Cash-based Assistance Activity 1

**Instructions:** Read the scenario and roles below. Decide for each role how you would spend the money you are provided with to meet your needs.

**Scenario:** There has been an earthquake in your area. A humanitarian organisation has implemented a cash-based assistance programme to help you and your neighbours recover from the impact of this disaster. The organisation is providing $100 (U.S. dollars) a month to each household for 6 months. They have assisted you in setting up a bank account for the money which you can withdraw at your convenience.

**Roles:**

**Person A:** Your roof collapsed. Luckily no one in the home was hurt and everyone is in good health. You have three children in school, and unfortunately their uniforms were destroyed with the collapse of the roof. You are currently unemployed.

**Person B:** All eight windows in your home were shattered, but otherwise there is no visible damage to your home. Two of your five children received cuts from the broken glass but nothing serious. Their cuts may be at risk of infection. Four of your children need new uniforms. You normally make $100 a month but your workplace was damaged and will not reopen for 3 months. You will not receive any pay until your workplace reopens.

**Person C:** Your in-laws moved in with you to assist you and your wife with the new baby. The extension to your home that you added to make room for your in-laws has completely collapsed, the original home remains intact with no visible structural damage. Unfortunately, during the collapse both your older in-laws were injured. They are both complaining about pain. Normally, both you and your wife work, but she is not working for another 3 months due to the baby. You normally make $100 a month. Your wife also makes $100 a month when working. Your workplaces are both unaffected by the earthquake.

**Person D:** Your house made it through the earthquake with virtually no damage. You have a chronic medical condition and require $20 worth of medicine each month. You have two children in school. Your workplace was damaged and will not reopen for 3 months. You will not receive any pay until your workplace reopens.

**Available goods and services**

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| **Goods and services** | **Price** |
| Doctor’s visit | $15 |
| One sheet of tarpaulin (4m x 5m) | $6 |
| Window glass for one window | $10 |
| Clear plastic sheeting | $2 |
| Medicine for pain | $5 |
| Bandages to prevent infection | $5 |
| Medicine for condition X | $20 |
| Roof repair kit | $100 |
| Baby food for 1 week | $10 |
| School fees per child per month | $10 |
| School uniform | $20 |