

# Cash for Protection: Key Considerations for Stand-Alone and Integrated Programming

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# Agenda

- ❑ Background about the TTC4P
- ❑ Cash for protection in Specialised/  
Stand-alone Protection Programming
- ❑ C4P in Integrated Protection & CVA  
Programming
- ❑ C4P Evidence Initiative
- ❑ Q&A



# About the TTC4P

*The **GPC Task Team on Cash for Protection (TTC4P)** serves as a key global platform for advancing inter-agency coordination, learning, technical support, and evidence-building on C4P.*

## Key Activities and Deliverables:

- ❑ **Integrated Guidance Pilots:** Launch EoI, select countries, kick-off meetings, feedback rounds
- ❑ **Methodological Notes:** Develop and disseminate methodological notes (C4P Targeting, Transfer Value and Coordination)
- ❑ **Capacity Building:** in-person trainings (priority countries), dissemination workshops, global workshop, Development of E-learning module
- ❑ **Dissemination:** C4P video, online technical sessions, E-library
- ❑ **Evidence Building:** C4P global dashboard and Evidence building report
- ❑ **Technical Support:** Help desk, coordination meetings, donor reporting

# TTC4P: Where We Are



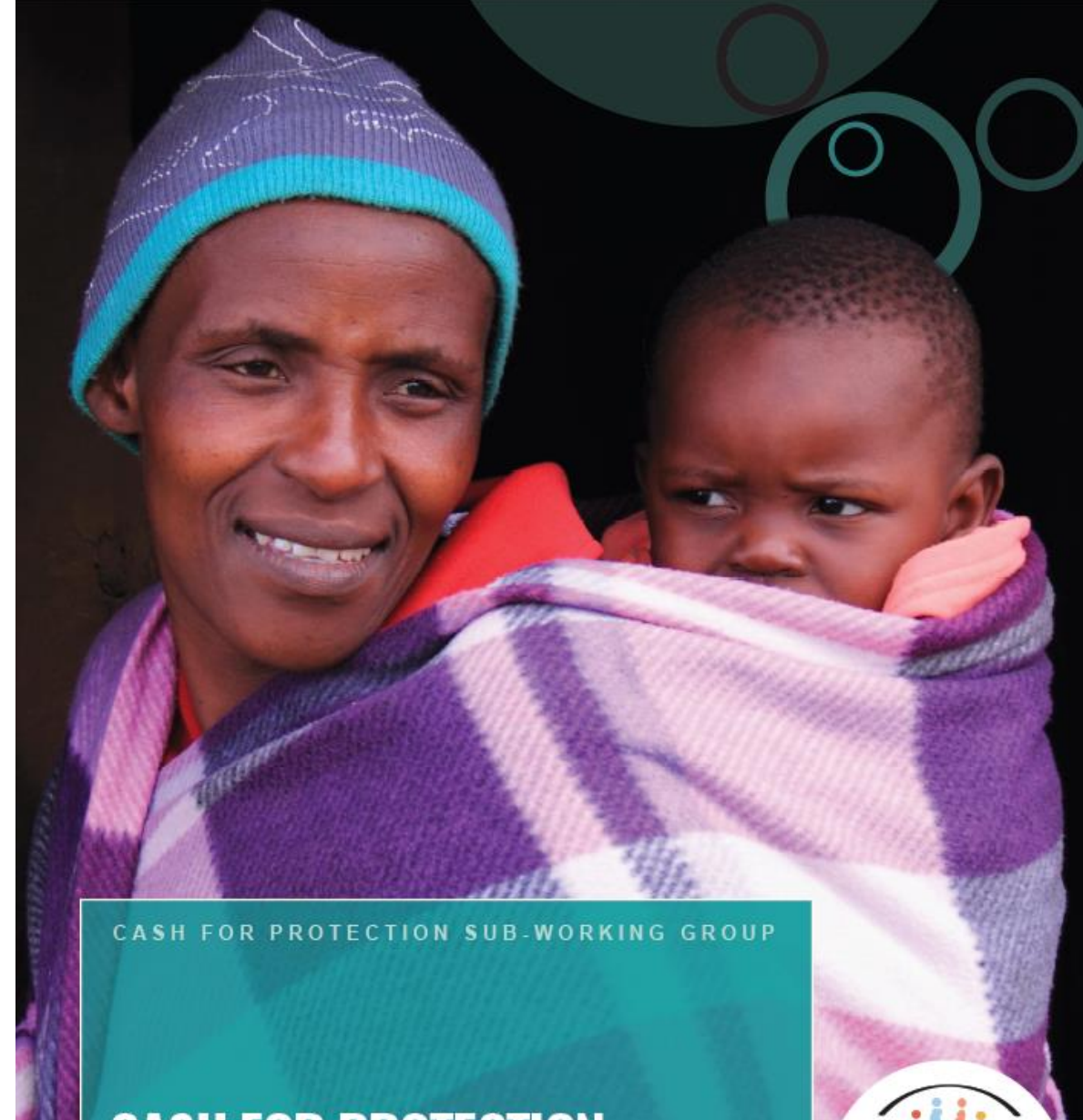
**Ongoing throughout:** Dissemination events, dashboard maintenance, updating of the C4P e-library, provision of technical support, Helpdesk

