# Scenario exercise: CEA in Emergencies Population Movement

# TASK 2: Planning cash-based assistance

**(20 mins)**

Alexa Red Cross is planning to distribute monthly unconditional cash grants for the next six months to refugees in the main refugee camp and with host families. The cash grants are intended to cover basic needs for the most vulnerable families, which includes single headed households, pregnant women, large families, older persons over 60 who have no family support, and people with disabilities. Families will be identified for support using UNHCR’s refugee registration data, but there are some concerns some people may have been missed or registered incorrectly. ARC plans to distribute cash grants via a mobile money service provided by mobile operator CalTel.

Please advise the Head of Disaster Management on how the cash-based assistance programme can:

1. Ensure communities understand and accept the cash grant selection criteria, targeting and distribution processes
2. Monitor and respond to any questions or issues with the targeting and distribution processes

Use the minimum actions for CEA in response planning and [CEA Tool 18: Participatory approaches to selection criteria and Tool 15: Feedback Kit](https://communityengagementhub.org/resource/cea-toolkit/) to help you.

**Reminder of information shared in the last task**

Map

Description automatically generatedCivil unrest in response to the upcoming presidential elections in Nepturnia has led to an estimated 25,000 refugees crossing the border into Northeast Alexa over the last month. Most of the refugees are staying in a refugee camp outside the town of Sajin, but around 3000 are estimated to be staying with host families across the region.

Many of those arriving are women and families with young children, unaccompanied minors, and older persons. They are arriving with very little, having fled the situation and left most of their belongings behind. Following a recent joint needs assessment by the Alexan Government, UNHCR, and WFP, the UN is reporting the main needs as food, shelter, WASH, and access to healthcare.

Alexa Red Cross (ARC) has launched a Population Movement Operation, which includes cash-based assistance, health and hygiene promotion, and construction of latrines and water points in the main refugee camp. ARC is mobilising staff and volunteers from across Alexa to support the operation and it is not clear how many have CEA training or experience. ARC has experience working in this region through the community resilience programme and has implemented cash transfers in previous emergency operations. However, the branch staff and volunteers in this region do not have experience of providing cash-based assistance.

**Excerpt from a UNOCHA report published ahead of the Nepturnia elections**

* There are 8 different ethnic groups in Nepturnia, and a range of different languages and dialects are spoken across the country
* Nepturnia has a very strong network of civil society organisations
* Mobile phone ownership in Nepturnia is high at around 80%
* Women in Nepturnia commonly work, hold positions of power, and are free to speak out and participate in public events. Women’s networks and groups are common.

**Information on media and communications in Northeast Alexa**

* There are two major mobile networks, Mobile1 and CalTel, which both have good coverage across the Northeast of Alexa
* There are several local radio stations across the Northeast, however no one station covers the whole region, except the Government-run ABC (Alexa Broadcasting Corporation). All stations broadcast in the national language of Alexan
* Social media is popular in urban areas, but 3G access is patchy and unreliable in rural areas.