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and gender-based violence
webinar series**

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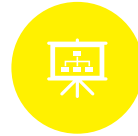
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Utilizing Cash and Voucher Assistance within Gender-based Violence Case Management to Support Crisis-Affected Populations in Ecuador

Webinar



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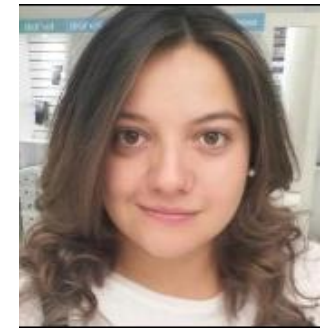
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Background

- Gender-based Violence (GBV) is pervasive in humanitarian settings.
- Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) is underused in the Protection sector, including for GBV outcomes.
- CVA can play a key role in the prevention of and response to GBV – it is not always appropriate.
- Humanitarian capacity and evidence gaps re: integrating CVA and GBV must be addressed to fulfill the Call to Action.



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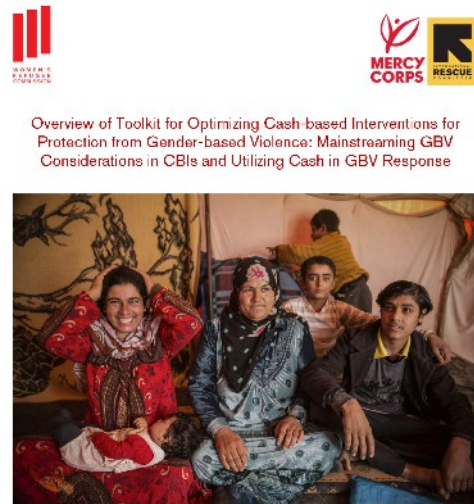
ROAD MAP 2016-2020
September 2015

Project Overview

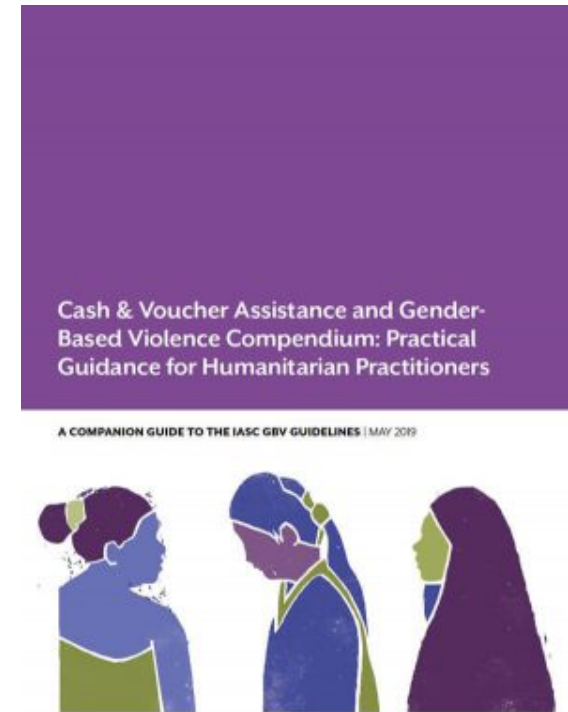


- Sweden's Ministry for Foreign Affairs funded **Utilizing Cash and Voucher Assistance within Gender-based Violence Case Management to Support Crisis-Affected Populations in Ecuador.**
- Partners:
 - Women's Refugee Commission (WRC)
 - CARE
 - Fundacion Quimera
 - The Latin American Platform of Sex Workers
- Partners advanced **the Call to Action Roadmap** by:
 - Strengthening the capacity of GBV and CVA service providers
 - Implementing comprehensive GBV case management inclusive of CVA referrals for forced migrants in El Oro Province
 - Leveraging and adapting for context key resources on GBV and CVA.