# Cash for protection in Specialised/ Stand-alone Protection Programming

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CASH FOR PROTECTION SUB-WORKING GROUP

**CASH FOR PROTECTION  
IN SPECIALISED/STAND-ALONE  
PROTECTION PROGRAMMING**



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# Protection Continuum



**PROTECTION  
MAINSTREAMING**  
To maximise the positive  
protective impact  
of our programmes



**PROTECTION  
INTEGRATION**  
To achieve  
joint-protection  
outcomes



**SPECIALISED/  
STAND ALONE  
PROTECTION**  
For specialised  
protection services

# Cash for Protection (C4P) Definition

Cash for Protection (C4P) is an intervention whereby cash and voucher assistance (CVA) is used as the modality to contribute to address individual, or household (HH)-level protection needs.

- C4P can be used in situations when an individual and/or HH is at risk of immediate harm or faces protection concerns that negatively impact well-being but that are not necessarily time specific
- C4P can be both a responsive or remedial action
- The provision of cash should always be complemented by other protection activities

# Cash for Protection (C4P)

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## Multipurpose Cash Assistance(MPCA)

### MPCA

Comprises transfers (either periodic or one-off) corresponding to the amount of money required to cover, fully or partially, a household's **basic and/or recovery needs** that can be monetized and purchased.

Cash transfers are “**multipurpose**” if explicitly designed to address multiple needs, with the transfer value calculated accordingly.

### C4P

Focuses specifically on using **cash assistance to enhance protection** for vulnerable populations.

C4P is never intended to address exclusively socio-economic vulnerabilities.

Causal link between a **clearly identified protection concern** and the analysis of how the cash assistance will be used as a modality to address protection risks by preventing, reducing, or mitigating the risks identified.

## Examples of C4P and NOT C4P

A person is missing core civil documentation and therefore facing recurring rights-violations (movement limitation, risk of detention, etc.)

C4P

C4P to pay for issuing of civil documentation



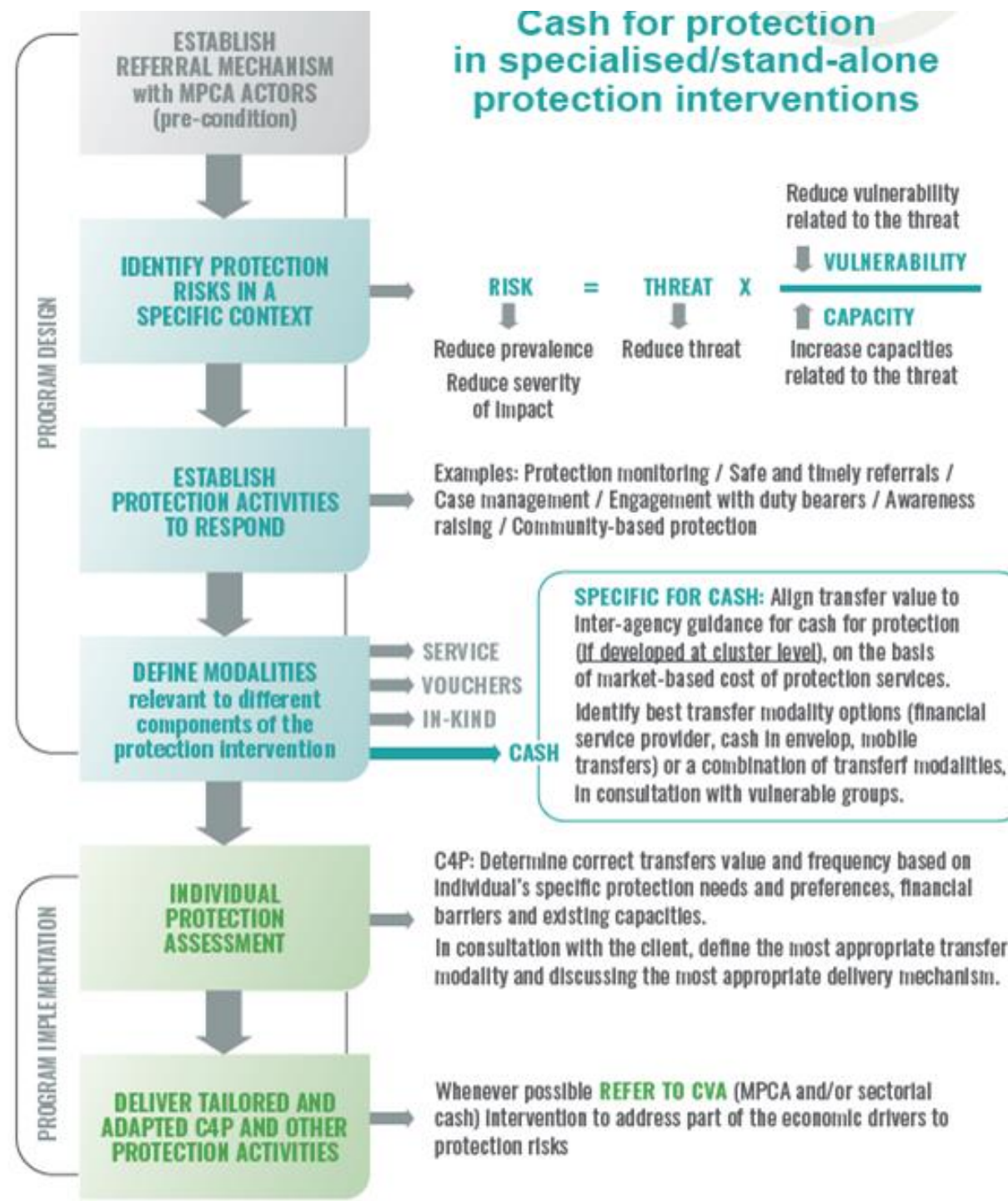
Legal assistance, psychosocial support, awareness and outreach

