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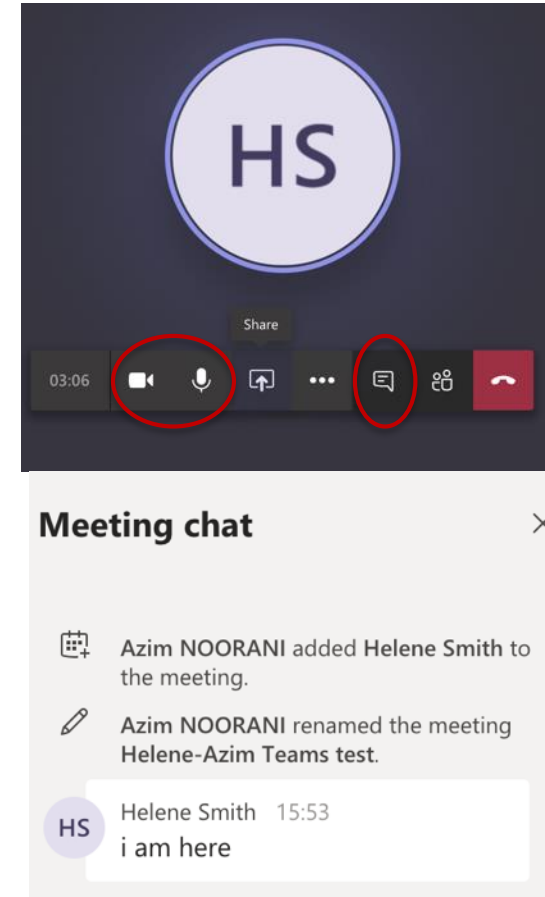
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# Housekeeping + ground rules

Please 😊

- Keep yourselves on **mute** and keep your **video off** 
- If intervening, **switch your video on** if connection allows, so people can see you as you speak, at least initially
- Remember to begin by **introducing yourself** (name, who you work for or represent)
- Make use of the **chat function** if you prefer to share inputs, comments or questions in writing 
- Follow up bilaterally if a question, issue or concern is not fully dealt with, or requires further discussion or consideration – by writing to Helene ([smithh@unhcr.org](mailto:smithh@unhcr.org))



# Agenda

- 1) Welcome and Follow-up
- 2) Presentation of the Single Registry for Social Protection - the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development
- 3) CoVID-19 Market monitoring – WFP and Reach
- 4) Urban cash programming in response to CoViD-19 – WFP and UNHCR
- 5) Agency updates on CVA and CoViD-19 response
- 6) Any Other Business

⇒ Under #5 please share:

- Frame of any intervention planned to date
- Any priorities you identify in terms of support needs or information gaps

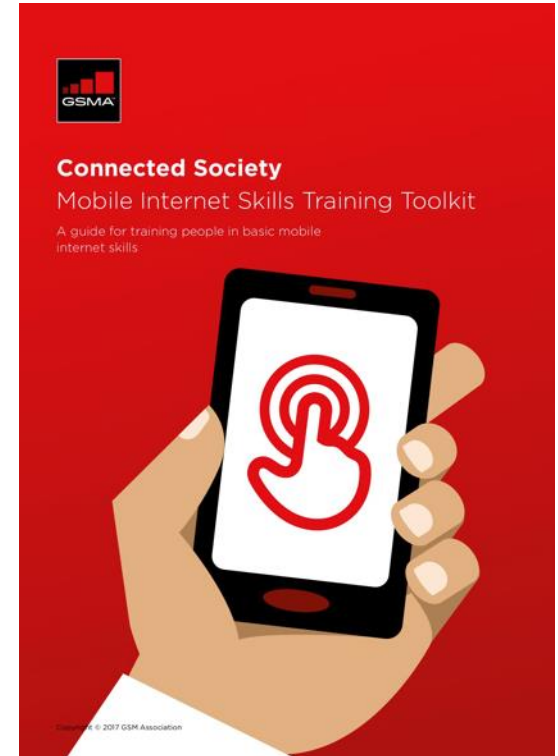
# GSMA webinar 03 June at 14:00

Two recent (2019) pieces of GSMA research on Uganda:

