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UNFPA CASH & VOUCHER ASSISTANCE (CVA)

Highlights from 2022 / Arab Region & Türkiye (Syria Crisis Response)

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HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS

ACROSS JORDAN, LEBANON, PALESTINE, THE WHOLE OF SYRIA, YEMEN, SOMALIA, SUDAN, & TÜRKIYE).

85%

OF PROGRAMMES ADOPTED A CASH MODALITY

WHILE 15% ADOPTED A VOUCHER MODALITY

100K

PEOPLE REACHED WITH CVA

ACROSS THE EIGHT COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CVA FOR BOTH PROTECTION & SRH OUTCOMES

\$8M

IN ASSISTANCE TRANSFERRED

THROUGH VARIOUS CASH & VOUCHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES

9,376

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED CASH ASSISTANCE IN GBV CASE MANAGEMENT

\$840K DISBURSED IN PALESTINE, YEMEN, JORDAN, LEBANON, SUDAN, SOMALIA, TÜRKIYE, & NORTH-WEST SYRIA

3,938

WOMEN & GIRLS RECEIVED CVA TO IMPROVE SRH OUTCOMES

\$870K DISBURSED IN YEMEN & NORTH-WEST SYRIA

3,094

WOMEN & GIRLS RECEIVED CVA TO BETTER MANAGE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE

\$840K DISBURSED IN JORDAN & LEBANON

78,106

PREGNANT AND BREASTFEEDING WOMEN SERVED

\$5.5M DISBURSED TO PREGNANT & BREASTFEEDING WOMEN FROM FOOD INSECURE & VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS IN SYRIA

5,886

WOMEN & GIRLS RECEIVED CVA TO MEET URGENT PROTECTION NEEDS

\$706K DISBURSED AS ONE-OFF & UNCONDITIONAL CASH SUPPORT IN NORTH-WEST SYRIA

176

WOMEN & GIRLS RECEIVED CVA TO FUND WOMEN-LED ENTERPRISES

\$88K DISBURSED AS CONDITIONAL CASH GRANTS TO SUPPORT WOMEN-LED, MICRO, & SMALL ENTERPRISES IN NORTH-WEST SYRIA

“THE CASH ASSISTANCE I RECEIVED ALLOWED ME TO ESCAPE THE VIOLENCE I WAS EXPERIENCING AT HOME & FIND A NEW START.

– YARA, A WOMAN LIVING IN JORDAN

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UNFPA believes CVA can directly contribute to the realisation of the Three Transformative Results of zero unmet need for contraception, zero preventable maternal deaths, and zero gender-based violence and harmful practices, which UNFPA is committed to achieving by the year 2030. *Empowered to Choose* offers an overview of some of the commitments, considerations, and lessons learned around CVA operations in the Arab region, in addition to evidence from the field to support the main conclusions.

## COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PUBLICATIONS

[Integrating Cash Assistance into GBV Case Management: A Lebanon Case Study](#)

[From Risk to Choice: Cash Within GBV Case Management in Jordan](#)

[Expanding the Evidence Base on Cash, Protection, GBV and Health in Humanitarian Settings: Findings from Northwest Syria: A Comparison of Individual Protection Assistance and Dignity Kits](#)

WHAT'S NEXT?

- UNFPA will further align current operations with the recently released guidance on designing and setting up cash assistance in GBV case management, thus consolidating its approach.
- UNFPA is also expanding the integration of CVA into core SRH programming. New pilot initiatives will focus on CVA to support transport costs, which have been identified as key barriers preventing women and girls from accessing SRH and GBV services, including life-saving services.
- UNFPA will also roll out the Arab Region CVA monitoring framework and toolkit to accelerate the scaling up and replication of good practices, in addition to maintaining evidence-based learning and sharing of knowledge with the wider community of practice.

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