**Myanmar Cash Working Group**

**Weekly Update #19 (20 February - 26 February 2021)**

| **Myanmar Situation Updates** |
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| * စစ်အာဏာသိမ်းကောင်စီက ခန့်အပ်ထားသော ဘဏ္ဍာရေးဝန်ကြီးဦးဝင်းရှိန်အပါအဝင် ဝန်ကြီးများထံသို့ ကမ္ဘာ့ဘဏ်က ငွေထုတ်ယူခွင့်ရပ်ဆိုင်းလိုက်ကြောင်း အကြောင်းကြားစာတစ်စောင် လူမှုကွန်ရက်တွင် ပျံ့နှံ့နေပြီး ယင်းစာပါ အချက်အလက်များမှာ အမှန်တကယ်ပင်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း နေပြည်တော် ဘဏ္ဍာရေး ဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ အရာရှိတစ်ဦးက ရန်ကုန်ခေတ်သစ်သတင်းဌာနသို့ အတည်ပြုပြောဆိုသည်။ World Bank sent the statement of suspension of cash withdrawal to Coup Council. This information was confirmed by one of MoFA officials. [News here](https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1135341783569833) * ဖေဖော်ဝါရီ(၁)ရက်နေ့စစ်တပ်အာဏာသိမ်းမှုကြောင့်ကမ္ဘာလုံးဆိုင်ရာဆူပူအော်ဟစ်မှုများတိုးပွားလာနေသည့်ကြားမှဂျပန်နိုင်ငံအနေဖြင့်မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ၏အနာဂတ်အတွက်ဖထောက်အပံ့များကိုရပ်ဆိုင်းရန်စဉ်းစားနေသည်။ Japan is considering halting new official development aid to Myanmar for the foreseeable future amid growing global outcry over the Feb. 1 military coup and subsequent deadly crackdown on protesters in the Southeast Asian country. [Read here](https://asia.nikkei.com/Spotlight/Myanmar-Coup/Japan-set-to-halt-new-Myanmar-assistance-following-coup?fbclid=IwAR3n6u_aJzA-HHRWw0vfTeBV2iYp_7aQvsLrTmggdz1YyjHDU4cOhiWG8JU) * လောင်စာဆီထောက်ပံ့မှုနည်းနေပါတယ် (၂) လအတွင်း နိုင်ငံတွင်း ဆီကုန်သွားနိုင်သည်။ Myanmar's refined fuel imports have stalled as protests over the [military coup](https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/myanmar-leader-aung-san-suu-kyi-detained) have shut banks and government offices, while a depreciation of its currency has driven up costs, five industry sources said. Myanmar relies heavily on gasoline and diesel imports as its refineries are too small and old to meet its fuel needs. [News here](https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/myanmar-protests-stall-fuel-imports-drive-up-costs) |

| **Recently published:** **Articles/Blogs/Research/Guidance/Discussion threads/Policy briefs** |
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| **In Myanmar:**  **Publication:**   * Solidarites International Myanmar shared the most update of daily workers rate to harmonize the Wage Rate of DW. The document is available [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10th7l04W7ktAu7yiEu0B8756wHMWUbiG/view?usp=sharing) * UNHCR shared the Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster Analysis Report for Kachin and Northern Shan States for the month of January 2021. As of 31 January 2021, the total number of IDPs displaced reached 104,738 (20,207 HHs) hosted in 168 different locations within Kachin and Northern Shan States. The total shelter intervention (New shelter/Renovation/Care and Maintenance) planned for 2021 is 1,271 covering around 17% of the total shelter need. The total shelter funding gap reported in January equals close to 5.6 million USD which includes intervention of 6,115 Shelters. Report available [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/14tE_QR3ixIYntjCiHsqOuMk1fkUer60f/view?usp=sharing)   **In General:**  **Publications:**   * **World Food Programme Multipurpose Cash Assistance in Lebanon: Protection outcomes for Syrian refugees** Conducted by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) in partnership with the Cash Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning Organisational Network (CAMEALEON) was available [online](https://www.calpnetwork.org/publication/world-food-programme-multipurpose-cash-assistance-in-lebanon-protection-outcomes-for-syrian-refugees/). * UNFPA published the report of  **Linking the Rapid Response Mechanism to the Provision of Cash Assistance and Women’s Protection: UNFPA Yemen Case Study.