A group of people with disabilities among the target population is included in the list of CVA beneficiaries to cover their basic needs, as a category of vulnerable people.

NOT C4P

MPCA  
(protection mainstreaming)

# Cash for Protection (C4P) in stand-alone/specialised protection intervention



# Identification and Selection in C4P in Protection Programming

## Identification

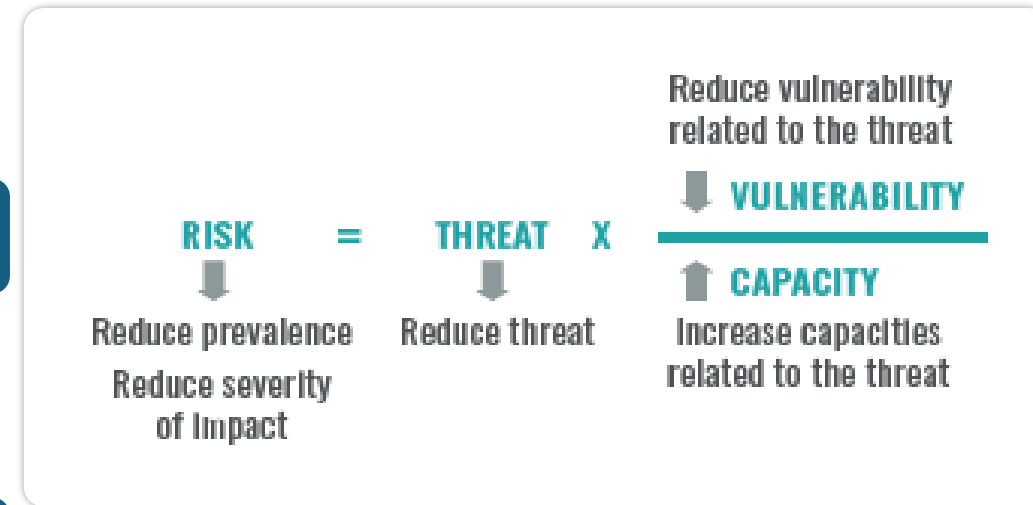
- **Protection risk analysis**
  - How will financial assistance address the identified protection risks and contribute to a direct protection outcome?

## Selection

- **Individual protection assessment**
  - Essential to decide whether C4P is a pertinent type of response
  - Based upon the do no harm principle

## Complementarity

- Receiving CVA/MPCA does not disqualify the family from C4P in case of urgent protection needs



# Key considerations for programme design

## Targeting

- The selection of C4P recipients is made by protection actors and based on an **individual protection assessment**
- Based on the **‘do no harm’ principle**
- Receiving CVA/MPCA does not disqualify the person/HH to receive cash for protection

## Transfer value calculation

- **Tailored** to address specific protection risk identified
- Must be **appropriate and relevant** and based on the actual cost of the services/goods
- Should not be predetermined and should correspond to the **range or maximum/ceiling** set at inter-agency level (Protection Cluster)
- Conduct a **basic market survey** to understand the average cost of key common protection services
- Consider: **do no harm principles + financial barriers**

# Key considerations for programme design

## Frequency of transfers

- Determined **depending on the situation and needs of each case** and monitoring of the case
- C4P can be both **one-off or recurrent** based on the specific case (and case plan)

## Conditionality and restrictions

- Whenever possible, cash for protection should be **unconditional and unrestricted**

## Referral system

- Established to address economic drivers through **standard CVA/MPCA** intervention
- **Coordination and training** to enable appropriate and safe referrals, discussions on the eligibility criteria for CVA and capacity of the CVA agency to absorb additional caseload

# Which of these is an example of C4P?

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## SCENARIO 1

**Objective:** *Enhance safety and recovery for GBV survivors.*

A GBV case manager identifies a survivor at high risk due to economic dependency on her abuser.

Following an individual safety assessment, a one-time cash transfer is provided to cover relocation costs, integrated with ongoing case management, safety planning, and referrals to legal aid and psychosocial support.



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# Which of these is an example of C4P?

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## SCENARIO 2

**Objective:** *Support recovery after flooding for affected households.*

An NGO distributes monthly cash transfers to flood-affected households for food and shelter needs.

Targeting criteria include priority for female-headed households, elderly people and persons with disabilities.

A protection team monitors distributions and follows up on flagged cases.



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# Which of these is an example of C4P?