Resources



[WRC Cash and GBV Toolkit](#)



[CVA & GBV Compendium](#)

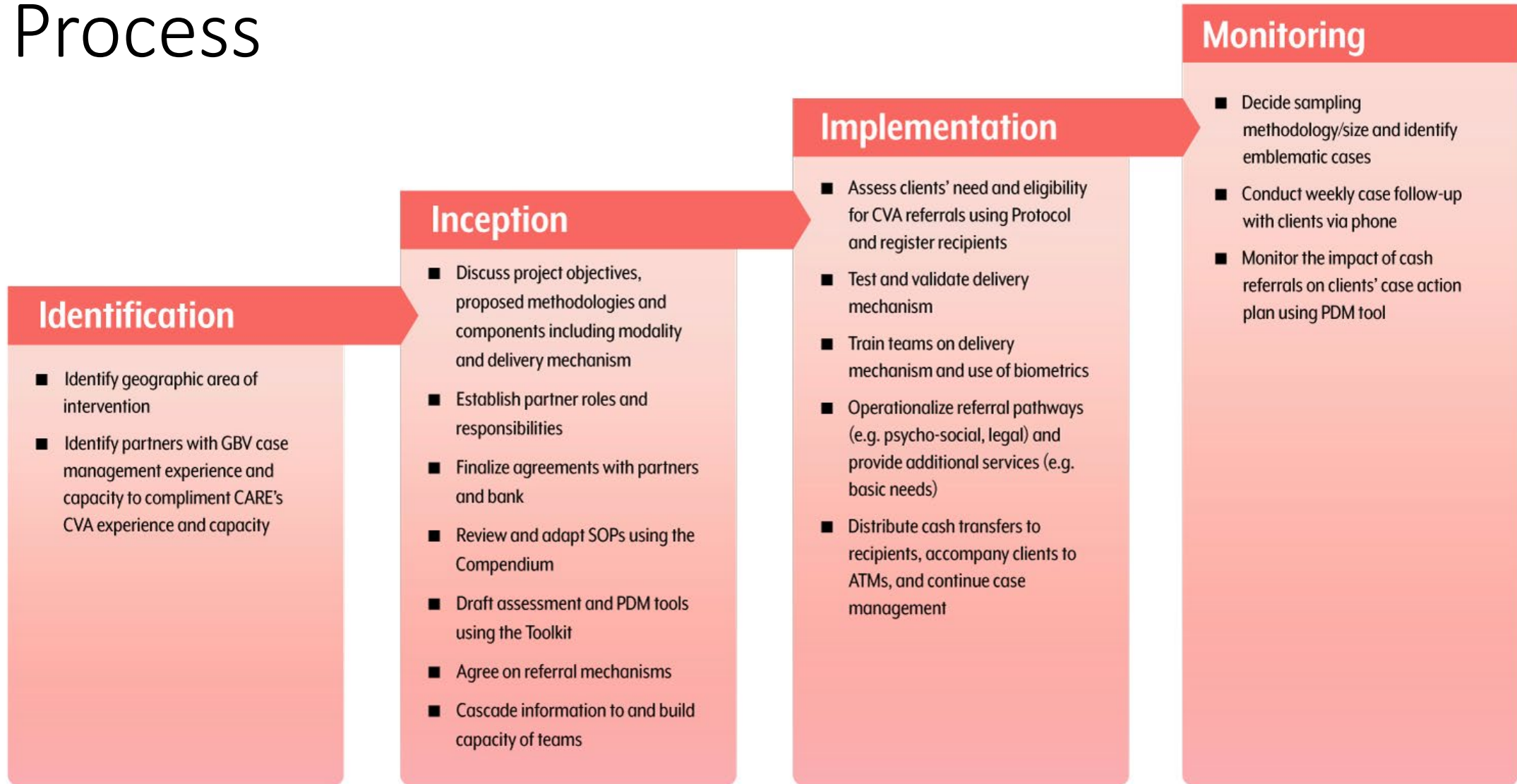
Context

- Humanitarian crisis in Venezuela is affecting 16 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Ecuador.
- GBV is rampant impacting host and displaced communities.
- A GBV framework exists, but there is little enforcement, resources and will to do so.
- Gov't has experience with SSN, limited humanitarian CVA experience.
- GBV services are limited and civil society is bridging the gaps.
- Limited use of CVA for GBV outcomes in Ecuador to date, yet with positive outcomes.