** The rapid response mechanism (RRM) in Yemen aims to provide a minimum package of critical life-saving assistance for newly displaced persons. This is led by UNFPA in partnership with WFP and UNICEF. A[vailable here](https://www.calpnetwork.org/publication/linking-the-rapid-response-mechanism-to-the-provision-of-cash-assistance-and-womens-protection-unfpa-yemen-case-study/)  **Sudan – Gedaref Joint Cash Risk assessment** report has been published and [available](https://www.calpnetwork.org/publication/sudan-gedaref-joint-cash-risk-assessment/). This report, led by UNICEF on behalf of the sub-national Cash Working Group (CGW) in Gedaref, is the product of a ten-day inter agency initiative assessing the risks that any new or continued cash-based initiative would need to consider before and during implementation. The main focus has been on GBV/PSEA risks; the tools used were reflective of this as are the recommendations.**World Food Programme Multipurpose Cash Assistance in Lebanon: Social cohesion and stability between Syrian refugees and host communities** report is available [here](https://www.calpnetwork.org/publication/world-food-programme-multipurpose-cash-assistance-in-lebanon-social-cohesion-and-stability-between-syrian-refugees-and-host-communities/). It is conducted by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) in partnership with the Cash Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning Organisational Network (CAMEALEON). |
| **Mapping Updates** |
| * **SP/humanitarian cash links mapping (GB cash sub group initiative)**: This can be [accessed here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/14fd9FMcm9ueDsfnLLJPyPOrNk9Ml0KpC/view). The purpose of this live, shareable mapping is to support humanitarian actors in the field. It is light touch and the initial focus is countries/regions that have Humanitarian Response Plans. The mapping has been developed in coordination with other mapping initiatives. Contact Lois Austin (KML consultant for the GB Cash Workstream sub group on Linking Humanitarian Cash and Social Protection) for info/to set up a call. And please do go ahead and add missing information from your country/region into the mapping in order to ensure that it is a helpful tool for practitioners.   **Survey:**   * Following the webinar series hosted jointly with WFP in October / November 2020, CaLP have decided to update the MEB toolkit. If you could share any specific new learning around the construction of MEBs, any new challenges faced (and how you overcame these) and any newly developed resources (any organisational tools, learnings etc.) that have NOT already been showcased in the webinars, we can then decide whether to include them in the CaLP MEB resources. Please respond to this email sjtruelove@hotmail.co.uk |
| **Webinars and Events** |
| **Upcoming webinars and events:**   * Key Aid Counselling invited to a webinar presenting a DanChurchAid (DCA) commissioned guideline and tools for the design, implementation and monitoring of Group Cash Transfers as well as a discussion on the opportunities and barriers affecting uptake.The webinar on GROUP CASH TRANSFERS (GCTS)–DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING on Wednesday, 10 March 2021 at 10:00 am EST / 16:00 CET / 15:00 GMT / 18:00 EAT. The webinar is for actors engaged in both humanitarian and development programming including local and national actors, international NGOs and UN agencies as well as donors.You do not need to have CVA experience to benefit from the discussions. [Link here](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8oXzX9jtQyWM4DlrJ-x0hwWEBINAR%20ON:GROUP%20CASH%20TRANSFERS%20(GCTS)%20%E2%80%93DESIGN,%20IMPLEMENTATION%20AND%20MONITORING) * ‘Why data rights matter’ is a new e-learning course developed by Oxfam, available on the Cash Learning Hub - <https://kayaconnect.org/course/view.php?id=491>. This course is designed for new and experienced local, national and international humanitarian aid providers, including senior managers, practitioners, administrators and support staff, because we all interact with data and need to recognize the importance of keeping data safe if we are to do no harm. This course is available: English - <https://kayaconnect.org/course/info.php?id=3015> * On the theme of data protection, the British Red Cross have an upcoming webinar which you can find more information on [here](https://www.calpnetwork.org/event/cash-hub-webinar-18-cash-and-data-protection-the-use-of-cash-markets-in-the-red-cross-red-crescent-movement/) |