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## SCENARIO 3

**Objective:** *Provide family-based care to children formerly associated with armed groups.*

Foster families enrolled in a child protection case management programme receive a cash transfer to cover specific, case-plan-defined needs of the children (i.e. food, education, clothing).

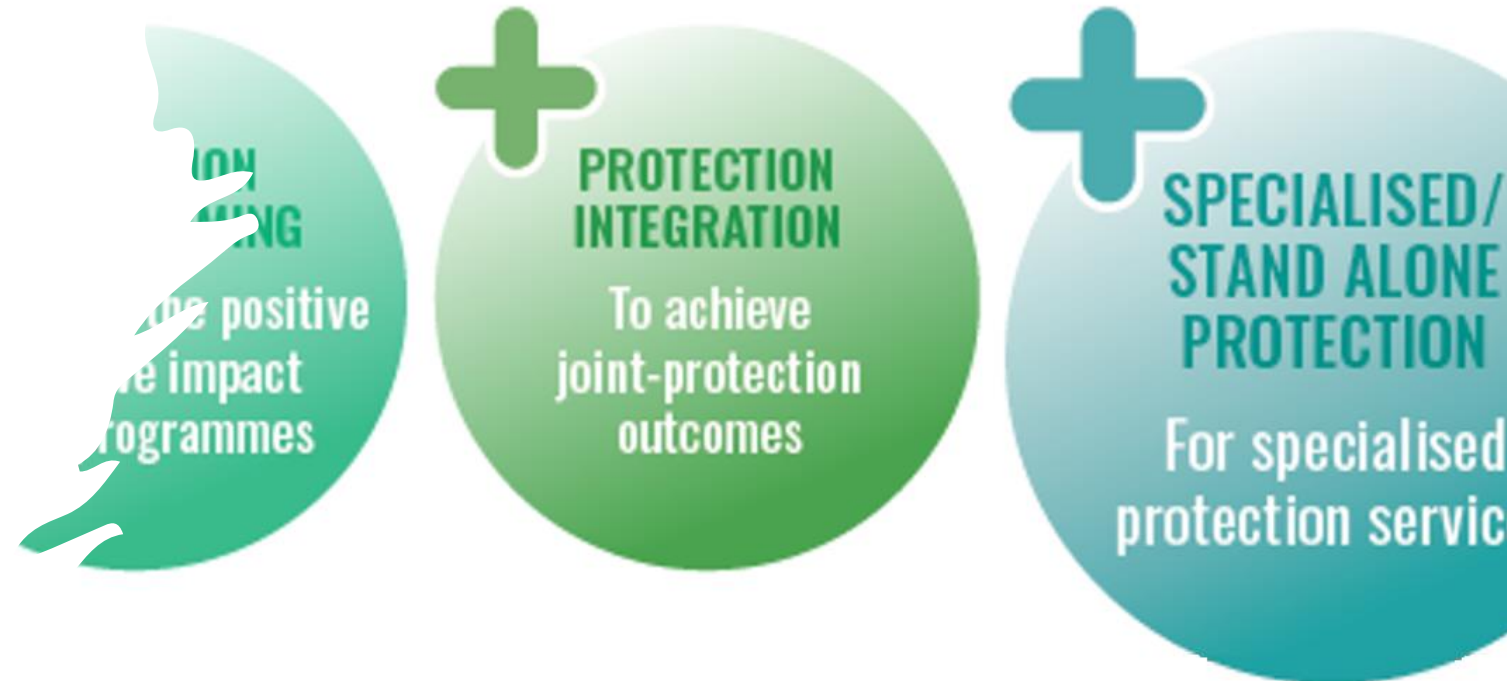
Transfers are reviewed by the case manager at each follow-up visit and linked to case plan milestones.



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# Introduction to Cash for protection in Integrated Protection and CVA Programming

