✓	✓		✓		✓	
	Other local languages	✓ Portuguese , Pashto , Dari , Thai , Swahili , (Somali upcoming)			✓ Amharic , Pashto , Dari , Swahili			
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⁵ On pages like CaLP and IASC, simply access the page in the required language and the resource will appear in the selected language.