

CALP NETWORK TAG MEETING SUMMARY

21 MAY 2024

WELCOME

- Introduction and welcome to observers: Niki Psarias from Caritas Westminster and Eliza Avgeropoulou from ActivityInfo.
- Minutes of previous meeting approved with no changes.

BHA EVALUATION “LEVERS OF CHANGE”

Hannah Reichardt, consultant, presented on the “levers change” evaluation project including:

- Background/ current context ie. SOWC2023 findings, crises trends, increasing digitalisation.
- Timeframe for evaluation project: April to end July
- Theoretical Framework:
 - Structure: ‘how things get done’
 - Relationships: ‘how elements relate to one another’
 - Inner worlds: ‘how we think about things’
- Methodology:
 - Reviewing key literature, podcasts, articles
 - Speaking with people with a broad range of perspectives
- Some weeks into the project there are two emerging trajectories:
 - CVA as an incomplete project (incremental change)
 - A renewed purpose & paradigm (transformational change)

TAG comments on the project included:

- Don't put all the focus on cash for reform. The other parts of the humanitarian system also need to change.
- Some CVA basics are also not yet done e.g. capacity development. CALP should not stop its learning/ capacity development role.
- The global decrease in funding will affect use of CVA, so the efficiency argument for CVA is important still.
- Give more focus to AI and what it can bring to CVA, its benefits and risks. Can we look at pain points and challenges? This is very different for different actors.
- Can we unpack how the two ‘trajectories’ complement each other?

WEST AFRICA CASH BANS

Mirko Tommasi, WCAF Regional Rep, gave a presentation on the West Africa CVA bans.

Context:

- Some cash bans were experienced in some countries some years ago and some are still in place in some other countries of the region.

What CALP is doing:

- A Cash ban mapping was launched at the beginning of the year.

Commented [KH1]: [@Mirko Tommasi](#) Hi Mirko. We include a summary of TAG meetings on our website. How much of the discussion on Cash Bans (if any) do you want included? Many thanks

[@Rose Smith](#) FYI

Commented [MT2R1]: Hi [@Kate Hart](#) I think we can add it but maybe without mentioning specific countries? Are you considering to post the whole document? I would really erase the countries...but if you have already the text I can suggest some modifications

Commented [KH3R1]: Hi Mirko. I believe Rose plans to upload the full text. If you check our website you can see how previous minutes of TAG and Board have been shared. I agree you might want to delete countries. I wasn't sure if you wanted mentioned at all? Not sure of the sensitivities. Many thanks again, Mirko

Commented [MT4R1]: Ok thanks [@Kate Hart](#). Do you want me to modify the document here? I can erase or change some information

Commented [KH5R1]: That would be great. Many thanks, Mirko

- A consultancy will start early June. The main objective is to enable humanitarian actors, particularly in West and Central Africa, to effectively address and mitigate the risk of cash bans. The consultancy will ask:
 1. How can we mitigate the risk of having more cash bans issued in other regions/countries?
 2. How can we adapt CVA programs in the context of a new cash ban?

How can we mitigate the risk of more cash bans?

- More and better communication with Governments is needed
- Training of Government officials
- Sharing of information
- Better coordination with Governments on the CWGs
- More links between humanitarian CVA and social protection
- Anticipation
- Cash ban adaptation of programmes

PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT APPROACHES

Rory Crew, Technical Advisor, presented on CALP's approach to engaging with the private sector.

CALP's current approach:

- Convening: bilaterally and multilaterally
- Information sharing
- Workshops to align humanitarian challenges with private sector products
- Interlocuter/translator
- Research

Considered in future:

- Conference collaborations
- Co-financing specific activities

CALP is re-examining our approach to engaging with the private sector by asking:

- What frameworks and guidance exist to inform inter-sectoral Private Sector Engagement (PSE) strategies?
- What inter-sectoral PSE activities have you seen that are particularly successful/not successful?
- How does CALP ensure a Locally Led Response to PSE?

TAG comments:

- OCHA has a 'Connecting Businesses Initiative' for CVA <https://www.connectingbusiness.org/about>. CALP should also explore the Private Sector Humanitarian Alliance, as well as other open fora such as those established after the Turkiye earthquake.
- BHA and CRS have PSE frameworks/policies. These are not cash-specific.
- Crown Commercial Service in the UK is a good model for bridging the gap between public/private actors. CCS creates frameworks for working with local and national government in the UK. It might be difficult to reconcile the drive for more locally led endeavour with the idea of centralised systems.
- CALP's next steps:

- CALP is continuing to collect feedback and ideas, and working changes into annual plan updates

INFLUENCING OPPORTUNITIES- OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS FOR CVA.

Key questions asked:

- Opportunities for CVA (within your organisation and globally)
- Risks for CVA (within your organisation and globally)
- How are you trying to influence senior leaders in your organisation?
- Any key external events you hope to influence this year?

Action:

- TAG Reps are invited to contribute to a shared document by 31 May.

AOB

- Anticipatory Cash group under the Anticipation Hub:
 - CoP webinar recording: <https://www.calpnetwork.org/publication/CVA-climate-environment-cop-anticipatory-action-and-CVA/>
 - Survey about the Anticipatory Cash Working Group: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=3b7_wRbLqkOekwdP02-HR5ACYBAw1vNBshMS3P3krYVUNlIxNFBYUIGOUw3VkkEV0g5NTIKM080Ry4u Kick off meeting in June, potentially w/c 17 June.
- Social Protection SP.org hangouts are back on a monthly basis with both Americas and Asia friendly times.
- Please send the following to CALP:
 - Any new policies or strategies being developed related to CVA,
 - Any reports on cost efficiency,
 - Your organisation's CVA volume figures for 2023