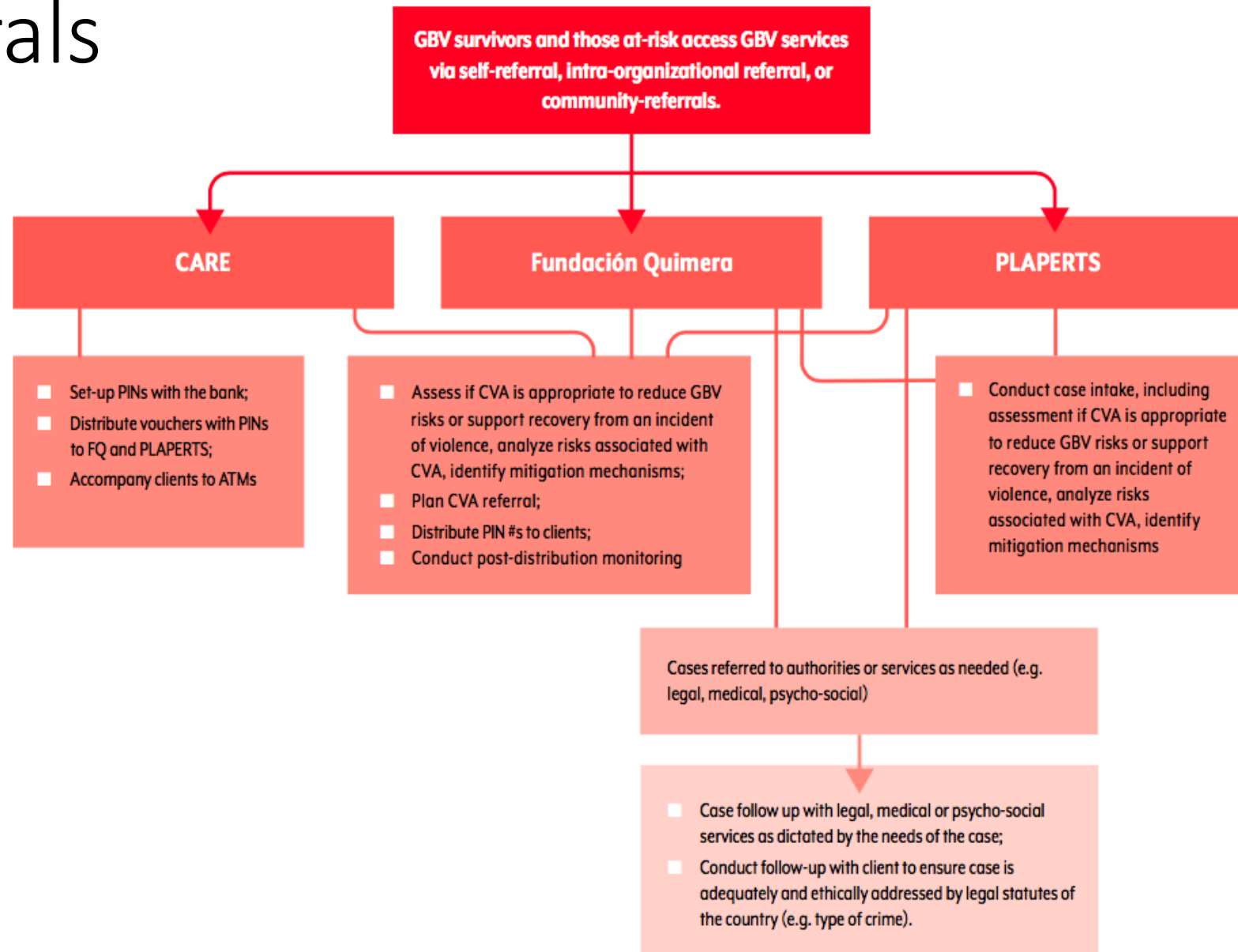


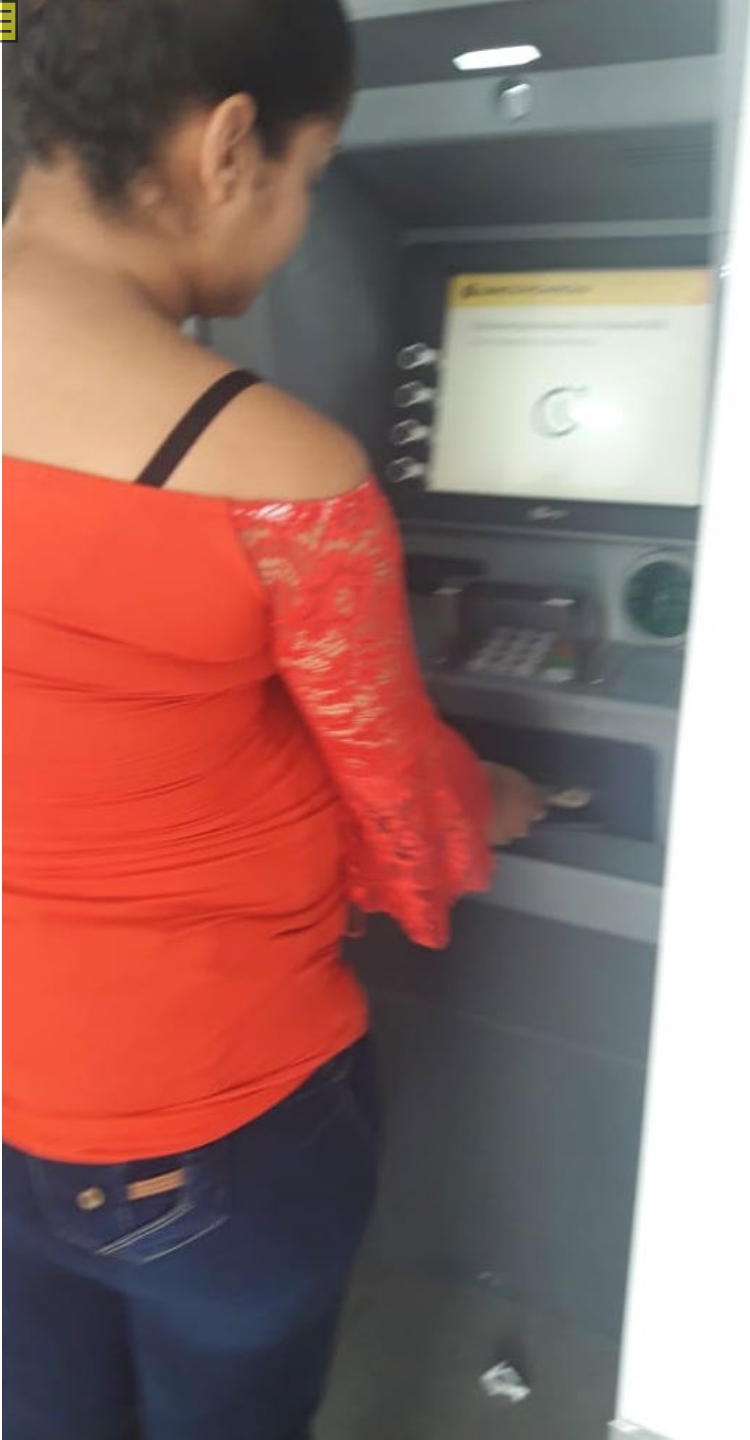


Process



Referrals





Integrated Cash and GBV Referrals

- 100 out of 120 GBV clients referred for CVA
- 86 survivors & 14 individuals at risk of GBV received CVA
- Registration included biometrics
- One-time transfer of \$100 USD via cardless ATM
- 50% received legal assistance; 50% received formal counselling



Assessment

- **Profile of GBV clients:** 86 survivors & 14 individuals at risk of GBV; all forcibly displaced women from Venezuela
- **Incidence of violence:** 58% suffered psychological violence; 27% suffered physical violence; 13% suffered sexual violence; 6% suffered attempted femicide.

Perceived risks of CVA by recipients : theft, insecurity, and physical threats.

Mitigation: A safe place to keep money (87%), keep recipient status confidential (50%); withdraw money with someone trustworthy (8%).





