Decision Tree Framework for Market-based Assistance

1 What are the main needs of the population?

A problem that can be addressed in some way by goods that normally can be provided by markets (i.e. food, hygiene and sanitation items, shelter items, etc.)

A problem that can be addressed in some way by services that normally can be provided by markets (i.e. health services; labor, transportation services, etc.)

A problem that can be addressed by goods or services that normally cannot be provided by local markets (i.e. severe malnutrition, education)

YES →

2 What are the main goods and services needed by the population? Do the people have multiple/various need, or are their needs specific?

NO ↓

3 Are markets functioning normally?

YES ↓

4 Are markets accessible and safe?

YES ↓

5 Are the main needs (i.e. food, WASH, shelter, etc. mainly a problem of economic access?

YES ↓

6 Is there currently enough of the goods or services (for your chosen market system(s)) available in local markets?

NO →

NO → **X** Market support

YES ↑

X Could markets be supported to recover more quickly, if external aid was provided to market actors?

NO ↓

A In-kind distribution

NO → (from 3, 4)

NO ↑ (from 6)

7 Are vendors in the market able to increase their stocks to meet the new demand for this good (service), while maintaining a consistent price? Are they able to do this in a timely manner, and consistently over time?

YES (from 6) →

O Other Response Option

NO ↓ (from 1)

B LRP if goods or services are available and markets are fuctioning in some part of the country or region

9 Are there specific goods or services you specifically want people to purchase?

NO ↓

8 Are there means to deliver cash safely?

YES ↑ (from 7)

YES → **C** Voucher

NO →

10 Preferences: What type of assistance do beneficiaries and vendors prefer?

11 Organizational and partner capacity: What type of assistance can your organization safely provide, while mitigating security, financial, and other risks? Are there local partners (civil society, NGO, government, or private sector) available who could fill these roles?

12 Cultural context: Are there any gender, ethnic, religious, socio-economic, or political considerations?

D Cash Transfer