FACT SHEET

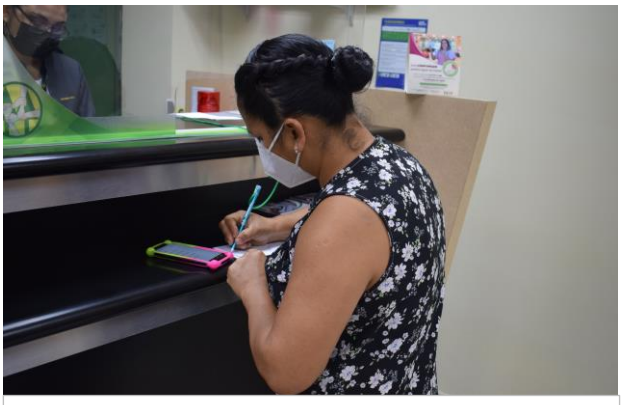
Cash Assistance

El Salvador

October 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 forcibly displaced people **as a first step to rebuild their lives** through **livelihoods programmes** and **other long-term solutions**.



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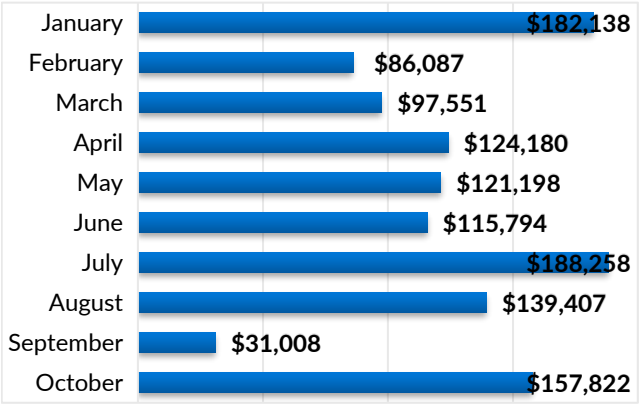
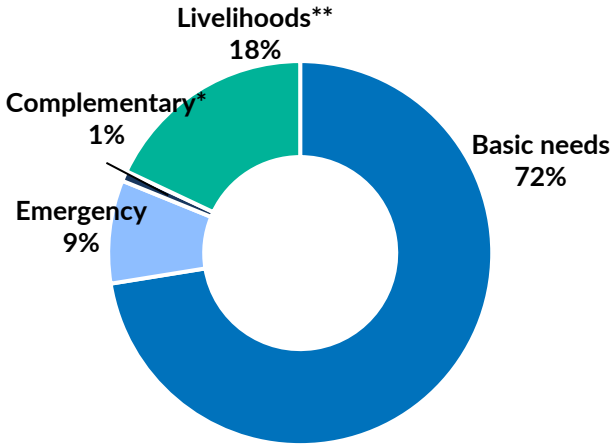
CASH ASSISTANCE IN 2023 BY MONTH



Unique households: 1,712
Unique individuals: 4,930
Disbursed amount: $1,243,444 USD

CASH TRANSFERS IN 2023 BY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE



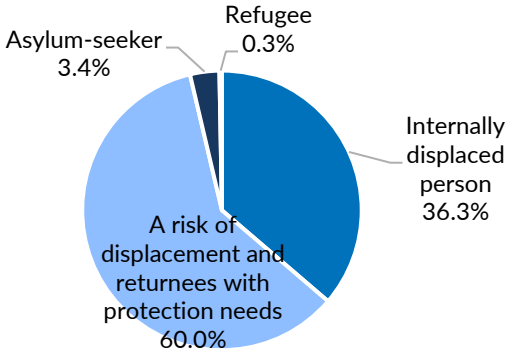
*Complementary cash grants are used for documentation and transportation.
**Livelihoods cash grants include seed capital, job placement and apprenticeship.

ELIGIBILITY AND DIRECT IMPLEMENTATION

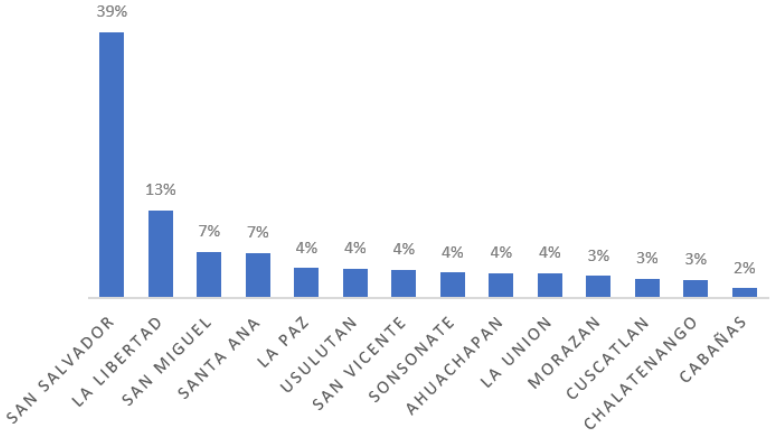
Refugees, asylum-seekers, returnees with protection needs, internally displaced people and people at risk of displacement may be eligible for **humanitarian cash assistance for basic needs**, including but not limited to women, youth, older people, persons with disabilities, and LGBTIQ+ people. Using **assessment tools**, UNHCR and its partners conduct an eligibility review 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 ASSISSTANCE IN 2023 BY SEX AND TYPE OF POPULATION

Women	56% (2,770 people)
Men	44% (2,153 people)



HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING CASH ASSISTANCE BY DEPARTMENT IN 2023



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.

In August 2023, UNHCR carried out the **Post-Distribution Monitoring** exercise with the purpose of verifying compliance. Through 42 interviews of people receiving cash assistance, it was found that 88% of households prefer to receive assistance in the form of cash or a combination of cash and in-kind. On the other hand, 88% of people reported covering between half and all of their household needs, while 71% mentioned that the assistance contributed to improving their living conditions significantly. The main reported expenses made with the assistance were food (98%), public services (76%) and health (67%).

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