Contribution of CVA Referrals on GBV Outcomes

GBV Outcome Category	GBV Outcome ²⁹	Intended outcome of CVA referral as defined during case action planning by GBV case workers
<i>Reduction in Risk or Exposure to GBV</i>	Improved distribution of household decision-making power ³⁰	X
	Reduction in intimate partner violence ³¹	
	Reduction of risk or exposure to sexual harassment, exploitation, or abuse ³²	
	Reduction or prevention of forced and early marriage ³³	
	Increased asset ownership or control over resources ³⁴	X
<i>Access to Services</i>	Gender-based violence survivor access to response and recovery services ³⁵	X
	Access to reproductive health services ³⁶	
	Access to psychological/mental health services ³⁷	X
<i>Avoidance of Risky Coping Strategies</i>	Reduction of reliance on or improved safety of sex work ³⁸	X

Monitoring



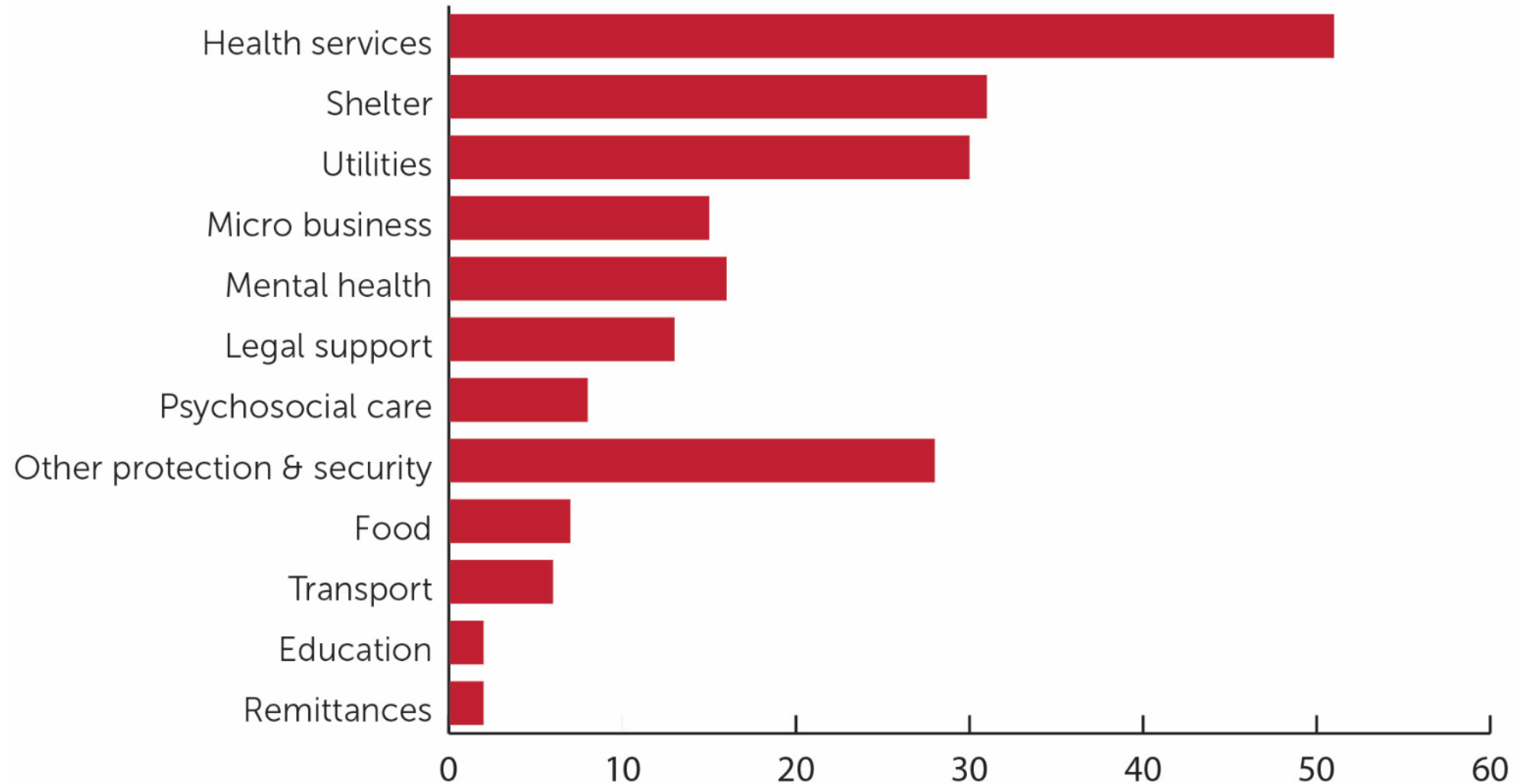
- Delivery mechanism
- Timeless
- Value
- Duration
- Confidentiality
- Case management and incident disclosure
- Safety