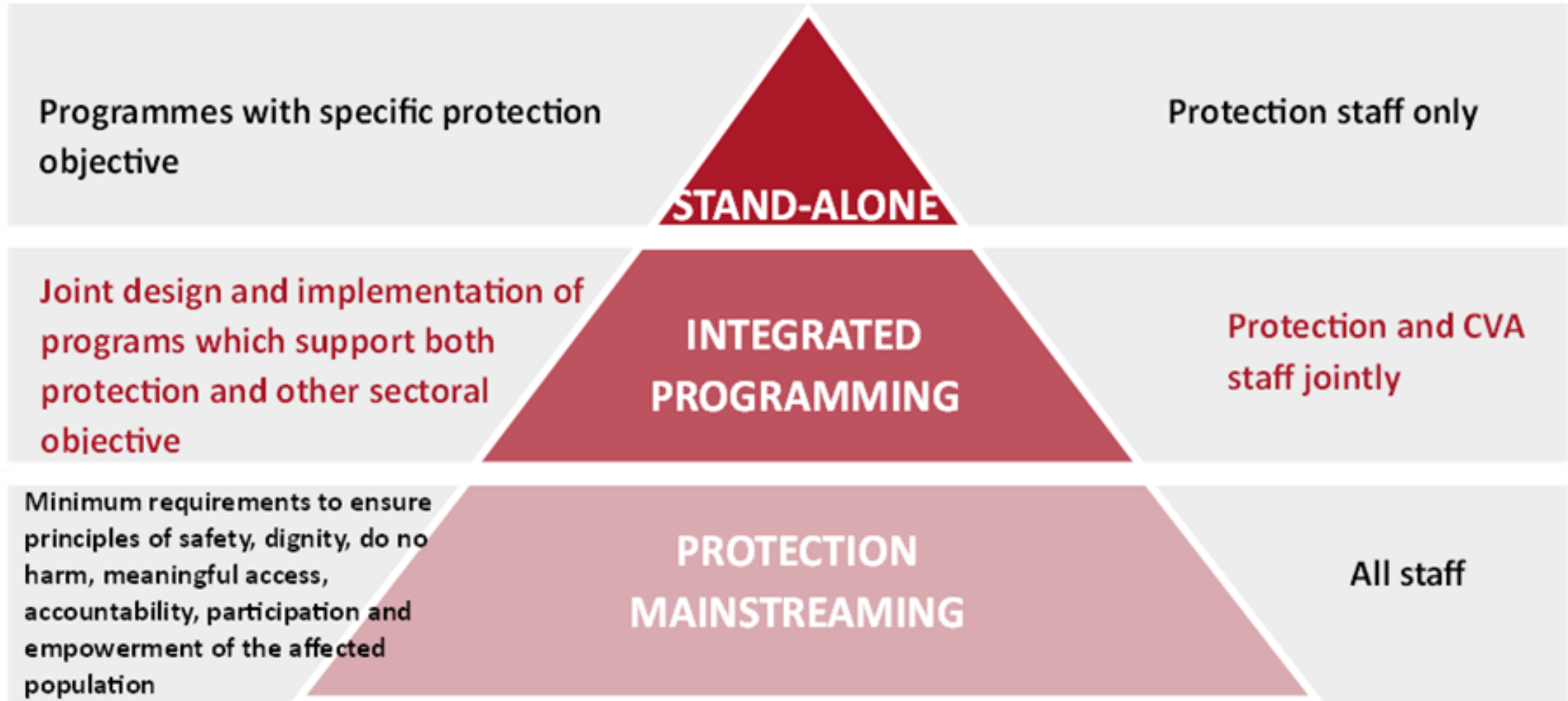
*Field testing phase*



# What is Integrated Protection & CVA Programming?

## DEFINITIONS

## RESPONSIBILITIES



# Minimum requirements

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A demonstrated causal link between protection risks and economic/financial barriers.

Strong protection and CVA expertise

A significant level of operational collaboration

Joint design and alignment of temporality and implementation timelines

# Key Programmatic Considerations

## Situation Analysis and Program Design

- Protection risks & socio-economic analysis
- Theory of Change
- Complementary individual risk assessment
- Assess CVA feasibility & mitigate risks

## Safe Inclusion of Most at Risk Populations

- Identification capacities and referral pathways (direct/indirect/integrated)
- Prioritisation and effective inclusion of at-risk population
- Joint SOPs & training
- Confidentiality, transparency & inclusivity

## Transfer Value Calculation

- Guiding Principle: TV must address both basic needs and the financial barriers driving identified protection risks
- Different approaches: tailored, top-up, risk-ranking
  - Protection-related goods/services included in market assessments/MEB determination

# Piloting the Guidance on Cash for Protection (C4P)

Expression of Interest for piloting Cash for Protection new guidance



**Objective:** Field-test the new guidance and include feedbacks to ensure its applicability and effectiveness in various humanitarian contexts

## Why Participate?

- Contribute to shaping global standards and guidance on C4P
- Receive technical support during the pilot phase
- Help refine best practices for integrating Protection & CVA programming

# C4P: Stand-Alone Protection vs Integrated Programming

	Stand-alone Protection Programming	Integrated Protection Programming
Objective	Protection outcomes only	Protection + sectoral outcomes
Design Approach	Protection actors lead Based on individual protection risk assessment CVA is one modality	Protection + CVA joint design Protection risk + socio-economic vulnerability analysis Shared Theory of Change
Targeting & Identification	Protection-led identification + individual assessment	Multiple entry points + referral system + joint prioritisation
Transfer Value	Ideally tailored case-by-case	Multiple approaches: MPCA baseline + protection top-up / Risk-based / Tailored
Coordination	Protection Cluster leads + CWG	Protection actors + CVA actors + Other sectoral teams
Added Value / Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Strong for individual protection needs</li> <li>✗ Limited for structural or multi-sectoral drivers of risk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Holistic, more sustainable responses to protection risks</li> <li>✗ More complex to design and coordinate</li> </ul>

# Cash for Child Protection

- Child-specific risk analysis
- Integration with **CP case management**

## Targeting:

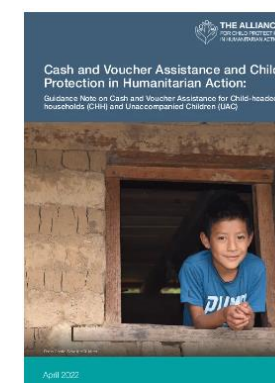
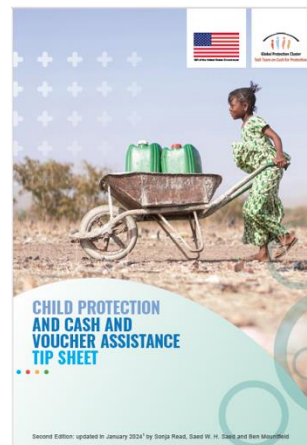
- Use CP-sensitive targeting criteria: identify economic drivers of risk and harmful coping strategies
- Ensure inclusion without increasing stigma or exposure

