**Myanmar Cash Working Group**

**Weekly Update #5 (23 October - 6 November 2020)**

| **Recently published:** **Articles/Blogs/Research/Guidance/Discussion threads/Policy briefs** |
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| **In Myanmar:**  **Publication**: IFPRI has published the findings from the first round of the survey with owners and managers of food retail shops in Yangon and Mandalay conducted in July. The policy note provide policy recommendations to improve business conditions for rice mills and help them cope with the COVID-19 economic crisis. You can view the full policy note in English [**here**](https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.134010) and in Burmese [**here**](https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.134050).  **In General:**  **Publication**: UNICEF has published its [Core Commitments for Children in Humanitarian Action](https://www.unicef.org/media/84086/file/Core%20Commitments%20for%20Children%20(English).pdf) which include commitments in relation to humanitarian cash and for the first time, in relation to social protection. One of the benchmarks included in the commitments is “Coordination between the social protection and the humanitarian cash coordination systems is established and functional”.   * Socialprotection.org’s [Annual Report 2020](https://socialprotection.org/sites/default/files/socialprotection_org_Annual_Report_2020.pdf) highlights some of the work it has supported in relation to linking HCT and SP including links to and overviews of the Grand Bargain Sub-Group’s webinar series. * Socialprotection.org’s October [monthly newsletter](https://socialprotection.org/newsletters) focuses on disability-inclusive social protection, sharing links to relevant resources and links to past webinars.   **Podcasts**: Key Aid Consulting has published podcasts in Arabic, English, French and Spanish to accompany its recently published report on [how CVA design influences value for money](https://www.keyaidconsulting.com/portfolio/dfid-contributing-to-humanitarian-reform-through-cash-programming-scale-up/). Listen to the podcast [here](https://www.keyaidconsulting.com/portfolio/dfid-contributing-to-humanitarian-reform-through-cash-programming-scale-up/). |
| **Myanmar Situation Updates** |
| * မကွေးတိုင်း၊ဂန့်ဂေါ်မြို့နယ်ရှိရေဘေးသင့်သူများအားငွေကြေးအထောက်အပံ့များကိုရပ်ကွက်အုပ်ချုပ်ရေးမှူးရုံးတွင်ကျင်းပခဲ့သည်။ Providing cash aids to flood victims in Gangaw Township, Magway Region was held at an office of Ward Administrator in Ward-3 in the town of Gangaw on 4 November. The officials from District Department of Disaster Management provided cash aids for purchasing building materials and rice to the flood victims. Link [here](https://www.mdn.gov.mm/en/cash-aids-provided-flood-victims-gangaw-tsp). * ရခိုင်ပြည်နယ် မောင်တောခရိုင် မောင်တောမြို့နယ်၌ C0VID-19 ကူးစက်ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားမှုကြောင်း စတုတ္တ အကြိမ်မြောက်အဖြစ် ပုံမှန်ဝင်ငွေမရှိသည့် အခြေခံအိမ်ထောင်စု (၁၃၈၆၀)ကို အိမ်ထောင်စုတစ်စုလျှင် စားဆီ (၂)လီတာနှုန်းဖြင့် နိုင်ငံတော်မှ ထောက်ပံ့ပေးအပ်ခြင်းကို နိုဝင်ဘာ ၅ ရက် နံနက် ၁၀ နာရီက မြို့နယ်အထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာန အစည်းအဝေးခန်းမ၌ ပြုလုပ်ခဲ့သည်။ In Rakhine, Maungdaw Township, for the fourth round of providing assistance, the government provided 2 liters of cooking oil per household to 13,860 households who do not have regular income at 10 am on 5 November at the township General Administration Department meeting hall. [Link](https://www.mdn.gov.mm/my/rkhiungpnnyny-meaangtteaamiunyttng-punmnwngngemriseaa-akhekhnaimtheaangcu-13860-cuaaa)  [FAO and FCDO join forces to restore agriculture production and livelihoods in Mon and Kayin States and Tanintharyi Region](http://www.fao.org/myanmar/news/detail-events/en/c/1321101/). The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) with the support of the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), completed the provision of inputs for the most severe flood affected family farmers to restore agricultural production and livelihoods in southern parts of Myanmar. သဘာဝဘေးအန္တရာယ် ရေကြီးနစ်မြုပ်မှု ကြောင့် ပျက်စီးခဲ့သော စိုက်ပျိုးသီးနှံပင်များ၊ ထိခိုက်ခဲ့သော တောင်သူအိမ်ထောင်စုများအား ကိုဗစ်-၁၉ ရောဂါ ကာလအတွင်း စီးပွားရေး အဆင်ပြေစေရန်အတွက် ကုလသမဂ္ဂ စားနပ်ရိက္ခာနှင့် စိုက်ပျိုးရေးအဖွဲ့ (FAO)မှ စိုက်ပျိုးရေးသွင်းအားစု ပစ္စည်းများနှင့် ကျန်းမာရေးသုံးပစ္စည်းများ ထောက်ပံ့ပေးအပ် သည်။ |
| **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. * The [IMF Policy Responses to COVID-19 Tracker](https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19) provides a summary of the key economic responses that governments are taking to limit the human and economic impact of the pandemic providing information which is of relevance to humanitarian and development actors, particularly in the design and modification of their COVID-19-related responses. |
| **Webinars and Events** |
| **Recent webinars and events:**   * CaLP’s **first and second** of five webinars on the topic of Minimum Expenditure Baskets (MEB) was held. The first event looked at the best tools available to calculate MEBs. You can watch the recording [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kG4dny2mZRM&feature=youtu.be). The second webinar addressed: “Health expenditures: what and how to include in MEB?”. You can watch the recording [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcRWeWCmhHI&feature=youtu.be). * CashHub webinar on Cash and Voucher Assistance for Health Outcomes was held on 21 October. The recording of the Webinar is [here](https://vimeo.com/470571996).   **Upcoming webinars and events:**   * CaLP and WFP’s webinar series focusing on different aspects of the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) continues on coming Thursday. The webinar series is running weekly, next session will be on Thursday (the 12th) at 13H00 GMT to learn more about “Identifying the trigger points for MEB review and update: a peer-to-peer learning conversation”, you can sign up here: [https://bit.ly/3jVHMg5](https://calpnetwork-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Wof1aKsYTT6cLQUoCamfkQ) |
| **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: [here.](https://cash-hub.org/resources/cash-and-covid-19) * 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](https://transfer.cpc.unc.edu/the-transfer-project/) – provides a quick-access round-up of COVID-19 related resources click [here](https://www.google.com/url?sa=D&q=https://transfer.cpc.unc.edu/cash-transfers-covid-19/%3Futm_source%3DTransfer%2BProject%2BNewsletter%26utm_campaign%3Ddf0f757bb9-&ust=1604636220000000&usg=AOvVaw3KeW0loVGqnK8xI3-95T9A&hl=en)   **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. * 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.** |