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The Director-General

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NOTE TO ALL DG ECHO PARTNERS

Subject: Guidance to partners funded by DG ECHO to deliver large-scale cash transfers

Dear DG ECHO Partners,

In January this year, I sent you DG ECHO's guidance note on the delivery of cash transfers. That note complemented our policy position and guidance on cash, providing clarity on our approach to the delivery of large-scale cash transfers.

The approach outlined in the note has already resulted in more effective and efficient cash transfer programmes in DG ECHO's funded operations – we can point out the examples of Somalia, Iraq, Lebanon, Greece and of course Turkey. These successes and first examples have nevertheless demonstrated the need to refine the guidance and to bring further clarity to the way it can be implemented.

Extensive in-house consultations, with you, our partners, and with a range of stakeholders took place over the summer and have resulted in the attached updated guidance. This update has taken on board many of the suggestions received and we hope that you will find your concerns well reflected in it.

The revised guidance applies as of the 2018 funding cycle. Learning from our first experiences with this guidance is crucial and we may, if needed, complete this guidance over the coming months with more technical information. Your feedback, as we roll out the guidance, will be essential in building up a knowledge base of best practices and in ensuring that the approach allows us to harness the efficiencies that will make a difference to beneficiaries and that will ultimately result in more effective humanitarian assistance.

I look forward to meeting some of you during the upcoming Partners' Conference and I look forward to our continued and successful collaboration with cash transfers.

(e-signed)
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