## Transfer value: tailor to reflect cost of CP-related services

- Preferably transfer cash to a caregiver, not directly to children
- Exceptions require careful justification (UAC, CHH, safety reasons)

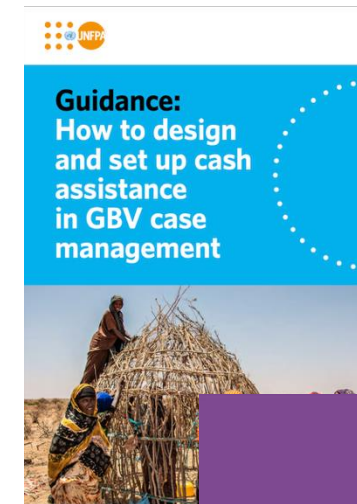
## Child Safeguarding: Conduct CP-specific risk analysis prior to implementation

- Red-flag indicators
- Ensure child-friendly complaints and accountability mechanisms
- Strict data protection and controlled information-sharing SOPs



# Cash GBV programming

- **Survivor-centred:** uphold confidentiality, informed consent, safety planning and do-no-harm
- Integrated within **GBV Case Management** → Individualised risk & feasibility assessment
- Prioritise **unrestricted cash** where safe and feasible + ensure discreet delivery mechanisms;
- **Confidentiality & data protection** measures: no sensitive GBV information shared
- Track protection outcomes and **red-flag indicators:** continuous safety review and coordination with GBV service providers.



## TOOLKIT

### GBV Risk Mitigation in Cash and Voucher Assistance

The GBV-CVA Coordination Toolkit is a collection of handy tools to support humanitarian actors to ensure Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA). Field oriented and programmatic, these tools have been developed based on requests from CVA and GBV practitioners and have been recently updated to reflect current practice.

**DO YOU PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN CASH ASSISTANCE (CVA)?** These tools will support practitioners to identify and mitigate potential GBV risks, enhance your programme accountability and increase the GBV Gender sensitivity of your CVA interventions.

**ARE YOU A GBV SPECIALIST?** These tools will help you engage with the Cash actors in a programmatic context and will support your advocating for better GBV risk mitigation.

TOOL	TIME TO ALLOCATE	FORMAT
TOOL 1	What is CVA? The basics. PDF (3.5 pages) and video (8 minutes)	PDF, Video
TOOL 2	Short presentation for Cash actors on GBV risk mitigation (1 hour). Present on page 23 (15 min)	PowerPoint
TOOL 3	1 page (available in 10 languages) overview from the COCOPRO and a guide on how to use the risk matrix	PDF
TOOL 4	Focus Group Discussion guide in CVA. 3 pages (17 page with examples of talking questions)	PDF
TOOL 5	Monitor national Complaint and Feedback Mechanisms in CVA. 2 pages (11 page of short questions and a template of Code of Conduct)	PDF
TOOL 6	Additional questions for Post Distribution Monitoring. 3 pages (7 page of list of questions to add to a regular PDM)	PDF
TOOL 7	Checklist checklist for CVA monitoring activities. 2 pages	PDF
TOOL 8	Best practices lessons learned on GBV risk mitigation in CVA. Case studies and country learning briefs (3 x 1 page each)	PDF
TOOL 9	Short indicators for each indicator on GBV risk mitigation and PDM. 6 slides (20 min)	PowerPoint

**CLICK HERE TO ACCESS ALL OF THE TOOLS AND CASE STUDIES LISTED ABOVE**

NOTE: These tools function as a support and are not supposed to cover the entire topic of CVA and GBV (links to key resources can be found in each tool). More tools and evidence – such as case studies and learning briefs – will be added to the Toolkit in upcoming months.

# Key resources

## Cash for protection definition



## Cash for Protection Stocktaking paper 2024



## Report on the Cash for Protection Workshop



**C4P E-Library:**  
[https://www.globalprotectioncluster.org/issues/cash\\_protection](https://www.globalprotectioncluster.org/issues/cash_protection)

