Multipurpose cash – A form of delivering cash or more?

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Multipurpose cash allows refugees and other displaced persons to meet their needs effectively and with dignity. However, evidence is lacking on how far multipurpose cash contributes to sectoral outcomes. A <u>recent report</u> commissioned by UNHCR and conducted by Mr. Paul Harvey and Ms. Sara Pavanello, Research Associates with the Overseas Development Institute, found that multipurpose cash is effective in helping refugees meet their basic needs, especially when the required technical support is available. It also found that multipurpose cash helps address some of the shortcomings in humanitarian response. This side event will examine how to maximize and measure the impact of multipurpose cash and the opportunities it offers to strengthen protection and resilience.

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Interpretation will be provided in English and French. Lunch will be served outside of the room.

