Advantages and disadvantages of CTP delivery mechanisms

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| **Agent** | **Minimum conditions** | **Advantages** | **Disadvantages** |
| **Using third parties such as banks, remittance companies, post offices** | | | |
|  | Bank regulation | Financial risk managed by agent | Slow contracting |
| Robust software systems | Financial inclusion and literacy | Financial literacy required |
| Meet finance criteria | Existing networks | Lack of accessibility of services |
| Existing contracts | Large scale | Requires accurate data |
| Community acceptance |  | Formal identification |
| **Using third parties such as mobile phones or E- wallets (mobile money) providers** | | | |
| Macintosh HD:Users:ejowett:Desktop:mobile-money.jpg | IT assessment | Reduces paperwork | Often unregulated |
| Reliable network | Reduces workload | Expensive |
| Availability of payment software | Reduces fraud risk | High initial investment |
| Point of sale (PoS) capacity | Large scale | No ability to restrict household purchases |
| User capability | Fast, safe transfers | Limited ability to restrict food purchases |
| Flexibility for beneficiaries |
| **Direct cash distribution by the Movement (or a third party) to the beneficiary** | | | |
|  | Secure context required for transportation and distribution | No formal identification required | Security risk for organization and beneficiaries |
| Sufficient cash flow | Facilitates limited literacy and numeracy | Corruption risk |
| Sufficient staff, logistics and other resources | Fast set-up | Labour intensive |
| Political acceptances | Large scale | Significant monitoring required at payment |
| Community acceptance | Often low cost | Limited ability to restrict food purchases |
| **Using retailers (electronic and paper vouchers)** | | | |
|  | Trader acceptance and capability | Low cost | Time to set up |
| Large number of traders required | Limited literacy and numeracy required | Sensitization and acceptance of traders |
| Easy, familiar access for beneficiaries | Large scale operations possible | Scale is limited by trading capacity |
| Diverse range of stock | Transfer values can be adjusted | Distribution costs can be high |
| Secure way of paying traders | Ideal for conditional CTP | Forgery and misappropriation |