## CP&CVA Tip Sheet



## Housing, Land and Property and CVA Tip Sheet



## CVA for Protection outcomes in Mine Action tip sheet

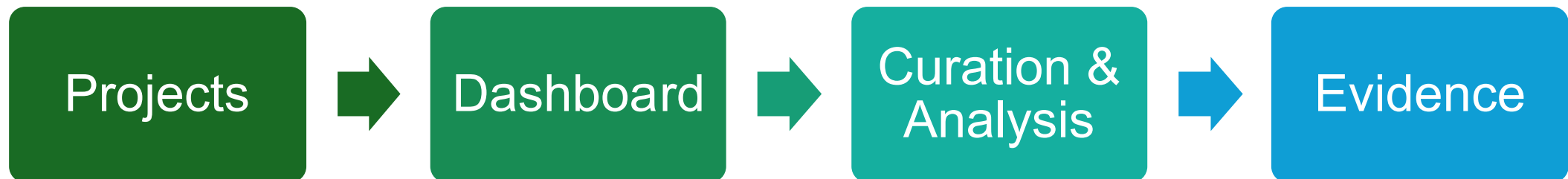


**C4P Help Desk:**  
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# The evidence building initiative

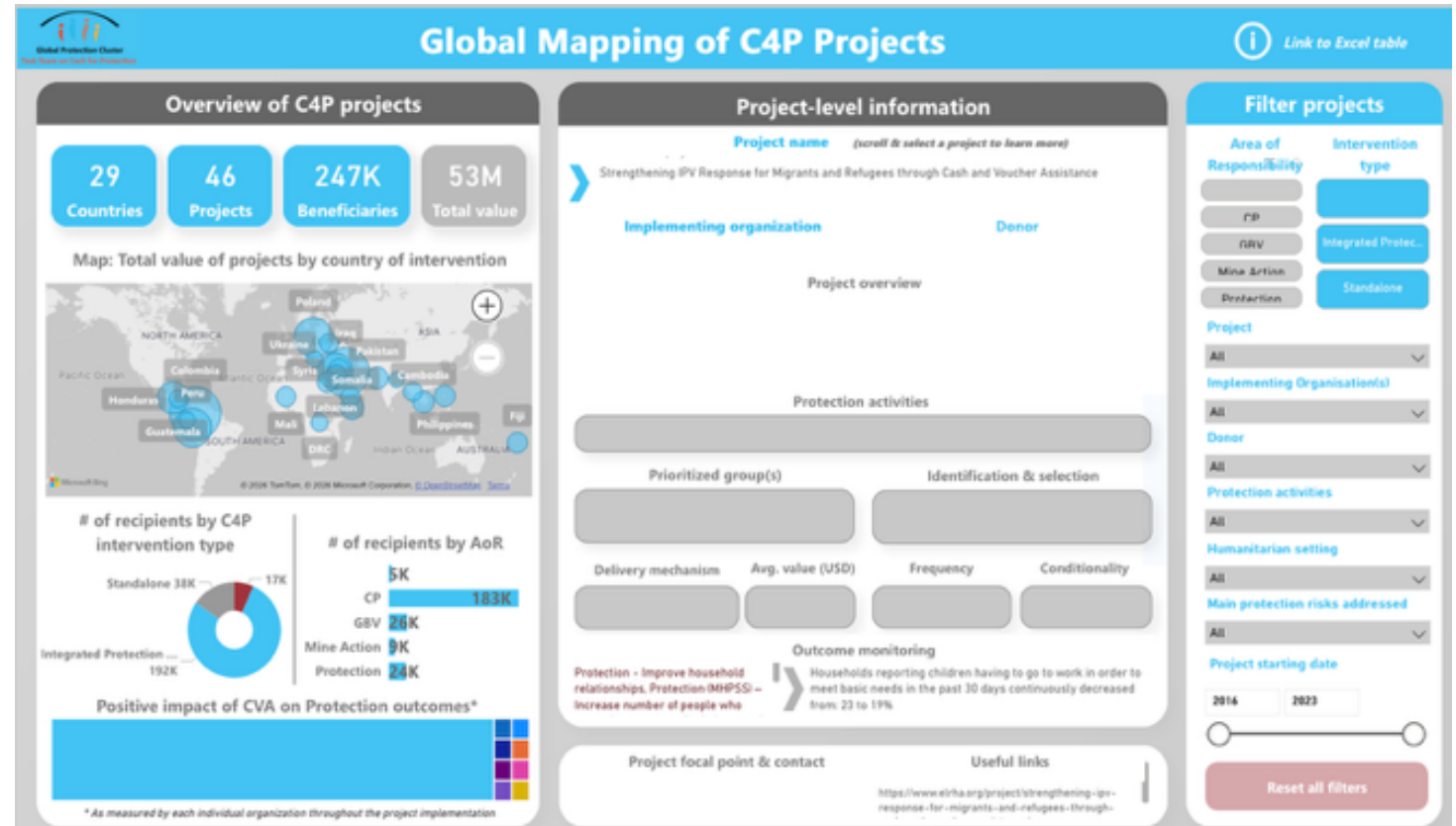
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- C4P Dashboard: global repository of C4P projects
- Evidence Building Report (2026–2027)
- Building a shared system for Cash for Protection: From scattered projects → to collective evidence and learning



