

Mr. Martin Griffiths  
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New York, USA

By email only

Oslo, 14 February 2022

Dear Martin,

I am pleased to inform you that the Principals of the organisations represented in the Grand Bargain Caucus on Cash Coordination (ECHO and the United States representing the Donor Cash Forum, WFP, UNHCR, OCHA, UNICEF, ICVA, A4EP, CCD and IFRC, with CaLP and CashCap as technical experts, and with the World Bank as an observer), have unanimously endorsed a model setting out the structure, function, leadership and resourcing of cash coordination that was designed by our able technical experts working with external consultants.

In brief, the model provides predictable, accountable, and timely coordination of cash assistance. It is highly adaptable to different contexts, built on the principle of localisation with greater participation of national and local actors, and ensuring that decisions regarding cash interventions are made with accountability to crisis-affected populations. The Cash Working Groups are linked to the Inter Sector / Inter Cluster Coordination Group, with a structure that mirrors existing coordination arrangements in IASC and refugee settings, respectively under OCHA and UNHCR. Finally, the model creates a global Cash Advisory Group which is tasked with providing general direction to support country level cash coordination technically and in terms of capacity.

I am glad to share herewith the endorsed outcome document that provides a detailed overview of the proposed model.

I suggest, after consulting with the Caucus stakeholders the following next steps:

- That the proposed model is tabled as soon as possible for adoption by IASC Principals.
- That the global Cash Advisory Group (CAG) is established immediately after adoption by the IASC Principals. The caucus outcome document includes suggestions on membership of this group.
- That a timebound and detailed transition plan towards the endorsed model is developed by the CAG before the next Grand Bargain Annual Meeting in June. There was broad agreement among caucus participants that the model should be implemented immediately for new emergencies and that there should be a phased transition to the new model in existing contexts as soon as conditions and capacity allow.

- That a review of the model is conducted two years after its implementation, providing an opportunity to assess its performance and adapt its functioning.

As we move on to undertake other reform efforts within the Grand Bargain, I am glad to know that I can count on your leadership as Emergency Relief Coordinator to support the implementation of the new cash coordination model.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jan Egeland'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jan Egeland

EP of the Grand Bargain

Annex: Cash Coordination Caucus final outcome document