| **Resources and Trainings** |
| * [Socialprotection.org](https://socialprotection.org/) continues to host a space on [social protection responses to #COVID19](https://socialprotection.org/connect/communities/social-protection-responses-covid-19-task-force) which provides access to a series of events, newsletters, mappings etc. In addition, the website hosts a number of online communities including one specifically focused on [social protection in crisis contexts](https://socialprotection.org/connect/communities/social-protection-crisis-contexts). Here, as one of the community resources, you can find a page dedicated to th[e Grand Bargain cash workstream sub-group on linking HCT and SP](https://www.calpnetwork.org/themes/cva-and-covid-19-resources-guidance-events-and-questions/) which will give you links to this newsletter and more. * CaLP has a dedicated space on [CVA and COVID-19: resources, guidance, events and questions](https://www.calpnetwork.org/themes/cva-and-covid-19-resources-guidance-events-and-questions/) and [CaLP-produced guidance on CVA considerations for COVID](https://www.calpnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CaLP-summary-guidance-version-5-16-April-2020_.pdf). (including a section specific to SP/HCTs). * The Cash Hub (hosted by the British Red Cross) has developed a number of tip sheets on delivering CVA and advocating for the use of CVA in response to COVID-19. Whilst targeted towards Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, the resources can be adapted to the needs and approaches of other organisations. They can be found [here](https://cash-hub.org/resources/cash-and-covid-19) in English and Spanish. * The Cash Hub platform also provides quarterly updates which provide a useful consolidation of CVA-related topics. Subscribe by clicking on this [link](https://r1.dotmailer-surveys.com/4952l7ad-074f9u4b). * A multi-country cash transfer research initiative – the Transfer Project – provides a quick-access round-up of COVID-19 related resources [click here](https://transfer.cpc.unc.edu/cash-transfers-covid-19/?utm_source=Transfer+Project+Newsletter&utm_campaign=df0f757bb9-)   **Resources:**   * CCD has a page on [Social Protection and Humanitarian Cash](https://www.collaborativecash.org/social-protection-working-group) which includes country case studies and guidance. * **Foundational webinars**: The [first webinar](https://socialprotection.org/linking-cash-and-voucher-assistance-and-social-protection-demystifying-entry-points-humanitarians) from GB cash sub group series to demystify the concept of linking social protection and HCT; good introduction and primer to the topic. Second: How can SP Systems respond to the COVID 19 crisis? sets the scene on how SP systems can respond and the challenges governments are facing; [recording here](https://socialprotection.org/how-can-social-protection-systems-respond-covid-19-crisis). And thirdly, [Lessons learned and Opportunities: Linking SP systems to humanitarian cash in a pandemic](https://socialprotection.org/discover/blog/lessons-learned-and-opportunities-linking-social-protection-systems-humanitarian-cash). Includes examples within the context of COVID for measures to link SP/HCT. * Click the link to access [Ugo Gentilini’s Weekly Social Protection Links newsletter.](https://www.ugogentilini.net/) Packed with valuable information, focusing on social protection developments and action across the globe but also referencing humanitarian action where relevant, the newsletter is a helpful resource for practitioners and policymakers alike. |
| **We welcome your feedback. It is important to allow us to tailor the newsletter to your needs and to make decisions on what is useful.** |