Impact of CVA on GBV Outcomes

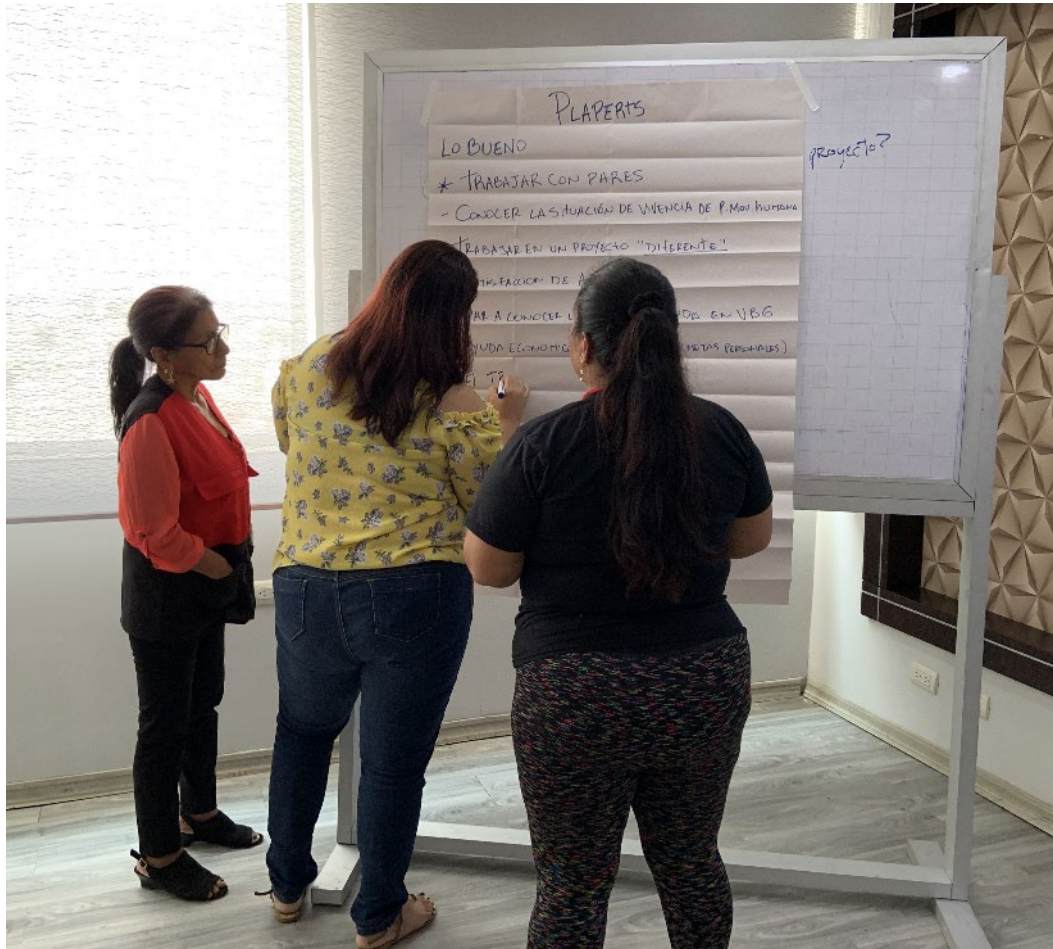
GBV Outcome Category	GBV Outcome ²⁹	Intended outcome of CVA referral as defined during case action planning by GBV case workers	The impact of CVA on GBV based on PDM data
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Monitoring (Cont'd)



