

Cash Assistance

El Salvador

May 2023

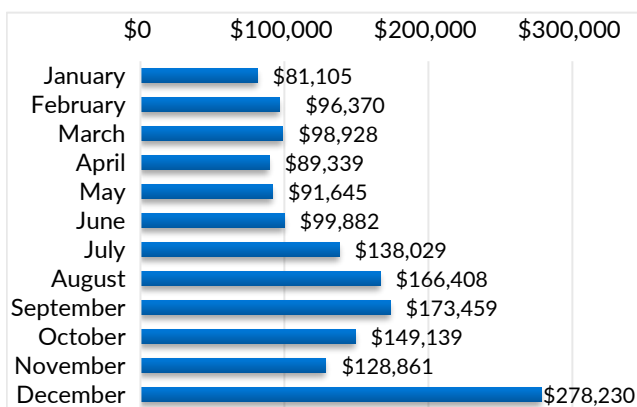
UNHCR's cash assistance in El Salvador contributes to the **protection of people at heightened risk** and enables them to **meet basic needs**. This also benefits the local economy and may contribute to peaceful coexistence.

Cash assistance is a **life-saving immediate response** for displaced people as a **first step to rebuild their lives through livelihoods programmes and other long-term solutions**.



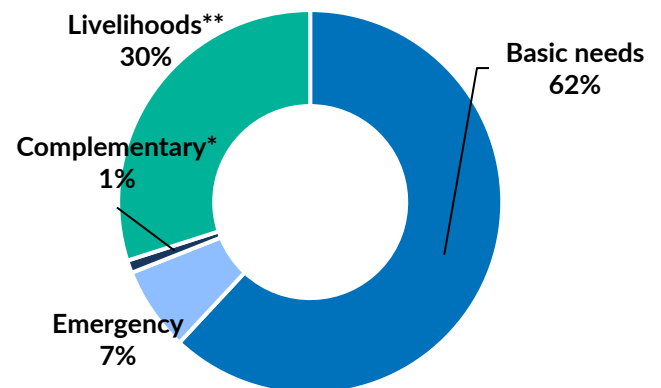
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CASH ASSISTANCE IN 2022 BY MONTH



Unique households: 1,958
Unique individuals: 4,472
Disbursed amount: \$1,591,396 USD

CASH TRANSFERS IN 2022 BY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE





*Complementary cash grants are used for documentation and transportation.

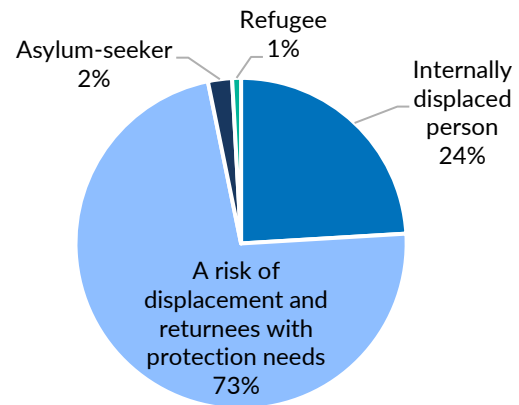
**Livelihoods cash grants include seed capital and apprenticeship support.

ELIGIBILITY AND DIRECT IMPLEMENTATION

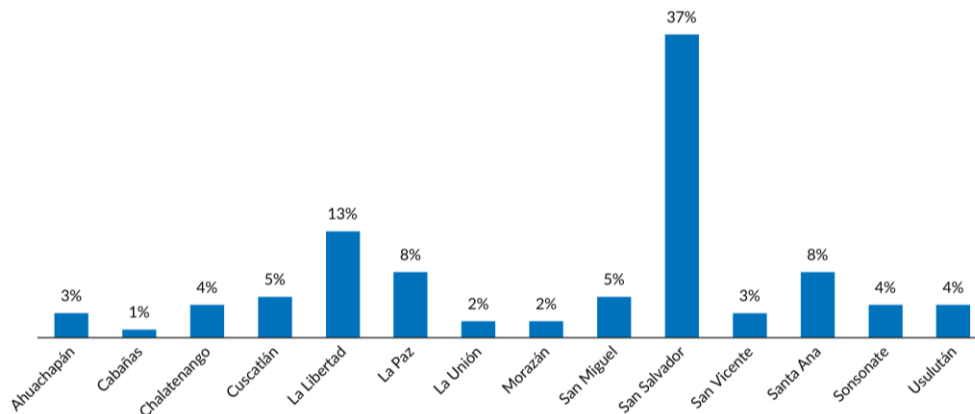
Refugees, asylum-seekers, returnees with protection needs, internally displaced people and people at risk of displacement may be eligible for **humanitarian cash assistance for basic needs**, including but not limited to women, girls, youth, persons with disabilities, older persons, and LGBTIQ+ persons. Using **assessment tools**, UNHCR and its partners conduct an eligibility assessment to determine the person's needs. When the support in cash aims at improving livelihoods, there's also a requirement to **comply and complete training processes**.

CASH ASSISTANCE IN 2022 BY SEX AND TYPE OF POPULATION

	Women	57.8% (2,756 people)
	Men	42% (2,006 people)



HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING CASH ASSISTANCE BY DEPARTMENT IN 2022



INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

UNHCR is a member of the Cash Working Group, with 15 national and international organizations. The Cash Working Group works to coordinate and standardize cash transfers amounts by analysing the methodologies applied by each member organization. The coordination forum also boosts capacities through trainings and workshops, which in 2022 focused on Social Security and Cash Transfers Implementation, as well as on Cash Transfer Fundamentals.



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In November 2022, UNHCR carried out the **Post-Distribution Monitoring** exercise with the purpose of verifying compliance. Through 120 interviews of people receiving cash assistance, it was found that 63% of households prefer to receive assistance in the form of cash. On the other hand, 69% of people reported covering between half and all of their household needs, while 67% mentioned that the assistance contributed to improving their living conditions. The main reported expenses made with the assistance were food (98%), health (75%) and hygiene items (65%).

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