**Comparing response modalities** *(in-kind, cash, vouchers)* **and delivery mechanisms** *(bank, card, mobile money, remittances, post office, etc.)*

*This tool will help you to compare and select the most adequate modality and delivery mechanism for the target context. Complete independently for modality first and then, if cash is selected complete again to select the most relevant cash delivery mechanism. Adapt and add additional criteria and questions as needed in your specific context*

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| **Criteria** | **Key considerations** |
| **NEEDS to be met by intervention** | * Which modality/ mechanism could meet the needs of the affected population better?
* Consider the timeliness, flexibility and objectives of the early action in relation to the specific vulnerabilities of the affected population
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| **TARGET PEOPLE /HOUSEHOLD****PREFERENCES** | * Which modality/mechanism is preferred by target households/population?
* Consider flexibility access, empowerment, protection and dignity issues
* Consider also target population capacity, for example their ability to deal with technology (mobile phones, cards, etc.) transport heavy material from distribution point back home, etc.
* Consider inclusion and protection issues
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| **TIMELINESS** | * Which modality/mechanism requires the shortest set-up and roll-out time before and after activation?
* Consider the time needed to select and contract service providers
* Consider the time to import, clear customs and transport in-kind items
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| **FLEXIBILITY** | * Is the chosen modality flexible enough to be used in case of FbF activation?
* Consider activation might happen or not; but when activated cash should be delivered within the timeframe of the EA implementation (i.e. 48h, 72h, 6 days, 2 weeks, etc.)
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| **MARKET** | * Which modality/mechanism would be suitable considering local market conditions?
* Consider variations in markets (access, availability, etc.) according to seasonality
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| **National Society****CASH AND VOUCHERS CAPACITY** | * Which modality/mechanism would the NS be more prepared to implement and activate in a timely manner?
* Consider past experiences
* National Society system readiness to deliver quickly (logs, finance, etc.)
* Contracts and partnership agreements already in place
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| **INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES** | * Which modality/mechanism would be more suitable and reliable given the existing infrastructure and the services available?
* Consider the limitations imposed by the infrastructure and services available
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| **RISK** | * Which modality/mechanism includes fewer and/or more manageable risks?
* Consider context, programmatic and institutional risks, especially target people and staff security, as well as corruption and misuse issues
* Consider also the possibility of transferring risks to third parties
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| **COSTS** | * Which is the most cost-efficient modality/mechanism?
* Consider organization costs, people’s convenience, implementation and delivery costs
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| **OTHER** | *Include other criteria or questions as appropriate to your early action and context* |