- 'Uganda: Driving inclusive socio-economic progress through mobile-enabled digital transformation'
- 'The digital lives of refugees: How displaced populations use mobile phones and what gets in the way' GSMA + UNHCR / Bidibidi settlement

## Webinar

- Summarise key findings from the research
- Introduces and orient participants to the MISTT:
  - what it comprises
  - how it can be used/adopted in support of increasing the use and uptake of mobile money-delivered humanitarian CVA



# Virtual Launch - Financial Literacy Training Toolkit for Refugees Thursday, 04 June 2020



# Market Analysis task force:

## Background and membership:

- Established in the past month to collaborate on, coordination, and harmonize relevant market analysis; inform feasibility of existing and any future scaled up cash-based programming from they key perspective of markets
- Bi-weekly meetings
- WFP, UNHCR, DRC on behalf of ECHO Cash Consortium, AVSI & Trickle Up, CashCap, REACH through ULEARN (*others are welcome and encouraged!*)
- Joint MEB price monitoring:
- Markets and CoViD-19: functionality and price monitoring
  - Data collection and methodology
  - Analysis and product cycles
  - Timelines

# Common Cash task force

- Formed in late March 2020 as sub-group working on behalf of + reporting to the CWG

Group is tasked to:

- Collaborate on + coordinate feasibility + operational dimensions of scaling of cash
- Enable agencies to (i) feed into, and (ii) benefit from a more common cash system
- Membership: WFP; UNHCR; DRC on behalf of the CCD and ECHO Consortia; with facilitation and coordination support provided by CashCap.
- The group is open to other agencies, but will seek to maintain an optimal means of collaboration via a relatively smaller membership
- NB it is not a channel for resource mobilisation or strategic positioning, nor designed to duplicate existing coordination or collaboration structures in this regard

# Common Cash workstreams

Cash feasibility – incl. via market analysis	UNHCR-WFP Joint Procurement
Cash transfer services: settlement level mapping	UNHCR-WFP multisectoral urban refugee CoViD-19 response
Financial literacy in support of digital cash	CWG Common Cash position paper
Capacity to scale up of existing FSPs	Community-based protection using mobile
Working with agents on needed liquidity	Leveraging <u>proGres</u> v4
Mobile Money: information gathering + analysis	Risk assessment, analysis, mitigation
Engagement with MNOs	Advocacy points/key messages
GSMA support	Best practice in setting up a common cash system

⇒ Please reach out bilaterally if interested to engage or collaborate further on any of the above



# Common Cash initiative: update

- Draft **Approach Paper** under review  $\Rightarrow$  will be shared once finalised

Key sources / points of reference:

- WFP-UNHCR Joint Approach on Financial Inclusion and Cash-Based Interventions for Refugees in Uganda, May 2019
- Uganda Collaborative Cash Delivery (CCD) Network priorities
- Joint donor recommendations
- Adapting programming priorities with the onset of response to COVID-19

# Recommendations at a glance

- The greatest scope for significant gains in collaborative cash-based assistance is via **complementary operational models**: specifically a common cash system led by UNHCR and WFP and including other partners to the refugee response, and a locally optimised collaboration model led by the Uganda CCD Network; this in addition to models, such as regional (cash) consortiums, already in place and working well.

## Complementary models, and a modular approach

- Develop **more than one common cash operational model**, specifically oriented to the preferences and needs of the people it is intended to protect and assist, and its participating agencies;
- Adopt a **modular approach**, across the programme cycle, where specific and targeted collaboration, harmonising and/or integration is conducted on identified **core components**;
- Pay specific attention to building **complementarity between operational models** as they develop.

# Core components

- Joint cash feasibility assessment/considerations
- Standardised and harmonised transfer values
- Improved beneficiary registries and investment in interoperability
- Common cash delivery/transfer mechanisms:
  - Investing in **digital delivery options** wherever possible: **agent banking** and **mobile money**
  - Diversifying to **more than one delivery option**; and providing **choice for recipients** in how they receive their cash
  - Exploring **common agreements with FSPs** and **harmonised fee structures** for all partners
- **Joint monitoring and analysis initiatives** and ideally a transition to an inter-agency Joint Market Monitoring Initiative for the Uganda response later in 2020
- **Stronger linkages between social protection and humanitarian CVA**



Thank you

