Guidance for Cash Transfer Programming in South Sudan

On February 20, the cash transfer and markets working group released a guidance note for partners undertaking cash transfer programming in South Sudan.

Why was this guidance note developed?

Over the last six months, interest in cash transfer programming has steadily increased. Simultaneously, stakeholders, particularly in the food security sector, have been asking questions about how to approach cash transfer programming in the South Sudan context.

How was it developed?

The guidance is the result of a review of best practice, the compilation of lessons learned, a workshop of partners within South Sudan, identification of the needs for humanitarian programming in the current context, and feedback from experienced practitioners.

The guidance is focused around providing a response to some of the most frequent questions or issues experienced by partners implementing cash transfer programming.

Who is this guidance note for?

The guidance will be a useful tool for managers who are designing, or planning to implement, a cash transfer program. The annexes may also be a source of information for stakeholders interested in issues relevant to cash transfer programming in the South Sudan context.

Does it provide comprehensive information about cash transfer programming?

Unfortunately, no. Cash transfer programming is a broad area of understanding that spans from research and theory to detailed operating procedures. While the guidance has a limited scope, it does include a references and reading suggestions in case you want to learn more.

What about market based interventions like support to traders?

The cash transfer and markets working group recognizes that cash transfer programming is only one approach to market based interventions. Other interventions, such as indirect support are equally as important, and at times a more appropriate response than cash transfers. As needs, support and interest in this area develops, the working group will increase its focus on market support interventions.