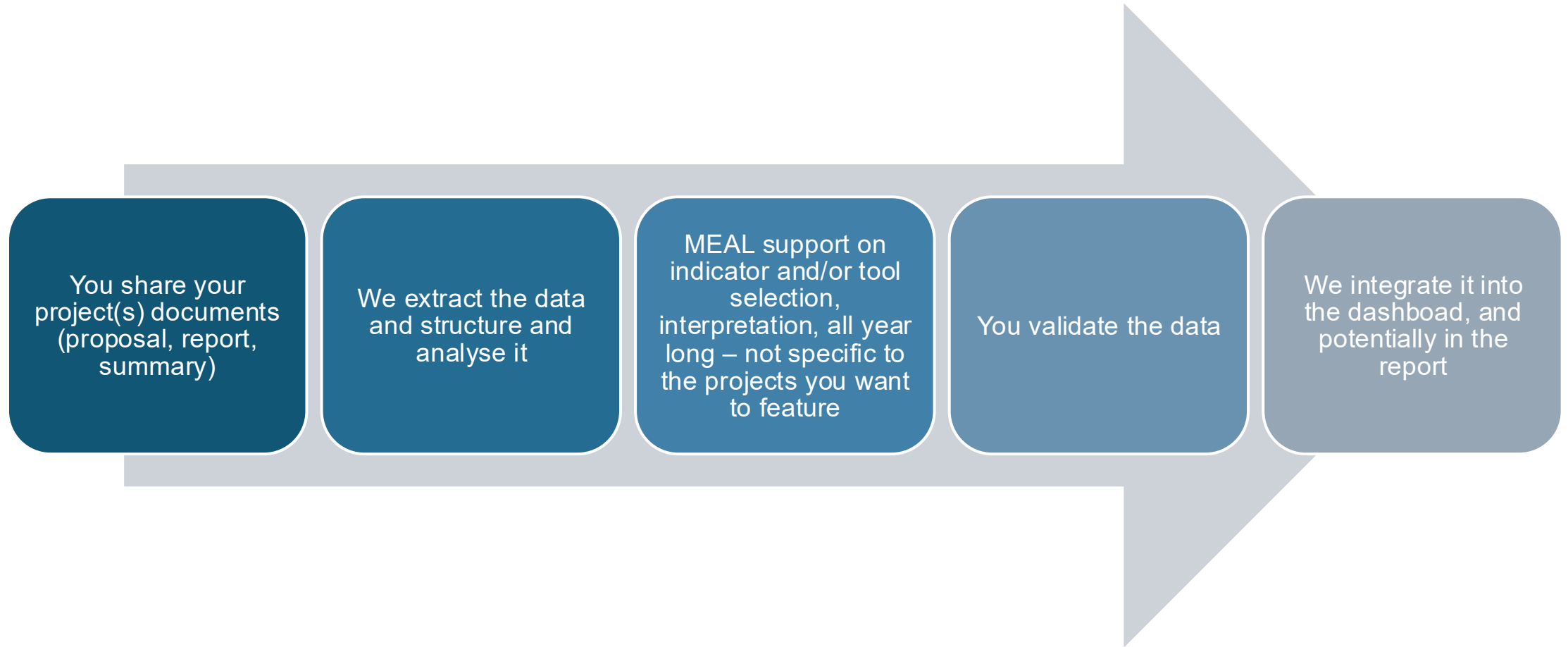
# What this gives you

- Access to examples, find similar projects
- Identify interventions, modality designs that are the most impactful
- Visibility for your work



# The process

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# What we need from you

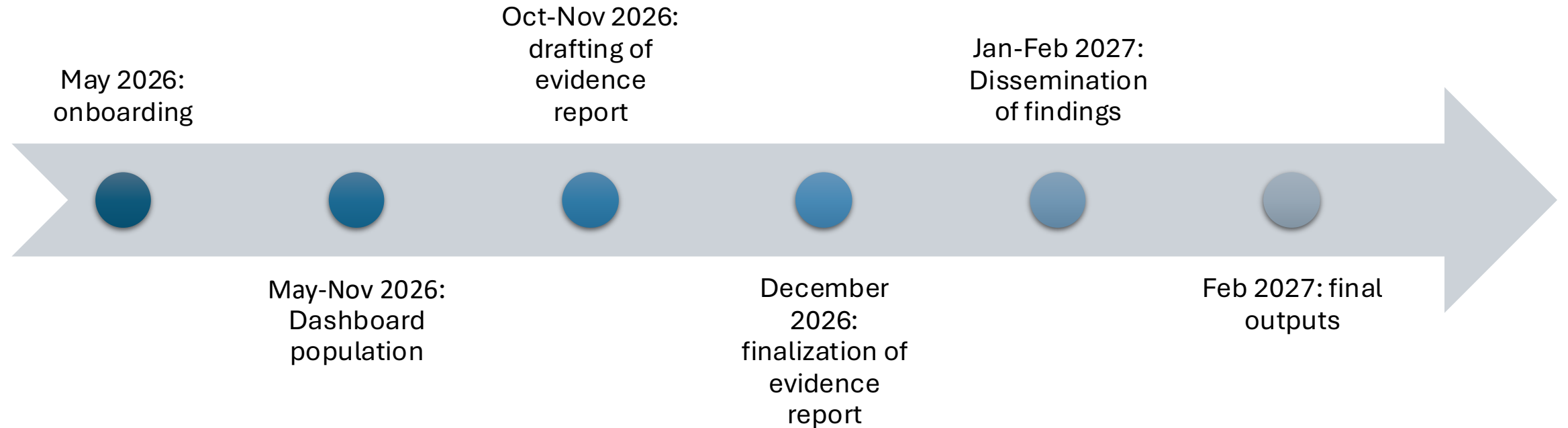


- Share 1–2 projects with MEAL data
- Quick validation
- Register here: [Expression of Interest – Global C4P Evidence Initiative](#)



# Timeline

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# Q&A