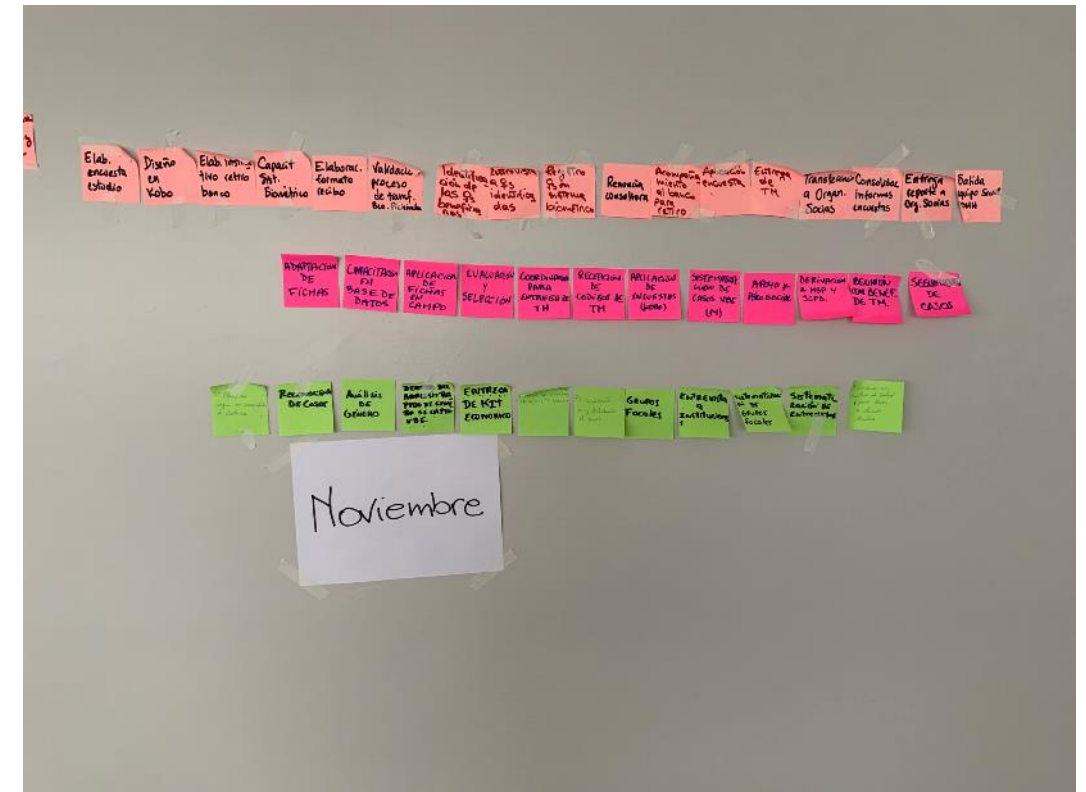
Lessons Learned - What worked well?



- Locally-led implementation.
- Partnerships.
- Inception workshop & After Action Review.
- Knowledge and skills exchange.
- Expanded awareness of GBV services.
- Comprehensive support with positive outcomes.
- Cardless ATM.
- Monitoring approaches.

Lessons Learned - What can be improved?

- Targeting both Venezuelans & Ecuadorians.
- Longer accompaniment period, higher value transfers, longer duration.
- Linkages with livelihoods/entrepreneurship.
- CVA to address immigration status.
- Expand partnerships.
- Effort to mitigate risks before, during & after receipt.
- Continue to adapt *Protocol* and *PDM* tools.
- Expand GBV referral pathways with mapping of multisectoral services.





Next steps

- Share findings with communities of practice
- Scale the integration of CVA in GBV case management
- Advocate for CVA in Ecuador's National Plan to address GBV
- Build the capacity of humanitarian responders to integrate CVA & GBV
- Address key evidence gaps
- Advocate with donors

Resources

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Learning Brief

November 2019



Overview of Toolkit for Optimizing Cash-based Interventions for Protection from Gender-based Violence: Mainstreaming GBV Considerations in CBLs and Utilizing Cash in GBV Response



Cash & Voucher Assistance and Gender-Based Violence Compendium: Practical Guidance for Humanitarian Practitioners

A COMPANION GUIDE TO THE IASC GBV GUIDELINES | MAY 2019



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[WRC Cash and GBV Resources](#), including
the Learning Brief and Toolkit

[CVA & GBV Compendium
& Training](#)

[Call to Action Road Map](#)

Questions & Discussion

- What has been your experience so far utilizing the toolkit and compendium - opportunities, benefits, challenges?
- What actions are needed to uptake the toolkit and compendium in your region/response/agency?





Thank you!



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